

HDSMS DPAC Rep Annual Report, May 2021

There have been 7 DPAC meetings this year, all of which were attended by Stafford. The final cumulative AGM is May 20 where I will continue to carry the PAC vote on behalf of Stafford, although everyone is welcome to attend - I'd be happy to share the link to the Teams meeting if anyone is interested.

At each meeting there were special guest presentations, reports from the School Trustee DPAC rep, reports from the Superintendent of Langley Schools (or his assistants), reports from the DPAC president, treasurer and a great deal of business conducted in between.

Aside from Covid-related topics, key points of discussion included district wide mental wellness, reconciliation, diversity and anti-racism supports, district wide implementation of School Messenger and the proficiency scale grading system and most recently a district wide dog policy.

Action plans for learning have been developed for each school, including Stafford, a review and request for feedback around emergency school closures (in which Stafford participated), funding and installation of outdoor classrooms for every elementary and middle school in the district (including Stafford), a voice at the provincial level through BCCPAC (of which Stafford is a member), the winding up of the EP fund (in which Stafford received reimbursement for the tent purchased last year).

At a higher level, the district policy handbook was amended, we also saw a transfer of Trustee Chair from Meagan Dykeman to Rod Ross, and the subsequent by-election that seated Charlie Fox to replace Meagan Dykeman as she was elected at the Provincial level.

DPAC reviewed and ratified a new set of governing documents in their revised constitution and bylaws, supported the Rainbow Crosswalk that is to connect the SBO and RCMP buildings, awarded \$2,000 worth of scholarships and throughout the year continuously shared information through newsletters, emails and social media.

Perhaps more impactful for us were the Zoom meeting licenses that were made available, training in the form of Treasurer 101 and PAC 101 workshops, and a presentation on the new revisions to the PAC Gaming Grant for next year, 16 or so parent ed workshops offered by other organizations in the community through DPAC and the White Hatter 5-Part Parent Ed series on Digital Literacy that started this month.

Plus a myriad of other topics that were specific to other schools not directly impacting Stafford or its family of schools.

So much has been accomplished this year but many dedicated hands has made it light work so if anyone is interested in a seat on the DPAC executive board next year, the AGM is tomorrow night, nominations will be taken from the floor so everyone is welcome to join the virtual meeting as spectators or as candidates.