

District Parent Advisory Council - DPAC

Constitution and Bylaws

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We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People and within the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nations.

District Parent Advisory Council/DPAC & School District 69 Qualicum

"Working together to "Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's world Instruisons nos jeunes pour le monde demain" - SD69

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CONSTITUTION

Section 1: NAME OF ASSOCIATION

- The name of the Association shall be the School District 69 (SD69) District Parent Advisory Council (School District 69 [Qualicum]). Known within School District 69 as the District Parent Advisory Council, (DPAC or SD69 DPAC)
- 2. The Council will operate as a non-profit organization with no personal financial benefits.
- 3. The business of the Council shall be unbiased towards race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical/mental ability or politics.

Section2: PURPOSES OF SD69 DPAC

The purpose of the Council is to engage, empower and support parents/guardians for the success of all learners. To be a district voice to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and well being of students in School District 69. In order to successfully facilitate this purpose, School District 69 DPAC commits to:

- 1. Exchanging ideas and information among Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) within the School District.
- 2. Providing information regarding educational and community matters to parents and PACs.
- Providing a parental voice to education decision-making organizations affecting the School District.
- 4. Promote programs and opportunities offered within School District 69 to parents/guardians and students so they can access any and all supportive programs needed to achieve personal success and growth.
- 5. Continue to provide leadership and support to Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) at the individual school level within School District 69.
- 6. To support parents who wish to advocate for their child within the school system.

- 7. To develop strong two-way communication at the District level between PACs, the Board of Education and District Administration.
- To provide meaningful input on educational issues and policies to the Board of Education, educational partners and the Ministry of Education as identified through SD69 DPAC.
- 9. To maintain strong ties with British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) as a resource for parents/guardians, a means of having a parent voice at the provincial level and to provide education for parents on issues involving schools and PACs.

Section 3: INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL'S RECOGNIZED BY SD69 DPAC



Collaborative Education Alternative Program

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/CEAP



PASS-Woodwinds Alternate School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/PASS



Arrowview Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/AES



Bowser Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BES



École Oceanside Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES



Errington Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES



False Bay Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/FBS



Nanoose Bay Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/NBES



Qualicum Beach Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/QBES



Springwood Elementary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES



École Ballenas Secondary School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BSS



Kwalikum Secondary School School

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS

Section 4: INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

- The Council refers to the School District 69 Parent Advisory Council, commonly referred to as School District 69 District Parent Advisory Council or SD69 DPAC. This council is recognized by the Board of Trustees for School District 69 and this board further recognizes that SD69 DPAC also supports and guides individual school Parent Advisory Councils (PACs).
- 2. Parent/Parents or Guardian/s of a child or children in School District 69.
- 3. District refers to and includes all variations of School District 69.
- 4. School(s) refers to any public elementary, secondary, or alternate learning facility within School District 69.
- 5. Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) refers to individual school organized groups of parents who are recognized under the British Columbia School Act Bill 67,

- Div.2, Sec. 8. And permitted to represent their school(s) in a not for profit capacity.
- 6. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) are permitted to have representation at all School District schools where the French Immersion programs exist.
- 7. British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, (BCCPAC) refers to the Provincial umbrella organization of Parent Advisory Councils. BCCPAC's purpose includes:
 - To promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation throughout the public education system in order to advocate for the success of all students; and
 - Through our membership, to promote leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation in British Columbia at the school, school district and provincial level.
- 8. DPAC and School PACs are recognized under the British Columbia School Act Bill 67, Div. 2, Section 8 within the District.

Section 5: NON VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- 1. SD69 DPAC shall consist of any current, elected SD69 School PAC Executive. If/when multiple school PAC Executives are in attendance at a DPAC Meeting, only one (1) School PAC Executive will be designated the voting member for the duration of that DPAC meeting. **School PACs are only allowed one vote.**
- 2. Representatives from our School Board Administration, School Administrators' Association, Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA), and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and community organizations with an interest in education shall be invited to attend meetings as a non-voting member of the SD69 DPAC and at the discretion of the President, may present a report at the meeting.
- Parents/Guardians of children enrolled in School District 69 are considered non-voting Associate Members through their individual school PACs and may attend any SD69 DPAC General Meeting. Parents/Guardians may address the meeting at the discretion of the SD69 DPAC Chair.
- 4. Where a member has children at multiple schools, SD69 DPAC shall encourage each member to represent only one (1) PAC, representing that school's interests.

5. French Advisory Council (FAC) members appointed or elected from SD69 school PACs with French Immersion, are welcome to attend. They may address the meeting at the discretion of the SD69 DPAC Chair.

