

# MINUTES



**DPAC**  
DISTRICT PARENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Date: January 25, 2018**

**Time / Location:** 7pm, School Board Office

**Attendance:** BlueJay, Clayburn, SandyHill, Bateman, ASIA Sumas & North Poplar, Alexander, Tenbroeck, ATSS, AMS, Abby Sr, Centennial Park, Mouat, Stenerson, South Poplar, King

**Special Guests:** Nathan Ngieng – Director of Instruction, LSS

Charlotte Siemens – District Principal

Kathryn Edwards – District Vice Principal (absent)

Freddy Latham – Trustee

Ray Velestuk – Secretary Treasurer

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**7:00pm**      **Welcome & Introductions**

**7:05pm**      Nathan Ngieng, Director of Instruction, LSS; Charlotte Siemens (District Principle LSS)

- Diversity is recognizing and valuing difference from a lens of learning support services
- School wide supports (curriculum), targeted supports (social emotional learning, youth care worker), Intensive supports (specialized assessments ie. School psychology assessments, outside team involvement)
- Inclusion exercise, recommended reading book: Shelley Moore: ONE
- SOGI stats shared, parental support is most crucial piece, SOGI protocol AP339, SOGI 123
- New this year: Middle School Clinicians to help build capacity to address risk factors and supports teachers and students
- Impact of MOU 17 (2002 contract language); class size limits, limit of designated students, role of school based team, special education teachers
- Impact of new BC curriculum: KNOW, DO, UNDERSTAND approach. NO longer relies on the understanding of content. Now an understanding of the big idea, understanding of core competencies, incorporating intellectual, personal and social skills

- Contracted services for PT/OT through CDC, ASD training taking place in February
- Catchment concerns for SN children...if there are special circumstances then they need to be brought forward for a conversation with Principle and Nathan
- Psychoeducational Assessments: short in the District on Psychologists to complete assessments, parents can seek private assessments
- Specialized LSS programs currently have enough seats to meet the needs to the needs of the SD

**7:20pm Question/Answer Period**

**8:00pm Approval of November minutes** – Approved by Heidi, Seconded by Candace

**8:00pm New Business**

- March 5 - Dyslexia Film Showing, based on Robert Redford and his story. Young grandson is severely dyslexic
- April 9 - Dyslexia Simulation Lab. Registration through Eventbrite, watch for link, free to attend for parents and SD staff. Location TBA
- March 6 – Parents as Career Coaches coming back to the SD, worth wile event. Facilitated by Marianne Hawthorne. Interactive format. Location TBA
- February 22 – Mike McKay Shared Learning Event, presenting on Self-Regulation

**8:10pm Open Floor Discussion**

- Music Teachers in School: not all school have designated music teachers, some use school staff, outside professionals (ie Asia uses “Artists in Residence”)
- French Immersion is now a lottery system.

- BCCPAC Summit Update by Sheri – minutes will be brought to next month’s meeting
- Cross boundary applications – parents will not know if their child receives a seat until mid-September. Currently some catchment kids are being bused out of catchment to other school. Application review takes place in early September. A child cannot be removed from an out of catchment school mid-year.
- Crossing guards: SD has contract with Community Services (in place since the 80’s), reviewed through transportation, recruitment issues
- Diverse Education Advisory Committee– Sexual exploitation happening in our schools, DPAC working with outside agencies to create community workshop
- White Hatter presents on internet safety, looking at bringing the presentation back to the SD
- Restorative Justice – will look into bringing them back to present at DPAC
- Spring Break Survey – please remind people to do the survey. Decision will be announced at the Board Meeting on February 27, 2018. 1 week option puts them 5 mins over the minimum requirement of minutes of instruction, 2 week option put them over 53 mins over the minimum requirement of minutes of instruction

**9:00pm      Adjourned at 8:45pm**

**Next meeting is February 22, 2018**