



School District No.48

District Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: **Sept 23, 2019**

Location: **Brackendale Elementary, Squamish**

Time: **6-9 pm**

In Attendance:

Lisa McCullough, SD48 Superintendent

Paul Lorette, SD48 Assistant Superintendent

Chris Nicholson, SD48 Assistant Superintendent

Rick Price, SD48 Board Trustee

Nick Pascuzzi, Principal, Howe Sound Secondary

April Lowe, President, Sea to Sky Teachers Association

Karen Saenger, Principal, Brackendale Elementary School

Meredith Gardner, DPAC Chair, Pemberton Secondary DPAC Rep

Trish Duncan, Brackendale Elementary DPAC

Krista (TBC) , Brackendale Elementary DPAC Rep

Annie McDonald, Garibaldi Highlands Elementary DPAC Rep

Kelly Hamilton, Garibaldi Highlands Elementary DPAC Rep

Alison Robb, Myrtle Philip Elementary DPAC Rep

Kate Chalmers, Squamish Elementary DPAC

Kaila Jarvis, Don Ross Middle DPAC Rep

Terra Gaddes, Howe Sound Secondary DPAC Rep

Andrea Legge, Whistler Secondary DPAC Rep

Regrets:

Blackwater – no attendee

Stawamus – No attendee

- **Quorum reached** (40% + 1 of voting members).
- **Motion to adopt the May 2019 minutes**
 - Moved by Christiana Spooner > Seconded: Andrea Legge > Passed
- **Motion to adopt Sept 23, 2019 agenda**
 - Moved by Alison Robb > Seconded by Trish Duncan > Passed
- **Karen Saenger , Principal from Brackendale Elementary**



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Presenting SD48 updated District Education plan “Enhancing Student learning: Pathways to learning” – Available on the District website: <https://sd48achievement.org/>

- See **attached powerpoint presentation** from Karen Saenger
 - District wide survey that took place in the last year
 - Last education plan was in use from 2012 so needed a revamp
 - Medicine wheel & approach to competency development will remain the same as BC has moved to very similar competencies approach that SD48 pioneered (Create & Innovate, Collaborate, Think Critically, Contribute, Learn)
 - New Neuroscience research informs plan
 - Enhanced “structures” to support learning e.g. active physical environments, flexible/diverse groupings, etc
 - Enduring understandings – added in items around the focus on inclusion, diversity, and personalization
 - K-12 Digital portfolios – starting in grade 4 “MAP: My Action Plan” putting self at the center surrounded by family/community/culture – to help build resiliency
 - Professional Learning Plan for educators – adaptive expertise via learning rounds, growth mindset, instructional leadership teams, co-planning/assessments (collaborative support)
 - The updated curriculum better supports the world students will live in
 - The plan is the 30,000 ft view at the district level – but at the school level is where it gets actionable and decisions get made of how to execute to support improved competencies
 - Best ways to learn about this – look at the website, senior leadership from school board can come anytime to share and present/answer questions, local school staff can answer any questions, etc.
- **Report by Rick Price, School Board Representative**
 - Aug 28th, 2019 first meeting – election took place, board remains as it was/no change
 - Working on update for school calendars for next 3 years (w/ parent input)
 - The “Communicating Student Learning” pilot program will continue across BC and in our district for one more year
 - School catchment area review for Squamish area with high population growth rate
 - Pemberton will have a by-election coming up to replace the trustee who is moving back to New Zealand
 - **Report by Lisa McCullough, Superintendent**
Start Up



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- Enrollment has gone up again this year across the district (approximately 1.8%)
- French Immersion enrollment is up again slightly
- All teacher jobs were successfully filled despite provincial teacher shortages
- Portables were added at MQE and WSS
- DRM underwent significant renovations to create additional classroom space

Education Plan

- Karen Saenger will be presenting tonight on our refreshed Education Plan
- We will go deeper into the plan at each DPAC meeting this year
- You can expect to have your student talking about their Personalized Digital Portfolio as they collect evidence over time of their competency development and document important reflections of their learning, including authoring their own Personalized Learning Plan

CSL Pilot Project

- SD48 and the Ministry of Education will continue with the Communicating Student Learning Pilot Project
- Your school principal and teacher will notify you if your classroom teacher plans to be involved

