

**Okanagan Skaha DPAC Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 6:30 PM
Summerland Secondary High School**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:31 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read by Katie Weitz

INTRODUCTIONS:

Todd Manual – Superintendent
Trustee - David Stathers
Katie Weitz - DPAC Chair / Pen High
Sandra Boel - DPAC Secretary / Pen High
An Czeszejko-Sochaki - DPAC Treasurer / Columbia
Lara Hughes - Summerland Secondary
Ashley Carter - Carmi
Kristy Valentim - Giants Head PAC
Allison Spear - Giants Head PAC

AGENDA:

Lara moved, and Kristy seconded to accept the May 2025 meeting agenda. Motion approved.

MINUTES:

Adjustment required to April 2025 DPAC minutes. Megan Sidorchuk is with Parkway/Princess Margaret.

Lara moved, and Kristie seconded to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Todd Manual

May 2025 Superintendent's Report - Click [here](#).

1. Year-End Events

- Year End activities underway across multiple schools.
- Mindful of Legacy events in light of school closures.

2. Summer School Admissions

- Summer school Information: https://www.sd67.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1102403&type=d&pREC_ID=1374540
- A referral and Teacher/Principal signature required by June 20, 2025 to register.

3. Early Learning and Childcare

- Significant progress is being made at all childcare sites.
- Uplands site is scheduled to open in the coming weeks.
- Summerland site is targeting a January opening.
- For more information visit: <https://22.files.edl.io/9423/06/06/25/151904-903799a1-8641-4c4a-a70a-73c400efd5c5.pdf>

4. Indigenous Graduation

- Okanagan College hosted SD67's Indigenous Education Program Graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2025. It was an important celebration of our Indigenous students' achievements, honoring their families and communities.

5. Career Opportunities for Students - Focus on trades and career exploration for students.

- Programs are open to secondary students in grades 10, 11, and 12.
- Gateway Program: 5 out of 15 participants secured full apprenticeships.
- Gateway to Trades and Gateway to IT programs available through Okanagan College.
- More information on the programs: <https://sites.google.com/sd67.bc.ca/careers67/home>

6. Penticton Art Gallery

- May 16 - June 7, 2025: "Witness to Wonder" SD67 Annual High School Exhibition showing at the Penticton Art Gallery.
- For more details, visit: <https://www.pentictonartgallery.com/current-exhibitions-and-archive>

7. Budget Challenges

- Budget cuts have been ongoing since 2020.
- School reconfiguration is part of the strategy to address challenges.
- Future outlook is more promising with adjustments underway.
- Budget 2025-2026: <https://letsconnect.sd67.bc.ca/budget-2025-2026>

TRUSTEE REPORT: David Stathers

1. Budget and Surplus

- Trustees are focusing on maintaining a small surplus instead of imposing further cuts.
- Cost-saving measures implemented through school closures are now contributing to balancing the budget.
- These savings are now being reinvested into student programs, which will help enhance educational opportunities.

2. School Closures & Reinvesting in Programs

- The funds saved from closures will now be directed toward improving student programming.

- Leasing closed schools is being explored, which could provide additional revenue for operations and allow for further reallocation of funds toward student-focused initiatives.
 - The district anticipates generating \$100,000/year from leasing these properties.
 - Any potential sale of schools would require a public consultation process.

3. Transportation and Survey Engagement

- The district received strong participation in its recent transportation survey, and the savings from the program will also support the budget.
- Facility upgrades are being planned, with a portion of the budget being allocated to:
 - Repaving parking lots
 - Rebranding signage
 - Upgrading playgrounds
 - Renovating sports courts
 - \$1.8 million renovation budget from the province allocated for these upgrades.

4. Ongoing Renovations

- Some minor renovations are still underway, including adjustments like lowering desks to accommodate student needs.
- Trustee recommends taking a tour of facilities if offered, to get a firsthand sense of changes and improvements.

5. Trauma and Crisis Response

- A Trauma Crisis Response Team has been established to support students and families during traumatic events, such as sudden deaths.
 - This team will help manage grief and provide critical supports.
 - Discussion on how the district can better support families during these times, including parent resources and possible DPAC (District Parent Advisory Committee) involvement.

6. Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

- The next board meeting will take place May 28, 2025 at Summerland Secondary School.

TREASURER REPORT: An Czeszejko-Sochaki

1. Financial Update

- Operating Funds: \$2,929.11
- Gaming Funds: \$567.49

2. BC Community Gaming Grants

- DPACs and PACs are eligible to apply for BC Community Gaming Grants between April 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025.
- BC Community Gaming Grants information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/pac-dpac-grants>
- **Important Update:** A business BCeID will now be required for applications.
 - For DPAC applications, the activation letter will be sent to the District Office.
 - For schools, the letter will be sent directly to principals.

- Since letters are sent via Canada Post, it's recommended to set up a basic BCeID now, which can be upgraded later.

3. Community Gaming Communication

- BC Community Gaming has sent out letters to all PACs with further details and instructions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

- PAC Merger/School Closure/Community Gaming Grants Updates: Chair has been in touch directly with all affected PACs. Everything on track to transition smoothly.
- Letter from District for Community Gaming Grants: Request to District to supply letter to PACs with projected head counts by end of Sept 2025.
- DPAC Funding: Suggestion to pre-pay new movie licence for 2025-2026 school year. BF to June Meeting.
- DPAC Executive 2025 - 2026: AGM is in June 2025. Seeking interest as looking to fill executive positions including Chair.

MEETINGS:

June Meeting: siyá? House - June 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.

September Meeting: siyá? House - Sept 2025 @ 6:30 pm - date to be determined

Adjourned:

7:12 pm