

January 9th, 2019

DPAC Brainstorming Session Notes

I. BCCPAC Letter of Support (included)

II. What do DPACs do? Feedback from 3 BC DPACs (Included)

- a. What are topics of discussion at your meetings?
- b. What do you use your gaming funds for?
- c. How often do you meet?
- d. DPAC relationship with SD? Meetings?
- e. Committee representation?
- f. Who attends meetings?

III. School District Perspective

- Trustee Rick Pooley and Superintendent Manu Madhok spoke about why the Board of Education was supportive of a DPAC structure being established.

IV. Previous DPAC

- Former DPAC member Nancy Lougheed (Mouse Mountain & Fraser Lake Elem. Sec) shared the work of the previous DPAC and why, over time, membership decreased to the point of no longer being viable.
- Funds were accessed through both a gaming grant and a grant from the School District. There are still \$13 000 in general funds and \$4 300 in gaming grant funds.
- Former DPAC would pay BCCPAC memberships for PACs across the district and would send two DPAC members and 2 PAC members in the district to the BCCPAC AGM.
- Each PAC was invited to contribute agenda items prior to a DPAC meeting.
- Meetings took place monthly, mostly by phone conference but with two in-face meetings per year.

V. Next Steps

- There was interest expressed from all present to form a new DPAC. The six parents present all agreed that they would be comfortable adding their names as 'voting members' of the DPAC but would hold off on committing to executive positions until the AGM.
- **AGM will be held on Monday, April 8th at 6:00 at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary Library**
- For now the DPAC will be considered in the forming stage until the AGM.
- SD 91 will support travel and registration costs for 2 parents to attend either the Spring or Fall BCCPAC conference.
- Carrie Smith (Sinkut View PAC) agreed to attend School Board meeting on January 21, 2019 on behalf of DPAC to describe the outcome of today's meeting.
- Old DPAC constitution exists and modifications were started at this meeting to reflect current group desires. Draft copy will be presented to new DPAC for inspection and approval.
- SD 91 website can be used to post DPAC news, meeting minutes, constitution and by-laws.
- SD 91 can offer technical support for hosting videoconferencing DAPC meetings.
- Notes from Jan. 9th to be shared with all SD 91 PAC presidents.
- Contact information from today to be shared with those attending and PAC presidents.
- Rick Pooley will be the DPAC representative for the School Board.

VI. Summary – Why we support forming a SD 91 DPAC?

- Increasing authentic parental voice and collaborative opportunities with Board of Education
- A needed district structure to support and advocate for parents across SD 91
- Increased access to provincial resources and advocacy through BCCPAC
- Improve relationships and communication across PACs and between PACs and SD 91