



SD69 DPAC - District Parent Advisory Council AGENDA/MINUTES - General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, **April 19th, 2023** (Every month on the 3rd Wednesday)

Time: 6:30PM

Location: via Zoom

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WELCOME!

Meeting Purpose:

- Engage, empower and support parents/guardians for the success of all learners
- Support, encourage and improve the quality of education and well being of students by being a district voice
- Build relationships, share knowledge and create community
- Public meeting for all parents/guardians with student(s) in SD69

Attendees/Invitees:

- SD69 DPAC Executive Team
- SD69 School PAC Executives/Representatives:
 - CEAP - Collaborative Educational Alternative
 - PASS Woodwinds
 - AES - Arrowview Elementary School
 - BES - Bowser Elementary School
 - EOES - Ecole Oceanside Elementary School
 - EES - Errington Elementary School
 - FBS - False Bay Elementary School
 - NBES - Nanoose Bay Elementary School
 - QBES - Qualicum Beach Elementary School
 - SES - Springwood Elementary School
 - BSS - Ecole Ballenas Secondary School
 - KSS - Kwalikum Secondary School
- SD69 DPAC Committee Members (formed by President)
- SD69 Representatives: School Year: 2022/23
 - Superintendent of Schools: **Peter Jory**
 - Associate Superintendent of Schools: **Gillian Wilson**
 - Director of Instruction: **Rudy Terpstra REGRETS**
 - Trustee(s): (2022/23) **DID NOT HAVE A TRUSTEE ATTEND, NO REGRETS SENT**
Eve Flynn, Julie Austin, Carol Kellogg, Barry Kurland, R. Elaine Young
 - MATA President: **Matt Woods**
 - CUPE Local 3570 President: **Sherrie Brown REGRETS**
- SD69 Parents/Guardians: Attendees: (Fantastic Representation from almost all the schools/PACs!)
Heather Blackwell (SES), Cindy Rilling (EES), Avrillee, Jo Parker (NBES), Jason(QBES), Alex (EOES), Renee H (BSS, SES), Kailee Stefanovic (SES), Julie (SES), Josceline Jossul (AES), Stephanie (BES), Jason Howard (QBES), Julianne (AES), Aimee (BES), Amanda (SES), Michael (BSS), Kat (KSS)
- Guests as requested & required (at the discretion of President): Last minute request from Jason Williams, parent at QBES requested a few minutes to share what's happening at St. Andrews Lodge and Park Restoration Vision. This is the facility that was purchased by the Town of Qualicum to preserve this space. It sits on 1.5 acres, has beach access, and is in the process of being restored in hopes of encouraging school groups, artisan groups etc to come and rent space.

2021/2022 SD69 DPAC Executive Team:

- **Angel Delange:** President *Open/Available:* Director
- **Karri Kitazaki:** Vice President *Open/Available:* Director
- **Brenda Fischer:** Treasurer/**REGRETS** *Open/Available:* District Associate to BCCPAC
- **Jessical Threlfall:** Secretary/**REGRETS**
- **Natalie Morris:** FAC/French Advisory Committee Representative
- **Andrea Button:** Director

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35pm

2. **Welcome / Traditional Territories Acknowledgment:**

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

3. **Introductions & Quorum Declaration:** *Quorum: 3 voting members*

4. **Approval of Agenda:** *Changes, additions, approval*

5. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *Errors, omissions, adoption*

6. **SD69 Updates:** *Report, update, questions*

Superintendent, Dr. Peter Jory: **Budget season:** Thanked everyone for attending the Budget Meeting held on April 18th, 2023, No new gov't money, battling high inflation, gov't did announce funding for food to help with the food crisis, gov't is covering the cost of unionized negotiated wage increases, we're hoping for more grant money to be announced but nothing yet. All that said, we are going to be ok, our service levels should be kept the same.

Strategic Planning and Indigenous Education meetings/planning has been fantastic, SD is working with our Indigenous community to include First People's Learning into our schools, and we are working with a graphic designer.

June 6th - Presenting the outcomes from the Strategic planning sessions via a town hall/zoom format and this will be recorded and posted.

Bussing:

1. "We have to get off paper", currently all routes and pick up locations/details are basically on a piece of paper. This is not efficient or practical, and leads to mistakes being made. We want to revamp our system, modernize, make it more efficient, and get away from paper applications and move to an online application program. Paper applications primarily come in at once and make processing hard.

2. Routing software for buses needs to happen.

This software will help solve the challenges that have been found when a morning bus gets canceled. Cancellations don't just affect the one route. I.e: Canceling a bus in the morning also impacts kids' bussing needs in the afternoon b/c that bus doesn't just transport the same kids in the afternoon as it did in the morning.

Busing software will: help track buses, increase efficiency, and will increase rider safety. The SD will have real time information about who is on each bus and this improves child safety.

