



SD 73 District Parent Advisory Council

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January 16th, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:**1835

a) **Welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional territory**
****Acknowledgement that we are on the territory of the Secwepemc Nation, specifically the territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc People.**

b) **In attendance:** In-Person and Zoom:

Bonnie (DPAC/ Brock), Chris (DPAC/ Valleyview), Willa

What exactly is DPAC?

DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for school District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).

Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.

We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs.

What is the role of DPAC?

Our mandate, according to the *School Act*, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.

We facilitate communication — we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest them.

We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers as well as workshops and networking events.

We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.



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Chris: anyone who is a BCCPAC member can attend. Generally DPAC was short on funds but this year we have subsidized funds from the District to send more people. Proxy votes to be gathered for resolutions and elections for those who are unable to attend in person. Chris will be reaching out with regards to this.

b) SD73 Accessibility Plan Committee – Bonnie has nothing to report on this committee as has not met since last DPAC meeting.

c) DPAC Committee Reports



Bonnie- might be a good idea to discuss this at the next treasurer workshop.

7. **Other Correspondence:** nothing to report at this time

Question from Melissa sent to Dr. Nixon regarding safety resources in the classroom- Bonnie will resend it to Dr. Nixon to be able to look into.

Bonnie hoping to visit Haldane PAC meeting tomorrow.

If anyone wants to have