Section 6: VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- SD69 DPAC shall consist of any current, elected SD69 School PAC Executive. If/when multiple school PAC Executives are in attendance at a DPAC Meeting, one (1) School PAC Executive will be designated the voting member for the duration of that DPAC meeting. School PACs are only allowed one vote.
- 2. Voting membership of the School District 69 DPAC is composed of the Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) Executives for each school represented in our district.
- 3. At no time shall the Council have more non-voting members than voting members (excluding associate members).
- 4. Names of the elected SD69 DPAC Representatives from each school shall be registered with SD69 DPAC by email within a month of their school elections.
- The School Parent Advisory Committee/PAC may delegate their voting rights to the French Advisory Committee representative. School PACs are only allowed one vote

Section 7: MEETINGS

- Representatives from our School Board Administration, School Administrators'
 Association, Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA), and Canadian
 Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and community organizations with an
 interest in education shall be invited to attend meetings as a non-voting member
 of the SD69 DPAC and at the discretion of the President, may present a report at
 the meeting.
- Parents/Guardians of children enrolled in School District 69 are considered non-voting Associate Members through their individual school PACs and may attend any SD69 DPAC General Meeting. Parents/Guardians may address the meeting at the discretion of the SD69 DPAC Chair.
- 3. There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM), for the purpose of election of SD69 DPAC President and SD69 DPAC Vice President, held in May of each year. There shall be a minimum of six (6) additional General Meetings(GM) during the school year.

- 4. The Executive meetings and additional general meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Executive, or upon the receipt of a petition representing fifty percent (50%) of the voting delegates.
- 5. Meetings will be conducted efficiently and with fairness to the members present.
- 6. If procedural problems should arise, Robert's Rules of Order will be used to resolve the situation as long as they are not in conflict with the guidelines of this Constitution.
- 7. The May DPAC meeting will be considered the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Reports will be received at that meeting.
- 8. Once established, SD69 DPAC meetings and events will be made available to each school in the District.
- 9. The agenda will be sent out in advance of each General Meeting with a copy of the previous meetings draft minutes.
- 10. Between meetings, SD69 DPAC Executives will carry out business with the assistance of committees appointed by the SD69 DPAC President. Business shall be to support the purposes of SD69 DPAC and be communicated to the membership at the General Meetings.
- 11. Any parent who has a child registered in the District is a member at large of SD69 DPAC and may attend any regular SD69 DPAC meeting as a non-voting member.
- 12. Meetings shall be held in person, online or a hybrid combination of both. It is at the discretion of the SD69 DPAC President to choose. It will be SD69 DPACs obligation to ensure that all interested parties are informed of said changes and given updates and access to the meetings.

Section 8: VOTING

- 1. A quorum shall be a minimum of three (3) SD69 DPAC voting members recognized by the School Act within School District 69. Three (3) voting members present at any duly called General Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- It will be the discretion of the SD69 DPAC President to decide when voting rights of School PACs will be honoured when their voting delegate is a member of MATA or CUPE. This will be decided case by case prior to the beginning of each vote.
- 3. When questions requiring a vote arise during a meeting, unless otherwise provided, consensus, or a simple majority vote shall prevail.
- 4. Each voting member, representing an SD69 PAC, shall have one (1) vote.
- 5. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted, unless previously approved by SD69 DPAC President.

- 6. Voting shall be done by the show of hands with the exception of the SD69 DPAC Election of Executive Officers, which shall be done by secret ballot, unless all voting representatives present agree to a show of hands.
- 7. In the case of a tie vote, the motion will be lost/defeated. By the discretion of the SD69 DPAC President, this motion may be brought forward for consideration at a later meeting.
- 8. The SD69 DPAC Vice President retains their vote, but does not get an additional tie breaking vote.
- 9. The SD69 DPAC President does not hold a voting position.

Section 9: ELECTION OF SD69 DPAC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FROM SCHOOL PACs

- 1. SD69 DPAC President and SD69 DPAC Vice President will call for nominations in March to fill these two(2) positions with the elections taking place in May. The two (2) SD69 DPAC Executive Officers will commence in July.
- 2. In the event no nominations are received for these positions, the current sitting SD69 DPAC President and/or SD69 DPAC Vice President can remain in these positions until a suitable candidate can be found and voted in to fill these positions.
- 3. A School PAC can nominate up to two (2) School DPAC representatives to attend the SD69 DPAC meetings and will select one representative to have voting authority for SD69 DPAC matters.
- 4. The SD69 DPAC President will call for nominations in September to fill the remaining SD69 DPAC Executive Officer Positions from the School PAC representatives. The election will take place in October of each year.
- 5. In the event of a vacancy (unfilled and/or vacated) in the SD69 DPAC Executive Team, the SD69 DPAC President shall elect or appoint a member from a School PAC who shall hold office until the next election.
- 6. Elections shall be conducted by a representative selected by the SD69 DPAC President.
- 7. A vote shall be taken to destroy the ballots.