3. Annual Application Fees will begin in September 2023.

Currently we have approximately 1400 riders who exceed the walk limits within their school catchment area. These families are offered a free bus pass.

We currently have approximately 400 courtesy riders, families who choose to pay \$125/year fee to be able to have their child use our busing transportation services.

We know that on paper our buses are at capacity, yet we see approximately 20% of seats available on all of our buses on a regular basis. We hope that by implementing an annual application fee of \$25 families who actually need or want to use the bus system will apply, potentially increasing the

courtesy rider spots by approximately 20%.

They are still working out the details on how/if they can offer a cap on the number of application fees a family has to pay. Perhaps, you pay for the first 2 children's applications and that's it, your other applications are free. This is still in the works.

Huge bus driver hiring push is going on. Currently training some EA's who have shown interest to be back up bus drivers.

Dr. Jory does not like or want to ever have to charge families for anything, but his team believes that this application fee will potentially increase rider usage.

Provincial average for courtesy riders is \$200-300 per year per child, with Kelowna pushing for \$400.

Associate Superintendent of Schools: Gillian Wilson

- Climate Action Summit with Carolyn Mattise
- Friday April 21, 2023 BSS Capstone Projects & presentations will be shared in the morning. Capstone is the project that grade 12's must complete as part of their graduating requirements.
- BSS Thursday April 20 Art Show by Youth Art is taking place
- Pete the Cat - April 20th happening this year at the Qualicum St Commons, over 20 community groups will be participating, members from: Library, Child Youth, and Mental Health, SOS, some kindy teachers, Island Health/Dental/Nurses, and this will all help show families how to access community services.
- KSS - Premier Performance
- Walking Alongside with Katie White, approximately 80 teachers will be learning over their dinner time about assessment practices, and encouraging student self assessments.
- Skills Canada Event - one of our elementary schools placed 2nd - she didn't want to announce before letting the school share their news first.

VAPING ISSUES:

- Scott from Island Health has presented information on vaping for parents and youth and shared that the addiction level to vaping is huge. A vile of vape "juice" has 3x the nicotine as a regular pack of cigarettes does. Our youth are getting addicted and addicted fast.
- We are aware that we need to have a series of steps in place to help detour our youth from vaping. They are trying to create a clear plan where they share info with parents, they'll work with our youth to educate, and will have consequences.
- Asking for DPAC to support their efforts to reach out to our youth about vaping and other poor choices that we know are happening at the high school level.
- Bathrooms seem to be a favorite place for kids to vape.
- 2nd hand vape smoke is also quite concerning for non vaping kids using the bathrooms. (Kids with Asthma and home & visiting athletes for example) Karri asked that: even though we know vaping is not allowed, can we create a safe place for kids to use that is absolutely vape free.
- We know we need to start with education and bringing in guests who our youth can connect with to learn about the damages from vaping.

b. Director of Instruction REGRETS

c. Trustee NO TRUSTEE AVAILABLE

d. **MATA:** Matt Woods

- Agrees that vaping is a huge problem, there's so much out there and it is so easy to get, and

supports the SD trying to set up an anti-vaping campaign. This is not a Parksville/Qualicum issue, from his work at the provincial level, he knows this is a problem for all districts within our province.

- Budget process is a struggle and he appreciates all of the work that our SD is putting into balancing it. That said, since the late 1990's our Provincial Education budget has dropped by approximately HALF of what is used to be funded. Back in 2000, our Provincial gov't committed 4% of our GDP into education, and now it's supported at 2.2%. When the gov't says this is the most money ever put into education - that maybe true because of inflation, but when you compare to the GDP, they are only funding about half what they used to. That shortfall is what creates parents/pacs having to work hard to fill the gaps. Back in the 2000's pacs did not have to fundraise the way they do now, they were not asked to buy playgrounds etc. PLEASE WRITE/TALK to our local MLA and MP and make sure they know we want education properly funded, and ideally restored to the 4% of our GDP.

Matt emailed DPAC with a link to the article he's referring to about Provincial funding and the GDP: [ccpa-bc Kto12EducationFunding_web.pdf \(policyalternatives.ca\)](https://www.ccpa-bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Kto12EducationFunding_web.pdf)

- Karri commented that Elaine Young, one of our School Trustees and our board is always advocating for more funds and will do so at an upcoming convention with Trustees.

e. CUPE REGRETS

7. Reports: *Report, update, discuss, recommendations, questions*

a. President/Vice President: *(Angel/Karri)*

- **Mischa Oak / LGBTQ Corporate Training - LGBTQ Training & Consulting**

- ★ Available to ALL families and staff of SD69
- ★ Wednesday April 26th, 2023, at the Ballenas theater with the presentation beginning at 6:30pm, runs for approximately 90 minutes.
- ★ DPAC has a variety of books available to win for FREE! Simply fill out a ballot with name and contact number/email, and put it in the corresponding book envelope. We'll contact all winners by Monday May 1st.
- ★ We're at Pete the Cat thanks to Karri - LOL - and we're excited to be able to connect with new families. We will have all pac email addresses available and will try to encourage them to reach out to get onto your email system and be involved.

