

# MINUTES



**DPAC**

DISTRICT PARENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Date:** February 24, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Online Zoom video conference

**Executives in Attendance:** Shannon Rose, Chair  
Michelle Bastien, Vice Chair  
Winsome Rauch, Secretary  
Sharon Smit, Director

**Special Guests:** Director of Instruction Kat Hannah  
Trustee Freddy Latham  
Corinna Landsberger from FamilySmart

**Members in Attendance:** See Zoom attendance report attached

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## 1. Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was met.

## 2. Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

## 3. Kat Hannah, Director of Instruction

Director of Instruction and Learning Support Services (LSS) Kat Hannah gave a presentation on the district's Competency-Based Learning System. Her information included LSS department goals, First People's Principles of Learning, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) signature practices, new views on inclusion and diversity, implementation of competency-based Individualized Education Plans (IEP) last year, and the initiatives for 2021-22.

## 4. Question Period with Kat Hannah and Trustee Freddy Latham

Questions were asked and answered about

- How inclusion support programs work in the elementary school. The response was that the inclusion support team works with teachers, youth-care workers, and EAs to build up skills and capacity of the learning community in the classroom and at the school.
- How to get the Inclusion Team to the school. The response was that the school team can make that request of Learning Support Services through the principal.
- How students without IEPs, yet have diverse needs, transition to from elementary to middle school. The response was that the team is there to support a diverse group of students whether or not they have a designation. As a student is transitioning schools, the LSS team is working K-12 in all the schools. A parent should stay active in

communicating with teachers as a classroom teacher can also always ask for support from a Helping Teacher. Support skills can be learned by any classroom teacher

- Different programming in the school district for those children facing mental health issues like anxiety.

#### **5. Presentation with Corinna Landsberger from FamilySmart**

FamilySmart was founded in 2000 to assist families to access help for their kids' mental health and connect with peers who have experienced or are parents of those with mental health or substance use challenges. Available across BC, Parent Peer Support Workers provide emotional support, information, and help in navigating services for parents & caregivers youth with mental and/or substance use challenges.

Some additional resources:

- Monthly "In the Know" online [www.familysmart.ca/events](http://www.familysmart.ca/events) to watch a video and share strategies on various topics.
- Information and Videos [www.familysmart.ca/itk](http://www.familysmart.ca/itk)
- Workshops available at [www.familysmart.ca/workshops](http://www.familysmart.ca/workshops)

Services are free and there is no wait list.

#### **6. Discussion Period with Corinna Landsberger from FamilySmart**

A family can email Corinna directly at [Corinna.landsberger@familysmart.ca](mailto:Corinna.landsberger@familysmart.ca)  
Or go to <https://familysmart.ca/parent-peer-support/bc-parent-peer-support/>

A question was asked and answered about whether the school principals and counsellors know about Family Smart. Corinna will connect with Director of Instruction Kat Hannah at the school district.

#### **7. Approval of the Minutes from January 27, 2022**

Secretary Winsome Rauch read the minutes of the January 27, 2022, meeting.

It was MOVED by Shannon Rose and SECONDED by Director Sharon Smit THAT the minutes of the January 27, 2022 General Meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

#### **8. Treasurer report**

On behalf of Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux, Shannon Rose reported that there was no change from the January 27, 2022 Account balances.

Shannon Rose presented the proposed budget for 2022 as follows:

**Abbotsford DPAC  
Proposed Budget  
June 30, 2022**

**REVENUE**

2021/22 Gaming Grant	2,500.00
Unused 2020/21 Gaming Grant	2,500.00
Unused 2019/20 Gaming Grant	2,069.72
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**EXPENSES**

Bank charges - cheque order	200.00
BCCPAC membership dues	150.00
Conference and AGM fee for 4 executives	1,200.00
Conference and AGM fee for 3 directors	900.00
Conference fee for 2 DPAC members	450.00
Hotel fee for conference & AGM (3 nights x 3 rooms)	2,700.00
Zoom license	224.00
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	5,824.00

**NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSES**

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1,245.72

DPAC will do a draw in the upcoming week to send two DPAC members to the conference on Friday, April 30th. DPAC will pay the conference fee only for those two individuals. The names will be drawn from the attendance taken from every meeting to date in the 2021/22 school year. Every meeting attended will count as one entry in the draw. For example, if you attended all five meetings, you will have five entries in the draw. The DPAC executive may also choose to send additional DPAC reps if some DPAC executive members are unable to attend. These additional names will also be chosen from a random draw. Please note that proof of full vaccination is required to attend the conference and/or AGM.

It was MOVED by Shannon Rose and SECONDED by Vice Chair Michelle Bastien THAT the budget for 2021/22 school year be approved as presented. CARRIED

## **9. Old Business**

### 9.1 BCCPAC Webinar

The link to BCCPAC's free webinar "Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why They Are Important for Families (recorded February 10 at 7 PM) is available on the DPAC Facebook site. The webinar is also available on BCCPAC's webpage.

## **10. New Business**

### 10.1 BCCPAC Parent Education Conference and AGM

April 29, 2022 is the conference and April 30 and May 1 is AGM. Registration opens on March 1. Link for registration <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm/registration>.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next DPAC meeting will be held in April 2022 at 7pm (Zoom). The usual fourth Thursday conflicts with the BCCPAC conference so an alternate date will be announced

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

## Zoom Attendance Report

Name (Original Name)
Shannon Rose - DPAC Chair (Shannon Rose)
Kat Hannah - SD34
DPAC Vice Chair - Michelle Bastien (Michelle Bastien - DPAC Vice Chair)
Sona Korajian -Rep. Rick Hansen Secondary (Inderjit Singh)
Rep Abby Middle - Barbara Landa McAuliffe (Barbara)
DPAC Secretary - Winsome Rauch (Winsome Rauch)
Corinna Landsberger - FamilySmart
DPAC Director - Sharon Smit RHSS PAC (Rick Hansen Secondary PAC)
Freddy.Latham
Tracy Pope
Rep - Sandy Hill (Emily Kivinen)
Godson Elementary Chair - Becky Dyck (Becky)
Rep - Bradner Elem (Michael Luzia)
DPAC rep Blue Jay-Kim Tran (kim tran)
Rep - Chief Dan & WJ Mouat -Lorie Jensen (L Jensen)
Clara - McMillian (iPhone)
Dpac rep atss and atms jas (lphone)
Rep Abby Middle - Barbara Landa McAuliffe (Barbara)
Rep- Margaret Stenersen-Kylie Hutton (Kylie Wall)
Ginna Attal -Clearbrook PAC Rep (Pete Johal)