Section 10: TERM OF OFFICE

- 1. The term of office for SD69 DPAC President and SD69 DPAC Vice President shall commence in July of each year. The term of office for the remaining Executive shall commence in November of each year.
- 2. Terms of office, for positions other than SD69 DPAC President and SD69 DPAC Vice President, shall commence November to the following October

- Any elected member of the Council may serve on the SD69 DPAC Executive for as many years as she/her, he/him, they/them and others is elected to a position but no person may hold any one (1) position for more than three (3) consecutive years.
- 4. No person may hold more than one (1) SD69 DPAC Executive Officer position at any one time.

Section 11: SD69 DPAC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 1. The affairs of the Council shall be managed by a Board of SD69 Elected Executive Officers and the Immediate Past President.
- 2. The SD69 DPAC Executive Officers will be as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
 - e. District Associate to BCCPAC
 - f. Up to four (4) Directors-At-Large
- 3. All SD69 DPAC Executive Officers and SD69 DPAC Committee Representatives shall complete an agreement regarding their representational duties.
- 4. A copy of **EXPECTATIONS OF DPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS** is found at the end of this Constitution and can either be printed, completed and returned, or edited online and submitted to the SD69 DPAC Secretary for filing.

Section 12: DUTIES OF THE SD69 DPAC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- 1. Shall convene and preside at all membership, special, and executive meetings but may delegate a meeting facilitator.
- 2. Shall ensure that an agenda is prepared and presented for General Meetings (GM) and Annual General Meetings (AGM).
- 3. Shall appoint SD69 DPAC Committees.
- 4. Shall take actions to ensure that SD69 DPAC Executive Committee Members are fulfilling their constitutional duties and expectations as laid out in this "SD69 DPAC Duties of Officers" section.
- 5. Shall be the official spokesperson for the SD69 District Parent Advisory Council (SD69 DPAC) but may delegate a spokesperson.

- 6. Shall be one of the SD69 DPAC financial signing officers.
- 7. Shall prepare and submit an annual report to the SD69 DPAC Executive Team at the AGM meeting in May.
- 8. Shall provide information to the local news media or delegate to another SD69 DPAC Executive Officer or selected representative.
- 9. Shall copy and distribute information packages to School PACs, as required
- 10. Shall be the Administrator of the SD69 DPAC email and any social media accounts and assume all responsibilities related to Administration and Management of an email account and social media account(s).
- 11. They have the responsibility to monitor and maintain the day to day SD69 DPAC business conducted via SD69 DPAC email and social media account(s). They may also choose additional SD69 DPAC Executive Officers to have access to the email account and social media account(s) as well and share the duties of email and social media Administration and Management.
- 12. Shall not be expected to have served as a SD69 DPAC Executive Officer prior to being elected to the position of President.

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1. Shall assume the SD69 DPAC President's responsibilities in their absence
- 2. Shall assist the SD69 DPAC President in the performance of their duties.
- 3. Shall be one of the SD69 DPAC financial signing officers.
- Shall submit an annual report to the SD69 DPAC Executive Team at the monthly meeting in May.

TREASURER

- 1. Shall maintain an accurate record of all expenditures of the SD69 DPAC Council.
- Shall receive all funds for SD69 DPAC Council.
- 3. Shall disburse funds authorized by the SD69 DPAC Executive.
- 4. Shall give a report of all receipts and expenditures at all General Meetings.
- 5. Shall be one of the financial signing officers.
- 6. Shall deposit all funds collected on behalf of the Council in an account at a recognized financial institution approved by the Executive Team.
- 7. Shall have the books ready for inspection/audit annually.
- 8. Shall submit an annual financial statement at the Annual General Meeting of the Council in May.

- 9. Shall ensure that another financial signing officer has access to the books in the event of she/her, he/him, they/them, and others absence.
- 10. Shall prepare a budget in consultation with the SD69 DPAC President.

