

# **Okanagan Skaha DPAC Meeting Meeting**

## **Tuesday, November 26, 2024 6:30 PM**

### **siyá? House**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

6:31pm

#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Read by Katie Weitz

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Todd Manual – Superintendent  
James Palanio - School District 67 Trustee  
Katie Weitz - DPAC Chair  
Sharon Otke  
Lara Hughes  
Megan Sidorchuk  
Kristi Tatebe  
Sandra Boel

**AGENDA:** Megan moved, and Kristie seconded to accept the November 2024 meeting agenda. Motion approved.

**MINUTES:** October 2024 minutes were not available for review at this meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Todd Manual

November 2024 Superintendent's Report - Click [here](#).

- Superintendent expressed gratitude - Thank you to DPAC for leadership around providing learning opportunities (Parent Engagement).
- ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education): Upcoming online family sessions on Digital Safety - recommended for parents and caregivers for youth age 10 and up. Click [here](#) to register.
- Summerland Secondary Gymnasium grand opening took place Nov 13, 2024.
- SD67 Facilities Plan - implementation on track (including daycares, conversion work)
- Staffing Update - Work planned for the new year around the formal transition of staff.
- As per discussion in Oct meeting, impacts to individual PACs as a result of the closures of Carmi Elementary, Parkway Elementary, Giants Head Elementary and ConnectEd were discussed with District Administration for awareness.
- The closures are effective June 30, 2025 and affected PACs will need a plan to dissolve and transfer funds.
- Skaha Lake Middle, KVR Middle and Summerland Middle School PACs will also be affected as they transition to Elementary Schools. These PACs will need to dissolve and reopen as a new PAC. Timing is critical as new PACs need to be created before old PACs are dissolved.

- As a first step, School District 67 Administration is working to get new school codes (assigned number). This will allow PACs to work with British Columbia Gaming Commission for Community Gaming Grant funding.
- The School District will also be providing projected enrolment estimates in January 2025 with firm figures to follow in April. Next Community Gaming Grant application period is April to June 2025 - PACs will need to work towards these timelines.
- For current year funding is \$20 per student with minimum grant of \$2,000 for PACs with fewer than 100 students and \$2,500 per DPAC.
- Transition of funds between PACs must take place at the PAC level.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORT: James Palanio**

- BCSTA Trustee Academy (November 21-23) - Update/Highlights:
  - New Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare provided opening address. Focus on retention and recruitment - particularly in northern communities. Also touched on programming and funding challenges.
  - AI in education Presentation - Recommend as possible future Parent Engagement session.
  - UBC - Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) Presentation - SD67 has been a partner for over a decade. About 2/3rds of districts across BC contribute. Covers child learning from Toddler to 18. Click [here](#) for reports on TDI (Toddler Development Instrument); CHEQ (Childhood Experience Questionnaire); EDI (Early Development Instrument); MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument); YDI (Youth Development Instrument).
- Bargaining is coming up - Trustee discussion / review to ensure there is no conflict of interest respective to their Trustee positions.
- Summerland Secondary Gymnasium Grand Opening was well attended. The facility is very bright and clean.
- District School Calendar for 2024 - 2025 - Stakeholder Feedback survey is now closed.

#### **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Operating: \$2,948.33
- Gaming: \$1,531.73

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Zoom license Renewal Discussion:
  - Cost approximately \$200 - \$300. Was originally purchased to support parent engagement sessions during COVID.
  - Over the last year there has been low usage. Consensus to let the membership lapse - It can be revisited if needed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Parent Engagement Series Updates:
  - Oct 24, 2024 - Navigating the Workforce - Very informative but unfortunately not well attended.
  - Nov 18, 2024 - Anxiety - Through a New Lens. Well attended. Informative session covering a range of age groups.
  - UPCOMING: Jan 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm at siyá? House. Topic: Bridging Cultures: Indigenous Education in our Community.
  - No further sessions are planned for the 2024 - 2025 school year. DPAC efforts and funding will be directed to assisting PACs in upcoming transitions.
- PAC Bi-law Templates:
  - With the upcoming changes, all PACs are encouraged to update their bi-laws and ensure that relevant clauses (ie dissolution clauses) are included.
  - DPAC Chair has reached out to BC PAC but they do not have a repository of templates.
  - In order to support PACs in developing or updating their PAC bi-laws - DPAC will work to develop a template for PACs to use.
- PAC Support Session(s):
  - Invite to go out on DPAC page to gauge interest in putting together a small working group to coordinate PAC Learning sessions early in the new year.
  - Hospitality to be budgeted in.
  - Topic ideas: PAC transition support including bi-law review; PAC 101; Communication - creating and maintaining generic emails; etc.
- DPAC Communication to BC Gaming Commission to support PAC Transition:
  - DPAC will be writing a letter to BC Gaming Commission outlining the school transition plans including closures and enrolment estimates. Will be working in partnership with the School District as information will need to be on SD 67 Letterhead.
  - This work will support Community Gaming Grant Applications for 2025 - 2026.
- Seleema Noon - online Body Science at School Presentations and Parent Resources:
  - Seleema Noon is an independent consultant group well known for educational workshops with schools. Cost for one (1) live online workshop plus downloadable parent resources and presentations is \$393.75 for period between Mar - Jun 2025.
  - Katie moved DPAC approve covering total cost for this from DPAC Gaming funds. Lara, Kristi seconded. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 at siyá? House

## **MOTION TO DISMISS:**

7:24 pm