

Qualicum School District Parent Advisory Council Minutes

February 19, 2025 124 West 2nd Ave Qualicum Beach

Attendance: Jacquie Harkema treasurer KSS, Maleah Bajich director at large WLC, Ray Woroniak president AES, Ewan Rycroft QP 3570 President, Konrad Langenmaier MATA Bargaining Chair, Trish Downery QP 3570 Recording Secretary, Erin EES, Barry Kurland Trustee, Matt Woods MATA Pres, Rudy Terpstra QSD Director of Learning, Felicia SES parent, Raani Desai EOES, Jason H. QBES, Brant Prunkl QSD Manager of Operations, Safety and Transportation, Erin West EES, Lisa Haupt Secretary KSS, Ashley Brown BES, Amy McIntyre, Nancy, Koulla Elvin

Acknowledgements - Reminder to all this meeting is being recorded

Introductions - In person and virtually.

Adoption of the agenda

Moved Maleah 2nd Jaquie passed unanimously

Approval of minutes

November 20, 2024 Moved Maleah 2nd Nobody failed

January 15, 2024 Moved Maleah 2nd Jacquie passed unanimously

Delegations

Konrad Langenmaier bargaining chairperson MATA PowerPoint presentation on bargaining.

Staff Presentation

Transportation Update: Brant from the district talked about new software for student transportation will roll out in stages from March 2024 to March 2025, including GPS, tablets, and a parent communication app. The system aims to improve route planning, safety, and efficiency, with cost savings expected over time. Parent communication app for route information and alerts. Impact to date: Reduced number of bus stops.

Decreased bus operation hours. No options for kids to change routes if they need to go to a different place after school. Only registered busing students can use the system.

Emergency Supplies: The district is working on replenishing emergency supplies, addressing moisture issues, and adhering to best practices within budget. Sea cans (shipping containers) used for storage at various schools. Supplies in varying states of readiness across the district. Some issues with moisture and mold in sea cans. District responsibilities: No specific mandate for extensive emergency supplies. First aid supplies required by regulations. Current supplies exceed minimum requirements. It is up to each school what to supply. District working on replenishing perishables with long-life supplies and adding bags to control moisture. They are addressing key and lock standardization for better access. Funding and support: District committed to maintaining sea can kits but some PACs involved in restocking food and water as there is limited funds available for extensive updates Best practices: Emergency preparedness organizations recommend supplies for earthquake-prone areas.

PAC Insurance

PAC's are not named as additional insured but are covered under the district approved dpac / pac sponsored events. BC school protection program.

Feeding Futures

Funding is distributed accordingly. Presentation to the Education Committee should be in the report.

Discussion on Pride flag policy, with no need for a specific policy as inclusion is already covered. Pride flag policy discussion: Trustee advised against implementing a specific Pride flag policy as they believe existing safe and caring schools policy supports inclusion. Schools already engage in various diversity initiatives and celebrations. All secondary schools have two flagpoles to accommodate Pride and Indigenous flags. Elementary schools display Pride symbols or flags in various ways

Trustee time commitments vary. Approximate time commitment ranges from 5 to 15 hours include meetings, paperwork, committee work, and school visits. Time may increase during negotiation years or for trustees on specific committees.

Treasurer report

Gaming 2508.09

General 12,9827.00

Business arising from the minutes / action items

Food Safe course delivery - after dpac funds are transferred from TD to CCU dpac will pay for each school to have two parents take food safe courses.

Qsdpac RFP approval

Moved Jaquie 2nd Maleah failed unanimously

Will revisit next meeting

Communications Plan approval

Failed

New business

PAC/DPAC Social Event: Proposal for a dpac Connect Summit in May before dpac election.

Location and details to be finalized at April meeting. Include collaborative problem-solving and team-building activities. Potential to align with DPAC and PAC elections.

DPAC Elections: Nominations open for President and Vice President. Encourage multiple candidates for a fair election. PAC representatives asked to inform their school PACs about the upcoming elections

Vancouver School District Initiative: Call to Action. Brief mention of Vancouver School District #39's initiative on student food security. DPAC to consider sending a letter of support for the initiative. Suggestion to request a meeting with MLA Stephanie Higginson about food insecurity in schools. Dpac will send a letter supporting VD PAC's food security initiative.

Pete the Cat participation dpac invited to participate in Pete the Cat Thursday April 17th 5:00 - 7:00 pm

2 dpac representatives needed at qsd budget meetings

- 12:00 pm Wednesday April 16, 2025

- 5:00 pm Wednesday May 21, 2025

Maleah and Erin will represent dpac

12. Recurring Business (60 min)

Arrowview: Hosting a Brant Wildlife Festival. March 13th, open to the public from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. About 20 community groups participating. Also installing a Gaga ball game

Oceanside: Carnival de Quebec event held for students to learn about Quebec culture.

Current lunch food program covers four days a week, seeking sponsorship for the fifth day. Implementing sponsored lunch program for students with food insecurity

Springwood: NO DPAC rep, Parent reported Valentine's Day no-bake bake sale was a huge success. Proposed idea for a reptile company visit to multiple schools in the district

Qualicum Beach: Running Read-a-thon fundraiser, which is well attended, working on art card project fundraiser.

KSS: Admin Acting Principal Andrew Lee there for remainder of year. Special guest Phil Munro from district operations presented on facilities disparities between high schools; school district is doing bathroom renovations planned, traffic calming initiative with the Town of Qualicum Beach. Basketball court removal issue; principal engaging with Qualicum town for planning and fundraising. The Healing Forest project ongoing with VIU master's student involvement

WLC: After improving various aspects of funds, we will be moving forward with spending our money. Planning a year-end party at Rath Trevor. Contributed \$400 towards Pacchiana Bay three-day camping trip for PASS students. PASS students attended. Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss school operations and attendance.

Committee of whole meeting report

Feeding futures funding

QSD considering starting recording meetings again for next school year

Adjournment and next meeting date

April 16, 2025