

DPAC
2014-2015
Year in Review

Although not without its challenges, this year has once again been a busy but exciting time for DPAC as the executive and members worked to build collaborative relationships with our educational partner groups and provided parent voice and perspective both locally and provincially. We'd like to take this opportunity to share some of these events;

- DPAC provided every school with a membership to BCCPAC, giving them a direct connection to what's happening within the province, an opportunity to network with parents province wide via forums, valuable resources, a \$500 student scholarship opportunity, parental award(s) opportunities and a vote at the BCCPAC AGM
- Attended the BCCPAC Board of Directors Emergency Parent Leader Strategic Planning Session that focussed on the Classroom Resource Framework
- Visited teacher picket lines to help build local relationships and to gain a better understanding of teacher issues
- Accepted an invitation to the Cranbrook and District Teacher Association Executive meeting to further build this relationship and to help explain the roles of PAC and DPAC
- Provided parent questions to Trustee Candidates to help parents garner a better understanding and perspective for each candidate running for Trustee
- Supplied the opportunity for two PAC Chairs to attend the Kootenay Leadership Collaboration Event hosted by David Savage (Savage Management Ltd) and Laura Hummelle MA (Ahead of the Curve Consulting Inc.)
- Supplied two participants the opportunity to attend the BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference in Nanaimo
- Provided a letter of support for our Board re; Progress Update on Recommendations 24 – 40 from the Report on the Budget 2014 Consultations and recommendations 22 – 36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
- Approved a request and creation of the DPAC District Traffic Safety Committee that brings district staff, Trustee liaison(s) and concerned parents together over district wide safety issues
- Approved a funding request from our SD5 District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) to help aid and encourage our student leaders
- Provided a letter of support for our Board to Prime Minister Harper re: The Voluntary National Household Survey (V-NHA) aka long form census form. The information that this form supplied, directly affects the Community Link funding our district receives for vulnerable students

- Participated in a conference call with BCCPAC Board members and various DPAC Chairs/members to discuss continued communication between BCCPAC and member DPACs as well as a new format for the BCCPAC Fall Conference.
- Proposed an education partner group meeting with our MLA Bill Bennett to discuss what the group sees as our top three district concerns
- Provided a delegate to attend the BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM to vote via proxy on behalf of our district PACs
- Invited to and attended the Curriculum and Learning Workshop hosted jointly by SD5/Pro D Committee
- All PAC's receive and are encouraged to supply parent feed-back via DPAC/Thought-stream on all SD5 policies
- Monthly representation at the District's Advocacy, Education Policy and public portion of the Finance and Operations Standing Committee meetings

DPAC would like to thank all of the members, Trustees, District Leadership Team, Educational Partner Groups and Associations who have either donated their time and efforts or helped create opportunities to work together to make this district great.

Have a great summer and we look forward to both working with, and for you next year.

Sincerely;

SD5 DPAC Executive