Website Update

- The SD48 district website will be redesigned this school year
- School level websites will be aligned

Board of Education

- Trustee Michelle Butler will be moving back to New Zealand
- A By-Election will be held in Pemberton to replace her position

School Calendar Process

- The Board of Education must submit to the Ministry of Education, by March 31, 2020, one to three school calendars for the future
- The consultation process will be described by Assistant Superintendent, Paul Lorette, later in this meeting

Provincial Funding Model Review

- The province is updating their funding model and implementation will begin in December or January of this school year
- There are 22 recommendations and Lisa outlined one in particular which pertains to students with special needs and the difference between the current and future funding in this category

Provincial Equity Scan

- We have worked with the Ministry of Education to bring a process into our district referred to as an Equity Scan
- Our Aboriginal Education Committee will do the work of rolling this out and collecting our data



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Provincial Bargaining

- Provincial bargaining parties are in mediation and we await good news

- **Round Table Success/Challenge at your school - All**
 - Meredith Gardner reported out about her understanding of a tradition practiced at some Sea To Sky Secondary Schools where graduating students party all night before the first day of school as a tradition. This can lead to visibly drunk grade 12 students the first day of school. There was also some hazing reported to Meredith. Not all of the student population takes part, but it may have an impact on grade 8 students' anxiety levels, and might have the effect of promoting binge drinking which is already a concern of students in SD 48. There was general agreement to move forward to gather more information from Principals and SD48 staff and consider if parent councils can help support shifting this unhealthy culture.

- **Financial report shared – Meredith Gardner**
 - Gaming application submitted by Shawna for this year
 - Balance \$119
 - **Motion to adopt Financial report presented**
 - Moved by Terra Gaddes > Seconded by Alison Robb> Carried

- **Sara Ward presentation – Annie McDonald**
 - **Feb 23rd parent session** at Howe Sound w/Streaming to Whistler and Pemberton secondary schools.
 - Have parent volunteers for all sites but Whistler still need some help.
 - This event will be ticketed around \$10/info will come out in newsletter, will be some tickets that are free if needed.
 - A flyer is in the works and will be an events page to share with PAC. Larger write up will be coming as well.
 - **Feb 24th 2020 will be for workshop for teachers/educators at Howe Sound**

- **Graduway program – Shauna Hardy not present**
 - Proposed networking solution for SD48 Grads - tabled this until Shauna Hardy can speak to it. Meredith will follow up with Shauna

- **School calendar process – update from Paul Lorette, SD48 Assistant Superintendent**
 - Process notes handed out to DPAC members
 - DPAC Process (provide feedback toward the placement of non instructional days and vacation periods) and then the individual school process takes place later



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(managing things like any additional school level non-instructional days and bell schedules, including late starts or early dismissals, etc.)

- DPAC has helped to develop the survey that district sends home to parents in the past > can we ask PAC's what they feel about the survey/right questions/what's missing.
 - At the next meeting in November district need to know if DPAC thinks a survey is a good idea and more specifically, how many options should be sent home for consideration (ie. Two options: one week spring break and two week spring break only or should additional options be included, etc.)
 - Paul will prepare a digital document to share with PACs for feedback –note SD48 will share to PACS and gather feedback directly.
- **DPAC Elections by ballot - All**
 - Chairperson– Meredith Gardner, Pemberton Secondary
 - Vice Chairperson - Christina Walsh, Valleycliffe
 - Secretary – Alison Robb, Myrtle Philp
 - Treasurer – Susan Thompson, Mamquam
 - Motion to accept nominations - moved Kaila Jarvis > seconded Terra Gaddes > carried
 - **Chair Report – Meredith Gardner**
 - Physical literacy project w/Sport for Life – Meredith to send further information. If anybody keen to attend the working group let Meredith know.
 - BCCPAC Fall Meeting – we are invited and can send 2 people, its free. Registration by Oct 14 – it is Nov 14-15 in Vancouver. Let Meredith know if you are interested
 - **Next meeting Nov 25th at 6 pm via Web call in. Jenn Morris will provide dial in details prior to that evening. Any DPAC Rep needing support for this online meeting may talk to their Principal who will sit at school with them and connect for the duration of the meeting.**