b. Treasurer Update: *(Brenda Fischer)* REGRETS

- Brenda submitted these totals after the meeting:
- General: \$25,974.09
- Gaming: \$5,508.99

c. Committees: *Ad-hoc (specific task/objective, dissolved after completion)*

- Accessible Bikes - *(Jessica)*

- *Still waiting to find out if our application for funds through Variety Club has been approved.*
- SD69 DPAC SWAG - *(Jessica)*
 - Approximately \$200 was raised from swag

d. Committees: Standing *(specific task/objective, ongoing & continued existence)*

- FAC - French Advisory Committee: *(Natalie)*
Meeting Dates confirmed are: Nov. 28, Feb. 27 and **(April 24 meeting has been postponed) May 29th is the new date.**

e. School PAC Updates/Roundtable *(Highlights & Questions) (Presented by the Elected School PAC Rep)*

- CEAP - Collaborative Educational Alternative REGRETS
- PASS Woodwinds REGRETS
- **AES** - Arrowview Elementary School
Josceline/Julianne: PAC purchased a kiln
- **BES** - Bowser Elementary School
Aimee
- **EOES** - Ecole Oceanside Elementary School
Angel: PAC is hosting a fun day in May for the kids, Gr 7's did a movie night
- EES - Errington Elementary School REGRETS (No Mic on Zoom)
- FBS - False Bay Elementary School REGRETS
- **NBES** - Nanoose Bay Elementary School
Jo: weekly bottle drives still happening, for over a year now
- **QBES** - Qualicum Beach Elementary School
Jason Howard: trying to spend gaming \$, doing read-a-thon, WCSeeds
- **SES** - Springwood Elementary School
Karri: supporting a wooden gaga ball court, District Cross Country meet will be at SES and SES PAC will help coordinate volunteers, SES has just rolled out green bins in classrooms & school
- **BSS** - Ecole Ballenas Secondary School
Karri: Last pac meeting was great, fabulous news that the BSS Track has received \$700K from the City of PV, Leadership Team will run a May carnival, Teachers are actively learning ChatGPT and how it can be used in Highschool (pros and cons)
- **KSS** - Kwalikum Secondary School
Kat: We have a new metal/wood shop teacher, Gavin Score who has been working very hard to restore the shop. He's looking for grants so he can purchase all required phases of a 3D printer, they are looking for SD support to revamp their outside space, and are looking for Indigenous support to help with their outside revamp.

8. **Unfinished Business:** *Items carried forward from last meeting*

a. **School PAC Constitution Review:** *(Angel & Karri)*

We're continuing our work on PASS and BSS, please let us know if you'd like our support.
Most constitutions need to be revised to include zoom options

b. **DPAC Meeting Attendance:** *(Angel & Karri)*

c. **Public Board Meeting Attendance:** *(Karri)*

Important to see school represented at the School Board meetings, especially the special ones like the budget meeting. The SD needs to know what is important to families and kids and showing up is important, it's good to be represented. It has been announced that the SD anticipates approximately 30 FTE students less for the 2023/2024 year which translates to approximately 1 teacher and 2 EA's. That said, the 30 spaces is district wide so it will not necessarily equate to those staffing reductions. Associate Superintendent Gillian Wilson has previously shared that our SD already employs more EA's than we are bound to have to cover the needs of our learners. There won't necessarily be layoff, but quite possibly due to their collective agreement, they may see some changes to hours/shift.

9. **New Business:** *Items requiring a discussion, recommendation, decision*

a. **DPAC President and Vice President Nominations/Elections for 2023/2024**

Section 9: "Election of SD69 DPAC Executive Officers from School PACs" found in the DPAC Constitution states:

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.

Reminder that nominations for the DPAC President and Vice President positions will open and be accepted from March 15th, 2023 and will close May 17th, 2023 at the 6pm.

All nominations must be emailed to SD69DPAC@gmail.com no later than 6pm on Tuesday May 16th, 2023.

Elections will take place during the DPAC's May 17th 2023 monthly meeting via zoom.

10. **Open Discussion:** *Questions, concerns or comments*

Jason Williams QBES parent asked for a few minutes to share some information with us about the St. Andrews Lodge and Park Restoration Vision. He is the treasurer of this organization and they are hoping to increase support and community use of the facility. It's 1.5 acres, has beach access, and they are trying to revitalize it in hopes of seeing schools and other groups like artisan groups use their space. They are hoping to have tree houses, wild flower gardens, and bring in music festivals etc. This site was purchased by the Town of Qualicum in order to preserve the site for community use. Jason will email DPAC with some information and we will share that info with our PACs.

11. **Next Meeting:** May 17th, 2023 via zoom at 6:30pm

12. **Motion to Adjourn:** 8:22pm