

MINUTES



DPAC
DISTRICT PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: January 26, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom
Executives in Attendance: Shannon Rose, Chair
Michelle Bastien, Vice Chair
Winsome Rauch, Secretary
Heidi Vinois, Special Education Representative
Clara Chahwan, Inclusion Representative
Amy MacKenzie, Director
Special Guests: Assistant Superintendent Nathan Ngieng, Trustee Stan Petersen
Attendance: See Zoom Attendance attached

1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Updates from Assistant Superintendent Nathan Ngieng and Trustee Stan Petersen

Assistant Superintendent Ngieng gave updates on “Fostering Middle School Success”. He discussed inquiry-based learning, the Equity framework, and our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. He shared a video entitled “Student Voice in our Middle Schools” that explores changes that need to be made in our schools for students feel valued and heard.

Assistant Superintendent Ngieng also gave an overview of our District Career Programs: Technology, trades, university transition options, and district placements. See <https://careers.abbyschools.ca/programs>

3.1 UFV Youth Train in Trades, Chilliwack TTC Campus

Welding, Automotive Service, Electrical, Drafting

3.2 ITA Designated Training Programs at Abby Senior

Carpentry – Level 1, Hair Stylist, Professional Cook Program Level 1 & 2

3.3 UFV – University Transition

Early Childhood Education (UFV Dual Credit), Aviation Ground School

3.4 Technology

KPU Horticulture, TRU Heavy Equipment Operator, Cyber Security

4 Question Period

Questions were asked and answered about

- Whether career programs were district programs? All career programs have the district as its catchment.
- Can grade 8 parents be offered this information at a standard meeting to hear what is available for careers, sports academies, and academics? District programs will often do student presentations. We are working with Communications Manager Kayla to do promotional pieces and the school counsellor at the high school should have that information. Career programs do not open until the Grade 10 level.
- Regarding bus cancellations, how hard is the district trying to hire? Members discussed retired bus drivers that would love to come back for 1 or 2 days, whether the district should charge bussing for choice programs, whether families get refunded when buses are cancelled, and whether there are enough bus drivers for the number of routes we had. The district is open to ideas.
- With the severe staffing shortage, could we look at bringing in uncertified teachers? Some parents feel that an uncertified teacher would be better than ongoing substitutes for a class without a teacher. Have a conversation with your principal because there is still an expectation for learning.
- Could families living under the poverty line receive vouchers for transportation if their busses are cancelled? Parents could contact the principal to see if the Affordability fund could be used.
- What makes our Indigenous Education extremely robust? Visit the website to see what our indigenous education provides.

5 Quorum

The quorum of five voting members was met.

6 Approval of the Minutes from November 24, 2022

Secretary Winsome Rauch read the minutes of November 24, 2022, meeting.

It was MOVED by Chair Shannon Rose and SECONDED by Vice-Chair Michelle Bastien THAT the minutes of the November 24, 2022 General Meeting be approved. CARRIED

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7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 On behalf of Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux, Shannon Rose presented Account balances as of January 26, 2023

7.1.1 General Account \$1955.18

7.1.2 Gaming Account \$9055.72

7.2 Parent Education Information Night Funding

There is an opportunity to use our Gaming Grant to pay for an upcoming Parent Education Information Night.

It was MOVED by Chair Shannon Rose and SECONDED by Vice-Chair Michelle Bastien THAT DPAC spend up to \$5000 on the parent education seminar featuring Dr Jean Clinton. CARRIED

8 Old Business

8.1 Shared Zoom licenses (email requests to sd34zoom1@gmail.com)

9 New Business

9.1 Parent Info Session – Rising to Resilience with Dr. Jean Clinton (February 16th at Abby Arts from 6-7 pm). You will need to get tickets from the school district website.

<https://abbotsfordarts.abbyschools.ca/events/parent-night-rising-resilience>

9.2 SD34 Events (Members of the public are welcome to attend)

9.2.1 Moana Jr at Yale

9.2.2 Public Board Meeting – February 14th at 7 pm, also livestreamed on YouTube

9.2.3 Info Night – Integrated Arts – February 21st at 6:30 at ASIA North Pop

9.2.4 Annual Joint Partnership Meeting – February 27th 6:30-8 PM at Clarion for DPAC executives, principals, senior administrators, Board of Education trustees, and every PAC chair and another representative.

9.2.5 March 2 – first of two budget information nights. The second budget information meeting will be held mid-May at School Board Office.

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10 Open Floor

- 10.1 Appreciations to Vice Chair Michelle Bastien for managing the PAC Zoom meetings.
- 10.2 If you are not receiving PAC emails, please contact dpac.sd34@gmail.com to update your contact.

11 Next Meeting

The next DPAC meeting will be held February 23, 2023 at 7 PM through Zoom.

12 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

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Zoom Attendance Report

Name (Original Name)
Shannon Rose
Winsome Rauch DPAC Secretary (Winsome Rauch)
Nina Lehtonen Margaret Stenersen (Nina Lehtonen)
Tiffany Wickham Prince Charles
Kim - Blue Jay (Kim -DPAC rep Blue Jay)
Heidi Vinois (she/her)
SD34 Stan Petersen
Michelle Bastien - DPAC Vice Chair (SD34 DPAC Zoom #1)
Amy MacKenzie - Dr. T. A. Swift & DPAC Director (Amy MacKenzie - TA Swift Rep & DPAC Director)
Shannon Bull - WA Fraser DPAC Rep (Shannon Bull)
Nathan Ngieng
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Elyse Bradner Elem Rep (Elyse S)
clara (iPhone)
Josephine Leonard - Chief Dan George Middle (Josephine Leonard)
Corinne Chalmers
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