SECRETARY

- 1. Shall keep accurate and official minutes of the SD69 DPAC meetings.
- 2. Shall distribute minutes to SD69 DPAC Council members prior to the next GM.
- 3. Shall keep a copy of the SD69 DPAC Constitution and Bylaws. If any changes are made, they shall be done so in red and the copy amended shall be dated and signed off by the SD69 PAC President and SD69 DPAC Secretary.
- 4. They may work with the SD69 DPAC President and utilize the SD69 DPAC email/drives.
- 5. Must be willing to provide a copy of the SD69 DPAC Constitution and Bylaws when requested by any member of the Council.
- 6. Shall keep an up-to-date record of all SD69 DPAC representatives who have been appointed by individual school PACs
- 7. Shall submit an annual report at the monthly meeting in May.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATE TO BCCPAC

- 1. Shall act as the liaison between the SD69 DPAC and BCCPAC.
- 2. Shall ensure that BCCPAC information is received by school PACs.
- 3. Shall help identify district parents/quardians for BCCPAC committees.
- 4. Shall process BCCPAC forms and applications.
- 5. Shall assist school PACs in responding to the BCCPAC AGM resolutions.
- 6. Shall work with SD69 Executive Officers, when needed, to complete their tasks.
- 7. Shall submit an annual report at the monthly meeting in May.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

- 1. Shall serve in a capacity to be determined by the SD69 DPAC President at the time of the election, and at other times throughout their tenure as the needs of the SD69 DPAC President and SD69 DPAC might require.
- 2. Shall submit an annual report at the monthly meeting in May.

Section 13: INTERNAL SD69 DPAC COMMITTEES

- 1. Standing and ad-hoc committees shall be informed when necessary.
- 2. A nominating Committee shall be appointed annually before the Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Committees are responsible to the executive and members.
- 4. The President may appoint members annually to committees with or without consultation with the Executive.
- 5. Associate members may be committee members.
- 6. The chair of each committee shall be appointed by the SD69 DPAC President with or without consultation with the SD69 DPAC Executive.
- 7. The chair of the committee, the SD69 DPAC President, with or without consultation of the Executive may appoint members to the committee.

Section 14: DISTRICT COMMITTEES

- 1. The SD69 DPAC President, in consultation with the SD69 DPAC Executive, shall appoint parent/guardian representatives to SD69 District committees.
- Representatives shall endeavor to represent views of SD69 DPAC rather than their own opinion. The only exception to this rule is if they are members of a focus group and personal opinions are sought after. In this event, clear expectations must be presented by the President to the individuals representing the SD69 DPAC.
- District Committee Representatives shall contact the SD69 DPAC President or designate in charge monthly to provide an update prior to the SD69 DPAC meeting.
- 4. Shall submit a report when requested by the SD69 DPAC President.

Section 15: FINANCES

- Expenditures over \$100 require the majority approval of the SD69 DPAC Council. Expenditures under \$100 may be spent by the SD69 DPAC Executive and reported at the next general meeting.
- 2. The SD69 DPAC Treasurer shall maintain an account, at a recognized financial institution, approved by the SD69 DPAC Executive.
- 3. The financial signing authorities shall be vested in the SD69 DPAC President, SD69 DPAC Vice President, and SD69 DPAC Treasurer, with two (2) of the three (3) signatures required.

4. In the event of dissolution of the SD69 DPAC, payment of any and all outstanding SD69 DPAC debts must be cleared. Any remaining funds will be disbursed as indicated through a vote by the SD69 DPAC Executive Officers.

Section 16: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the SD69 DPAC may be made at any general meeting at which business is conducted, providing:

- 1. Written notice of the meeting has been given to all members 14 days minimum, and in instances where less than 14 days has been provided, it will be under consideration of the SD69 DPAC President.
- 2. The notice of the meeting must include notice of the specific amendments being proposed.
- 3. A one-third (1/3) majority vote of those voting members <u>present</u> at the meeting will be required to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 4. The SD69 DPAC Executive has referred to BCCPAC for a complete list of by-laws applicable to School Districts in British Columbia.

Section 17: CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. The SD69 DPAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, students, parents/guardians, or other individual members of the school community.
- 2. A SD69 DPAC Executive who is approached by a parent/guardian with a concern relating to an individual is in a privileged position and must treat such discussion with discretion, protecting the confidentiality of the individuals involved.
- 3. A parent/guardian who accepts a position as a SD69 DPAC Executive must respectfully adhere to the following:
 - Upholds the constitution and bylaws, policies and procedures of the SD69 DPAC.
 - b. Performs their duties with honesty and integrity.
 - c. Works to ensure that the well-being of students is the primary focus of all decisions.
 - d. Respects the rights of all individuals.
 - e. Endeavors to represent the views of their individual School PAC and SD69 DPAC rather than their own opinion.

- f. Encourages and supports parents/guardians and students with individual or group concerns to act on their own behalf and provides information on the process for taking concerns forward.
- g. Works to ensure that issues are resolved with due process.
- h. Respects all confidential information.

