

DISTRICT 36 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Board Meeting
Minutes

District Education Centre
14033 92 Ave

October 2, 2019

Present: Tajinder B., Megan C., Rina D. (President), Amanda G. (Secretary), Lakhbir J. (Treasurer),
Dean M., Alexandria V.

Guests: Jesse S., Manisha S., Eka S.

Absent: Jyotika J. (Vice President), Jagwinder M., Robert R., Rajeshri S.

1. Approval of past minutes

The September 4 Board minutes were approved.

2. External committees

DPAC typically designates at least one Director to attend the four choice program advisory committees (Montessori, Traditional, Intensive Fine Arts, and French Immersion). It may be possible to also invite additional parents to attend. DPAC should also ask if there are committees for programs such as Surrey Cares and Multi-Age Cluster Class (MACC) or other gifted programs.

ACTION: Amanda will clarify with the district who can attend external committee meetings, and whether there are any additional committees that DPAC could be included in.

3. Surrey Schools Coalition

Karen Tan has asked to present information on the Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) at a DPAC general meeting. Rina will meet with SSC representatives to gather more information, and this could come to the Nov. 27 general meeting.

4. Proposal to subsidize BCCPAC membership fees

The initial proposal to subsidize BCCPAC fees for PACs was discussed at the September general meeting, but changes were needed before it could be approved. As the Directors understood that the \$2500 Gaming funds could be used to cover this (\$2350 after DPAC's \$150 membership fee), it was suggested that DPAC cover the full fee for the first 30 PACs who apply for reimbursement. PACs who have already budgeted for the expense, and who are not in financial hardship, should be encouraged to pay their own membership fee.

ACTION: Lakhbir will contact BCCPAC to find out how other DPACs deal with reimbursement.

*Note: The Gaming Branch subsequently indicated that DPAC Gaming funds can **not** be used for BCCPAC membership fees PACs, only for DPAC.*

5. Communication

Some suggestions for improving communication with PACs:

- Send out a “post-DPAC” message to the weekly bulletin sent to principals
- Post DPAC info on the SchoolLink app under “District News”
- Ask about asking DPAC info/link to PAC page on school websites

ACTION: Rina will contact the district to ask about additional methods of communication.

6. Oct. 23 general meeting: PAC 101

Rina has reviewed several thousand email messages that DPAC has received over the last few years, and will prepare a PAC 101 presentation that addresses the most commonly-asked questions. The presentation can also cover the role of DPAC and BCCPAC, and why BCCPAC membership is important.

7. Nov. 27 general meeting

Jordan mentioned at the September general meeting that a presentation from the district’s HR might be of interest to DPAC. As mentioned above, this meeting could also include presentation of some information from the SSC.

8. Other general meetings and stand-alone presentations

Rather than devoting the first hour of DPAC meetings to external presentations, the Directors agreed to focus on DPAC business at the general meetings and arrange more stand-alone presentations on topics of interest. DPAC should be promoted at any presentations, possibly through info cards displayed on tables.

Vaping: Eka would like to organize a vaping presentation, likely in November.

ACTION: Amanda will ask the district about available dates in November.

ACTION: Amanda will send info on DPAC to Megan, for creation of DPAC info cards.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.