

Surrey District Parents Advisory Council

Wednesday January 22, 2025

7:00pm Meeting called to order -Anne Whitmore

7:02 Welcome & Land acknowledgement

7:05 Embracing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

- Why are we talking about DEI?
 - different experiences
 - most diverse district in the province
 - 198 languages across student population
 - largest employer

*****link of the DEI presentation on powerpoint*****

[DEI Presentation.pptx](#)

8:01 Meeting Called to Order & Land Acknowledgement

8:02 Adoption of Agenda

8:04 Approve November meeting minutes

8:10 School Trustee -Bob Homes

- 72 PACs in attendance tonight
- Languages-district can provide support for translation
- Cash-on-line (alternative options)
- Playgrounds-more accessible options
- MLA & minister of education meetings—upcoming meetings
- Schedule meetings with Mayor & council & education minister & ministry staff
- Learning centres-more about funding than education
- AI presentation Feb 4, 2025 7-830

8:21 Tammy Murphy -CUPE 728 (clerical, EAs, childcare workers, yes workers, multicultural works, custodians, trades persons etc)

- Contracting out—safety for kids

- Contractors & their sub-contractors are not required to have criminal record checks
- All district employees are required to have criminal record checks
- Portable stairs & ramps -contractors aren't following requirements from engineers etc
- Paying for the same work twice as district has to go back & fix it
- The work is not being inspected properly—warranty expired

8:27

Presidents Report

- Joint press conference to discuss
- Start with 5 learning centers will end with only 2 learning centers in this district
- Joint press conference -mandate letter
-tying up resources to evaluate services when we are under funded already
- Ask other DPACs in province to join call to review & collaborate ideas
- BC Ombuds-investigating school exclusion
[Exclusion of students from school - Office of the Ombudsperson](#)
- PACs helping PACS—another PAC under investigation about allegation about
- PAC liabilities & what we are covered by through school

[Pressure ramps up to save Surrey learning centres, but province cool to intervening - BC | Globalnews.ca](#)

[Public education advocates in B.C. urge Eby to scrap proposed review of school programs | CBC.ca](#)

[B.C. education minister responds to planned closure of Surrey learning centres | Watch News Videos Online](#)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/article/we-cant-do-this-anymore-bc-parents-speak-out-as-ombudsperson-investigation-into-student-exclusion-begins/>

8:40 Need to apply for gaming grant NOW as it they won't accept late applications

8:42 School streets program offered-making streets around school safer
Close 1 hour before drop off & 1 hour after pick up

8:48 Traditional Schools will not be touched at this point

8:50 DPAC is looking at helping to ease friction & open communication with PACS with established solutions

8:51 Traffic issues-drop off & pick up—making it safer contact DPAC for assistance

Feeding futures program to assist with lunch programs & under privileged families

Updates on BCCPAC-no forum or townhall to meet candidates that were running in by-election. Results came out early-2 new candidates elected now have 9 on board

AGM-location & date have changes University of Northern BC will be held in May

Nominations for board position for BCCPAC open Jan 24

No update on BC DPAC coalition at this time

8:56 New Business

-application for member at large Jin Thindal (he is serving on 2 PACs elementary & secondary levels)

-pole completed & he has been elected by majority vote

9:01 no advertising in the school within school for alcohol

9:03 Holding first in-person training day February 8, 2025

-Agenda

-equip with training about role of PAC

9:09 Meeting adjourned

DPAC-official minutes & attachments



2025.01.22 DPAC General Meeting Agenda



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