

Surrey District Parents Advisory Council

Wednesday April 23 2025

7:03pm Meeting called to order -Anne Whitmore

7:02 Welcome & Land acknowledgement

7:05 Topic---Large Project Fundraising

[Surrey DPAC - Playground fundraising](#)

surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Surrey-DPAC-Highschool-fundraising.pdf

8:00 Meeting Called to Order & Land Acknowledgement

8:01 Adoption of Agenda January Meeting

8:02 Adoption of Agenda for February Meeting

8:03 School Trustee -Bob Holmes

- Ministry of Education—funding needs to be higher priority to get support from all levels of government-more promotion from province
- Ministry of Education met last week—not much optimism from meeting
 - capital issues—decision making is sitting with infrastructure
 - meeting with DPAC executive—good meeting & lots of good feedback
 - help with advocacy---what are actual costs for education
 - difficult to determine exactly—needs vs wants

8:12 Presidents Report

- institute for public education event
- what do we want public education to look like
- take all ideas & develop new charter
- update on learning centre closure---re-distribution into 4 schools (not
- what is it going to look like in the fall
- ongoing advocacy about effects of ‘re-distribution’ of learning centre closure
- student entrepreneurs about chronic underfunding & impact on students

- lots of media on \$16mill deficit for education
- vaping in schools
- congregating in washrooms-bullying & intimidating (cell phones & vaping)
students going off site/home to use washroom
- how will district uphold commitment to inclusive education
- what is the true cost of education (board & district are responsible for people who work within system (employers) & responsible to distribute education to students

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Treasurers Report

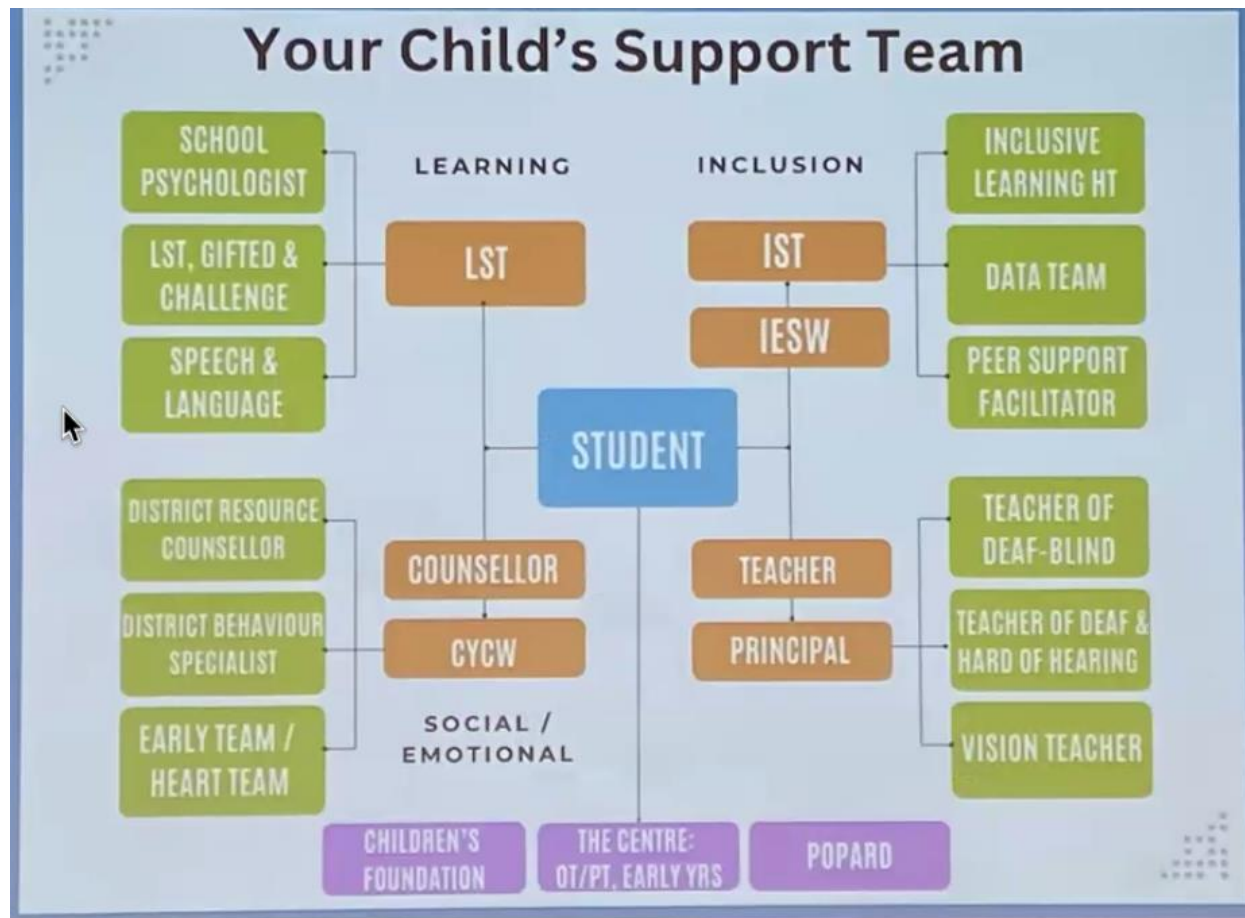
- BCEID
- apply for gaming grant before it expires -will NOT be accepting late applications (2-3 week delay)
- re-allocating 7th grade band teachers in classrooms—not part of curriculum so not fully funded
- possible news of strong start program being funded-nothing confirmed
- careers teachers & some helping teachers are being 're-distributed' throughout the district
- BCCPAC AGM –proxy deadline is May 14th (email to be sent to all members shortly)
- request a member oversight committee to monitor membership

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New Business

- don't sign up for BCCPAC right away—review & determine if we will be pursuing membership as a district
- updates to constitution & bylaws (realistic for fall completion)
- members request training session for constitution & bylaws
- PAC training day in October
- Inclusive Education Survey

[What support is your child receiving from Surrey's Inclusive Education services?](#)



[Exclusion of students from school - Office of the Ombudsperson](#)

[Surrey DPAC meeting summary & update mailing list](#)

8:59 Meeting adjourned

DPAC-official minutes