

# MINUTES



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

**Date: November 23, 2017**

**Time / Location:** 7pm, Abbotsford Middle School

**Attendance:** Clayburn, Sandyhill, Bateman, Abby Sr, Yale, South Poplar, C & G Howe, Centennial Park, ATSS, Alexander, ASIA North Poplar & Sumas, AMS

**Special Guests:** Bev Olfert - Abbotsford Youth Commission,  
Marnie Wright - Associate Super Intendant of HR

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

**7:05pm**      Abbotsford Youth Commission Presentation

- Flyer shared regarding ongoing programs (food safe, leadership training, babysitters course as well as many drop in athletic programs)

**7:30pm**      Marnie Wright with presentation on impact of class size/composition language on teacher staffing

- School based teams now have added the teacher as part of their formal process
  - All requests for training are now sent electronically directly to LSS
  - Class size and composition: K 22 students to 20, grades 4-12 continues to have 30 students (28 for split)
  - Max 3 students per class with SN designation
  - Addition of non-enrolling teachers to SD: 27 librarian teachers, LSS is the same, increase in ELL staff and counsellors have stayed the same
  - If class size /composition not met there are remedies in place: additional prep time, additional enrolling staff, referral to HR/union for creative options
  - Teacher hiring was successful: 1<sup>st</sup> wave (40 teachers), 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (100 teachers) all 1.0 FTE
  - Prior to start of 2017/18 school year there were 120 resignations/retirements and an additional 120 moves within SD
  - SD is meeting all non-enrolling targets
  - There are currently 250 classes where there are remedies in place, therefore a need for an additional 12 teachers approx.
  - TOC pool was previously 375, now is 200
  - New additional of 1.0 FTE teacher mentorship position that co-ordinates 120+ teachers
  - EAs: 8 years ago (95), current environment (approx. 400 and up to 600 including casuals)
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Additions:

1. Dyslexia BC: agreed that information would be gathered about Dyslexia info events that could be hosted in the SD
2. Treasury Info: Inconsistencies noted across SD PACs: Always must be 2 cheque signers, Resign books in May, keep all treasury books at the school they belong to, always keep 6 years of records
3. City of Abbotsford app: great app that offers all city info (garbage pick-up, swimming, airport info, etc)
4. Board Meeting: Grandfathering clause no longer exists. “Where you live determines where you go to school”. You can be sent back to your catchment school at any time, application for out of catchment remains in place
5. Joint Partner Meeting: 2x per year. Audience includes Principals, PAC chairs, DPAC and Sr. Execs. 21 tables, focus was on reporting. Outcome was comprehensive partnership development
6. Parents as Career Coaches: 1 day workshop, 3 hrs, organized by Patty Tabot. Focus is on how we communicate with our children to pull out their values and beliefs. Workshop hugely beneficial in supporting kids through life transitions

**9:00pm**

**Adjourned**

**Next meeting is** Jan 25, 2018