

District 78 DPAC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2025

Location: Coquihalla Elementary School

Start Time: 6:38 PM

End Time: 7:38pm

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM by Jen.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement provided by Bruce Becker.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Bruce Bostwick

Seconded: Emily Jaic

Motion carried.

4. Reports

Chair Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer Report (Diana Stromquist):

- Financials are healthy, with approximately \$50,000 in total funds.
- Current funding: \$2 per student.
- 2019 gaming grant funds were not spent; a new application was not submitted due to remaining funds.
- Jen will write a letter explaining the situation and noting there has been no active DPAC for the past few years.

Superintendent Report (Balan Moorthy):

- Updates shared on monthly newsletter include: Orange Shirt Day, Bike Rides, and Inclusion fair.
- Mention of the Indigenous Summer Program and School Foods Program supporting breakfast and lunch offerings.
- People are encouraged to email Balan with any items or accomplishments they want captured in the monthly newsletter.

5. Elections

Bylaws reviewed (pages 10–11) outlining roles of elected members.

Election Results:

- Treasurer: Diana Stromquist — Nominated by Jen, all in favor

- Secretary: Clair Lee — Nominated by Jen, all in favor
- Vice Chair: Robyn Bodnar — Nominated by Jen, all in favor
- Chair: Jen Riley — Nominated by Robyn, all in favor

6. Approval of AGM Minutes (January 2025)

Motion: Bruce Becker

Seconded: All in

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

Peace Circle Project:

- Joint initiative between DPAC and the district (Krista facilitating).
- Focus: teaching students problem-solving and communication skills through 8 1-hour sessions (1 class).
- Locations: 2 at Coquihalla Elementary, 2 at Silver Creek.
- Total cost: \$2,000 (District \$1,000, DPAC \$1,000)
- Motion: Jen Riley
- Seconded: Emily Jaic
- All in favor — motion carried.

BCCPAC Membership Discussion

- BCCPAC membership cost: \$200/year for DPAC and \$100/year for PAC.
- Discussion regarding the value of membership and concerns about BCCPAC financial transparency.
- Several districts have written letters regarding accountability and ethics in financial reporting.
- It was noted that DPACs and PACs can register for free membership to access limited resources.
- Action: Robyn to Research further details and revisit this item during the November meeting.
- Decision: Hold off on paying the membership fee until more information is available.

8. External Committees / District Representation

- DPAC representation includes three board committees: Education, Finance & Facilities, and Policy.
- Meetings are conducted via Zoom approximately three times per year, lasting about one hour each.

Education - Jan 27 : Jacqueline

Finance & Facilities - Jan 5 : Diana

Policy - Nov 4 : Jacqueline

Inclusive/Enrichment Education - Jan 12 : Leah

Careers & Transitions - Feb 5 : Emily

Accessibility - Oct 20 : Robyn

Pro D - : Jen

9. Correspondence

- Discussion about adding more parent education nights in partnership with Healthy Schools and Nutrition programs.
- School and college presentation listing — Balan will investigate.
- Upcoming informational family night with the Kelowna Psychologist Group will focus on digital overuse and healthy screen habits. We could also set this up for students as well.

10. Future Meeting Dates (Third Thursday Each Month at 6:30 PM)

- November 20, 2025 – Harrison (Rice Noodle)
- December – No Meeting
- January 15, 2026 – Silver Creek
- February 12, 2026 – Kent
- March 12, 2026 – SOHSS
- April 23, 2026 – District (Parent Event) + Pro D
- May 21, 2026 – District Office (Dinner)
- June – No Meeting

Approval of Meeting dates

Motion: Jen Riley

Seconded: Bruce Bostwick

Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Robyn Bodnar	Kent Elementary
Stephanie Mattson	Kent Elementary
Jacqueline Harper	Silver Creek
Bruce Becker	Coquihalla
Balan Moorthy	Superintendent
Bruce Bostwick	Harrison

Diana Stromquist

IEC

Emily Jaic

SOHSS

Leah Beck

Silver Creek

Jen Riley

Coquihalla

Clair Lee

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