Section 18: DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF AN SD69 DPAC EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- In the event that a member of SD69 DPAC contravenes the Constitution or acts in a manner that violates the integrity of the SD69 DPAC, a written complaint may be registered with the SD69 DPAC President. The SD69 DPAC President with or without Executive consultation must address this complaint within two (2)weeks upon receipt.
- 2. In the event that the SD69 DPAC President contravenes the Constitution or acts in a manner that violates the integrity of the SD69 DPAC, a written complaint may be made to the SD69 DPAC Vice-President, the SD69 DPAC Past President or another member of the SD69 DPAC Executive. The SD69 DPAC Executive must address this complaint within two weeks upon receipt of complaint. The President must stand aside as President regarding any related matters until the complaint is settled.
- 3. In the event that the SD69 DPAC Executive contravenes the Constitution of the SD69 DPAC, a written complaint may be made to the SD69 DPAC Executive, with copies sent to all members of School PACs. In the event such a complaint is registered, the following process will take place, within 2 weeks:
 - a. All business must be laid aside until the complaint is dealt with.
 - b. The SD69 DPAC Past-President will appoint a facilitator for a special meeting of all delegates.
 - c. The special meeting will determine the outcome of the complaint.
 - d. Should the SD69 DPAC Executive be called to resign, the SD69 Superintendent of Schools will be notified and requested to call a meeting within 30 days of the special meeting, for the purpose of elections of executive. The SD69 Superintendent of Schools will be requested to preside over election proceedings.
- 4. SD69 DPAC will not tolerate bullying, intimidating or threatening behaviours. In the event that an allegation of such behavior is received, SD69 DPAC will refer to current School District 69 policies and bylaws relating to workplace bullying.

Section 19: DISSOLUTION

- 1. In the event that ALL school delegates vote for dissolution of the SD69 DPAC, the SD69 DPAC will dissolve.
- 2. In the event of dissolution of the SD69 DPAC, and following payment of all outstanding debts, disbursement of remaining funds will be decided upon by the membership at the final General Meeting.
- 3. In the event of dissolution of the SD69 DPAC all records of the organization shall be placed under the jurisdiction of School District 69.

Section 20: EXPECTATIONS OF ALL SD69 DPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SD69 DPAC expects that their committee members will:

- 1. Make a reasonable attempt to attend all meetings.
- 2. Advise the SD69 DPAC Executive Team via email if they will not be able to attend a meeting.
- Where appropriate, the committee member may find an alternate member to attend in their place but this must be conveyed to and approved by the SD69 DPAC President prior to the meeting.
- 4. Ensure that your statements and votes are reflective of the people they represent.
- 5. Conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for the opinions of others.
- 6. Email the meeting summation to their school PAC.
- Will bring all questions and concerns from their school PAC for discussion at the SD69 DPAC meetings.
- 8. Respect the sensitive nature of district committee meetings, and do not share information outside of SD69 DPAC. This will ensure that all information is flowing through proper channels.
- 9. Consult with SD69 DPAC Executive if there are conflicts or situations that require assistance, or if directions are unclear.
- 10. Notify the SD69 DPAC Executive if they wish to resign from the committee.
- 11. A copy of this section will be provided to all SD69 DPAC Executive Members to read, date and sign. These copies will be held in trust with the Secretary. Please see the next page for details:

Section 21: EXPECTATIONS OF ALL SD69 DPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MEMBERS TO SIGN

SD69 DPAC expects that their committee members will:

- 1. Make a reasonable attempt to attend all meetings.
- 2. Call the committee chair if unable to attend a meeting, or call a substitute if appropriate.
- 3. Ensure that your statements and votes are reflective of the people they represent, (all parents/guardians at SD69 district committee meetings, for example).
- 4. Conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for the opinions of others around the table.
- 5. Report back to SD69 DPAC (in writing) after each meeting, and if appropriate, seek feedback to take back to the table.
- Respect the sensitive nature of district committee meetings, and do not share information outside of SD69 DPAC, so that information flows through proper channels.
- 7. Consult with SD69 DPAC Executive if there are conflicts or situations that require assistance, or if the directions are unclear.
- 8. Notify the SD69 DPAC Executive if they wish to resign from the committee.
- 9. A copy of this section will be provided to the Council Members to read, date and sign. These copies will be held in trust with the Secretary.

Position Held on SD69 DPAC:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- French Advisory Council
- Financial Signing Authority
- District Committee(s)

- Treasurer
- District Associate to BCCPAC
- Director at Large

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I have read, and understand these expectations;

Name: Date signed: