

MINUTES



DPAC
DISTRICT PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: May 23, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Abbotsford School Board Office

Executives in Attendance: Shannon Rose, Chair
Michelle Bastien, Vice Chair
Tracey Lamoureux, Treasurer
Winsome Rauch, Secretary
Amy McKenzie, Director

Attendance: Jas Badesha (ATS), Marc Vella (Abby Sr)

1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. A quorum was met.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Approval of the Minutes from April 25, 2024

Secretary Winsome Rauch read the minutes of the April 25, 2024, meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Jas Badesha (ATS) and **SECONDED** by Marc Vella (Abby Sr) **THAT** the minutes of the April 25, 2024 General Meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

4 Treasurer report

Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux provided Closing G/L Account balances as of May 23, 2024

General = \$3662.62

Gaming = \$4490.37

4.1 Upcoming Gaming Expenses

- \$1050 in February for speakers
- \$1000 for BCCPAC

4.2 Additional Information

- DPAC Gaming Application: Submitted with ID number 1223867 on May 20, 2024
- Invoicing: Invoiced the school district \$5000 for transfer to our general account, which covers our BCCPAC memberships.

5 Old Business

5.1 BC Gaming Grant Applications for 2024/25

The application period for BC Gaming Grants for the 2024/25 school year is open until June 30. Members were reminded to complete the BC Gaming Grant applications by the June 30 deadline.

6 New Business

6.1 Personal Digital Device Acceptable Use Policy (AP)

The policy was discussed at the May 14 Board meeting. The new wording is like the old policy, with enforcement dependent on teachers. Personal digital devices are prohibited during instructional time unless approved by the teacher. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is required for personal use of devices. The policy has been updated per Ministry requirements. Some districts previously had no policy. Teachers should not be put in a position to confiscate devices but some have systems to collect devices at the door. High school students are more independent in managing their devices. The policy will be presented for approval at the Board meeting on June 18.

6.2 PAC Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

Reminder to elect DPAC Representatives. PACs should send updated contact information to dpac.sd34@gmail.com.

6.3 Parent Night Series

Mental Health Awareness Part 2 will be held from 7-8:30 PM at Clayburn Middle May 29, 2024. Members are encouraged to attend the event.

6.4 BCCPAC AGM

Michelle and Shannon attended the BCCPAC AGM. Voting occurred on Saturday and Sunday. Most resolutions were from the Lower Mainland and Valley. There were approximately 330 proxies, with Abbotsford securing 100% of its proxies.

6.5 SD34 Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 7 PM.

7 2024/25 Elections of the Abbotsford District Parent Advisory Council

7.1 Chair

Nomination: Shannon Rose

Nomination Jas Basdesha (ATS), Seconded by Marc Vella (Abby Sr)

Shannon Rose accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Shannon Rose was declared Chair for the 2024/25 school year by acclamation.

7.2 Vice-chair

Nomination: Michelle Bastien

Nominated by Tracey Lamoureux (Treasurer), Seconded by Marc Vella (Abby Sr)

Michelle Bastien accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Michelle Bastien was declared Vice-Chair for the 2024/25 school year by acclamation.

7.3 Treasurer

Nomination: Tracey Lamoureux

Nominated by Shannon Rose (Chair), Seconded by Winsome Rauch (Secretary)

Tracey Lamoureux accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Tracey Lamoureux was declared Treasurer for the 2024/25 school year by acclamation.

7.4 Secretary

Nomination: Winsome Rauch

Nominated by Jas Basdesha (ATS), Seconded by Michelle Bastien (Vice-Chair)

Winsome Rauch accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Winsome Rauch was declared Secretary for the 2024/25 school year by acclamation.

7.5 Special Education Representative

After three calls with no nominations, the nominations were closed and the position was declared vacant.

7.6 Inclusion Representative

After three calls with no nominations, the nominations were closed and the position was declared vacant.

7.7 Indigenous Representative

After three calls with no nominations, the nominations were closed and the position was declared vacant.

7.8 Director

Nomination: Amy MacKenzie

Nominated by Shannon Rose (Chair), Seconded by Michelle Bastien (Vice-Chair)

Amy MacKenzie accepted her nomination. After three calls with no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Amy MacKenzie was declared a Director for the 2024/25 school year by acclamation.

A second Director position remains Vacant

7.9 Elections Closed

7.10 Appointments

The DPAC executive made the following appointments:

7.10.1 Heidi Vinois as Special Education Representative

7.10.2 Kara Dickson as Director

Inclusion Rep and Indigenous Rep remain vacant.

7.11 Signing Authority

There are no changes for the three signing officers for the DPAC Gaming Account and General Account. Shannon Rose, Michelle Bastien, and Tracey Lamoureux remain as signing officers.

8 Open Floor

8.1 Speaker Series for Next Year

So far, the focus for next year has been on speakers rather than topics. Superintendent Sean Nosek expressed interest in being the DPAC contact to organize the Speaker Series.

Action: Coordination with Superintendent Sean Nosek for the Speaker Series.

8.2 Meeting with the Superintendent

A question was asked if Superintendent Sean Nosek could meet more often with the entire DPAC executive. Shannon Rose responded that he expressed openness to attending all eight parent night series next year and he aims to build a stronger relationship with DPAC. Ideas were discussed for the Inclusion Representative and Indigenous Representative roles.

Action: Schedule DPAC executive meetings with Superintendent Sean Nosek and discuss roles for Inclusion and Indigenous representatives.

8.3 Next Year's Meetings

It was MOVED by Secretary Winsome Rauch and SECONDED by Vice-Chair Michelle Bastien THAT DPAC holds the first general meeting and the annual general meeting in-person and the remaining general meetings online for the 2024/25 school year.

Vote: Five in favor, one opposed, one abstained. CARRIED

9 Next Meeting

The next DPAC meeting will be held September 26, 2024 at 7pm (Board office).

10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM