

**SD22 District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes**

*May 15, 2025 at approximately 6:30 p.m.
In Person at VSS Library & Hybrid Option via Zoom*

Attendees:

Yania Greenaway, DPAC President | *Fulton & AIAO*
Nicky Dunlop, Past President | *Lavington*
Erica Luttmending, DPAC Vice President | *Silver Star*
Nicole Swan, DPAC Treasurer | *Kal*
Jen Kossowan, DPAC Secretary | *vLearn*
Tara Smith, DPAC Member-at-Large | *Hillview*

Sean Ling-Allen, DPAC Rep | *Seaton*

Lori Mindnich, Vice Chair of Trustees
Gray Boisvert, President of CUPE 5523

PART A:

1. Meeting was called to order by Erica at 6:36 p.m. Introductions were done and our guests were welcomed. Erica acknowledged that we are on the unceded territory of the Sylix Okanagan Peoples.
2. **Partner Group Reports**
 - **Trustees** - Vice Chair Lori Mindnich was present on behalf of the trustees.
 - Lori acknowledged that today is Moose Hide Campaign Day where we stand against violence against women and children, a very worthwhile cause.
 - The most recent board meeting just happened.
 - Meeting dates were passed.
 - Discussion was had on the 5 year facility plan. Carbon neutral report discussion was had - will be dependent on grants (as we all know, funds are tight).
 - Discussion around boundary adjustments for 2026/27 - discussion will be had with the community.
 - A question was asked about boundaries and some schools being full, while some are not. That's why boundaries are considering being shifted. Commonage development is being kept in mind.
 - A question was asked about Whitevale Elementary. No movement or word there yet.
 - **Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent** - our Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent were tied up with other commitments tonight. You can find this month's Superintendent's Report [here](#).
 - **Indigenous Education Department** - District Principal of Indigenous Education, Dave Lafontaine, was tied up with other commitments tonight, but sent the following updates:

- The Indigenous Education Department is hosting an upcoming Aunties and Uncles Bannock and Tea event.
- Indigenous Graduation is quickly approaching!
- 3rd Annual Komasket Powwow happening is happening on June 6th to 8th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- **Vernon Principals and Vice-Principals Association (VPVPA)** - Debbie Cullum was tied up with other commitments tonight, but let us know that she is stepping down from her role as VPVPA rep role and there will be a new rep come fall.
- **CUPE 5523** - Gray Boisvert, President of CUPE 5523, was present on behalf of CUPE 5523.
 - Gray spoke to the Moose Hide Campaign and shared that speaks as an advocate - especially to men - about violence.
 - Teachers are going through the layoff process right now - there might have to be a meeting in September to figure out everything with EAs.
 - 18 CUPE layoffs occurred this year. Layoffs happen every year as students and enrolment change and then the staff is rehired. The district has put aside a few more positions for next year which is appreciated which will put everyone in a better place come the beginning of the year when students who need support are better identified.
 - Re: next year's deficit, CUPE wasn't hit with cuts financially, but hours were shifted. Male only EAs were discussed and challenged through human rights discrimination.
 - Early Childhood Programs are experiencing a lack of funding with new changes.
 - Scholarships are coming up - CUPE gives out 6 \$1000 scholarships.
 - Community donations are being given out to 2 local libraries.
 - A question was asked about campaigns run by DPACs around the province aimed at the government to better fund districts. The board welcomes any sort of advocacy around better funding districts - from PACS, DPACs, municipalities, etc. Gray said that he feels like the more we come together and lobby together the better. The board would appreciate a heads up on any efforts, but don't wait for them to ask to jump into action.
 - CUPE appreciates support as they bargain also - they will reach out for support when needed also.
 - Targeting the Ministry is a year round "game" and not just during "budget months".

(short break)

PART B:

1. Approval of the agenda (additions and deletions) - first by Yania, second by Sean. All in favour.
2. Approval of minutes - first by Nicole, second by Sean. All in favour.
3. **President's Report (Yania Greenaway)** - **same president's report as given in AGM**
Yania became President in October and is very grateful for the opportunity and support. A lot can happen in a short amount of time. We've had district speakers, community speakers, and have been able to really create a focus for our time and energy going

forward - our “back to basics” legacy project. We’ve had Susan Wilson come in and educate us about how to properly begin an advocacy committee. Yania has enjoyed attending board meetings and the wider perspective it’s allowed her. She’s also taken part of being part of the Community of a Whole meetings and has enjoyed that. Her personal focus has been partner group relationship building and it was a great time with the switch of Superintendents. This relationship building has been very valuable and she’s very thankful for that. We’ve been included in several opportunities to be part of decisions at the district level, which has been wonderful. Yania was also invited to take part in the BCTF conference as the parent rep for the VTA, which was wonderful. We’re in the post-COVID “building up” stages still and Yania would like to make it a priority to continue to build back up and create community and a strong team of people to collaborate with. Specifically focusing on building our ability to be advocates in collaboration. We are all volunteers, we attempt to do a lot, and we’re doing a great job.

4. **Treasurer Report (Nicole Swan)** - *same treasurer’s report as given in AGM* Nicole gave a quick treasurer’s report. We currently have \$15718.42 in the general account and our gaming account still sits at \$0.00. There’s one cheque to clear for \$500.00 for Susan Wilson. There will be some costs associated with Nicky and Yania attending the BCCPAC AGM & Conference also. Nicole has applied for the gaming grant for next year.
5. **Committees:**
 - Anti-Racism Committee (Tara Lynn Smith) - next meeting later this month.
 - Assessment & Communicating Student Learning Committee (Nicole Swan & Yania Greenaway - next meeting June 4th or 5th.
 - Accessibility Committee - DPAC is not officially part of the committee at the moment, but we would like a seat and feel like it’s important to have a designated voice in addition to the current parent rep.
 - Gradual Entry Committee (Sandy Thon) - the gradual entry info for the upcoming school year can be found [here](#).
 - DPAC Advocacy Committee - Susan Wilson workshop - We had Susan Wilson do an evening workshop with us all about beginning an advocacy committee within our DPAC. It’s an important role AND a very large undertaking at the same time. We need to have a executive meeting about this so we can further discuss how we will move forward.
6. **New Business:**
 - Coffee costs at DPAC Executive meetings:
 - *Motion made by Yania: In order to be as inclusive and accessible, DPAC will cover the cost for one beverage per exec member when executive meetings are held at coffee shops. In addition, the cost of the space rental be covered too.* Motion seconded by Nicole. All in favour.
 - DPAC meeting format changes coming in the new year- quick round table of what change members would like to see- new format will be finalized at next exec meeting.
 - DPAC website updated - Jen has been updating the DPAC website as we go. Sarah Lauman is yet to be reimbursed for hosting fees.
 - Collection of PAC bylaws - DPAC would like to collect current copies of all PACs constitutions and bylaws. Jen will send out email request.

- Bank signing authority:
 - Motion made by Jen: DPAC will update it's banking signing authority at Prospera Bank (account # 103653680 AND account # 113653680) to remove Sonja Richman and add Yania Greenaway, keeping Erica Luttmarding, Nicole Swan, and Nicky Dunlop. Seconded by Nicole. All in favour.
- Goal is to have two more executive meetings before the end of the year. Things to cover include:
 - agenda format
 - new meeting times
 - advocacy committee
 - 2025/26 "work flow"
 - fall conference
- BCCPAC Conference & AGM costs:
 - Motion made by Yania to cover the costs of attending this year's BCCPAC Conference & AGM in person. This includes registration costs, travel costs, accommodation costs, and daily meal allowances - ALL WITHIN REASON - being as cost effective as possible without sharing hotel rooms and using the reimbursements available. Seconded by Jen. All in favour.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- DPAC will send an email or survey out to our PACs and partner groups to see when they are planning to meet next year so we can pick a day for general meetings that doesn't conflict. Nicky to send out a survey and will calendar the results to see what we're working with.
- Upcoming exec meetings : May 31st and June 14th (Jen to communicate out dates on WhatsApp group)

8. Meeting adjourned by Yania at 7:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ITEMS:

- Add Sean to WhatsApp group.
- Jen to send out advocacy package to exec members.
- Yania and Nicky to talk to other DPAC reps about their involvement on their districts' Accessibility Committees while at the BCCPAC Conference & AGM.
- Yania, Nicky, Erica, and Nicole to update banking signing authority.
- Jen to send out a request for all PACs constitutions and bylaws.
- Nicky to send out a meeting time / date survey.
- Yania to change May Triumph date and book June date.
- Jen to communicate out upcoming executive meeting dates on WhatsApp Exec Group.

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