

## DISTRICT 36 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Board Meeting Minutes

District Education Centre  
14033 92 Ave

April 3, 2019

**Present:** Amanda G. (Secretary), Jyotika J. (Vice President), Jagwinder M., Dean M. (President), Anissa R. (Treasurer)

**Absent:** Rina D., Robert R., Tré V.

#### 1. Approval of past minutes

The Mar. 6 Board meeting minutes were approved.

#### 2. Planning for upcoming general meeting: April 24

The focus for this meeting will be narrowed to “youth community engagement and after school programs”. Presenters are confirmed from Kids Play Foundation, City of Surrey Afterschool for All, and Camp We Empower. The topic of drugs, gangs, and violence might be better explored at a DPAC-hosted forum, which could take place in May. The RCMP’s Shattering the Image presentation would be a good fit with this forum.

Parents will also be encouraged to complete the online survey about what external programs are being run in their schools, so that this information can be shared with all PACs.

**ACTION:** Jyotika will confirm presentation details with Kids Play.

**ACTION:** Amanda will contact the district to ask about possible dates for a forum in May.

#### 3. Dyslexia presentation and other potential future presentations

Dyslexia BC partnered with DPAC to show a screening of a documentary titled *The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia* on March 11, followed by a discussion with Cathy McMillan from Dyslexia BC. There were 55 attendees, and the presentation was well-received. 80 people had RSVP’d, although extremely poor weather likely impacted attendance.

DPAC should consider hosting additional similar presentations. Cathy has contacts at CRA who are interested in presenting a joint session on disability tax credits for parents, and has also proposed a “Dyslexia for a Day” presentation in the fall.

**ACTION:** Amanda will inquire about possible dates for a disability tax credit session in May.

#### **4. C&B revisions**

Proposed revisions need to be circulated by April 22 in order to be approved at the AGM on May 22. The proposed draft should also be briefly reviewed at the April 24 general meeting. Among the needed changes are corrections to the numbering system.

**ACTION:** Rina will compile the suggested revisions and circulate the draft to Board members.

#### **5. BCCPAC conference and AGM**

Dean has been working with BCCPAC to revise the submitted resolutions. Dean, Jyotika, Amanda, Rina, and Jagwinder are interested in attending the full conference and AGM, and Anissa may be able to attend the conference on Friday. Dean, Jyotika, and Anissa are eligible for the discounted “newbie” rate.

DPAC Board members will need to reach out to PACs registered with BCCPAC to ensure that they understand the proxy voting process, and that they delegate their vote to DPAC if not attending.

#### **6. PACS requesting assistance**

To better assist PACs, it was suggested that DPAC establish a formal committee to provide support to PACs that are struggling or in conflict. In addition to DPAC Directors, such a committee should also include general members who are experienced in PAC governance and are willing to mentor others. The committee could establish regular “appointment” times to meet with PAC representatives. As per the C&B, internal DPAC committees are to be created by a motion at a general meeting and have terms of reference that govern them. Creation of a committee to support and mentor PACs will be proposed at the April 24 general meeting.

#### **7. Meeting with Jordan**

Dean, Anissa, and Tré met with Jordan recently. Among the topics discussed were EAs, school construction, and changes to catchment areas relating to new construction.

#### **8. Surrey Schools Coalition**

The Board has previously discussed having a representative from the Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC) attend a DPAC general meeting to discuss their purpose and DPAC’s potential role. It is not clear how DPAC’s membership in this group came about, but this should be discussed at a general meeting when more information is available.

#### **9. Adjournment**