



SKSS PAC Executive Committee
Cory L: Chair, Tanya P. Vice-Chair, Erin M
(Secretary/Treasurer), Julie R (Past-Chair)

**SKSS PAC Meeting
 Minutes**

Thursday September 23, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

What exactly is PAC?
 The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

What is the role of PAC?

- To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
- To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
- To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
- To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
- To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
- To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

The business of the PAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

1. **Call to order 7:07pm.** Quorum present (Cory, Erin, Tanja, Tanya, Brenda, Kerry, Martha, Gina). Mr. Kirshener attending to represent admin.
2. **Review of the Agenda.** Accepted as submitted.
3. **Administration Report (Mr. Kirschner).** Welcome to the new school year.
 - 10 new staff this year.
 - Clubs re-starting.
 - Lockers available to students this year (outside surfaces sprayed down at night).
 - Extra-curriculars are back.
 - Athletics meeting on Tuesday for all parents.
 - Friday night football is back at Hillside (capped at 100 spectators).
 - Connections on hold for September, but hope to restart in mid-October.
 - Terry Fox week will see two classes at a time zig-zagging though the streets south of Columbia.
 - October 4th the online course fee portal for parents should start accepting fee payments for elective courses.
 - Summer improvements to the school included gym floor redone with logo and black borders. Flooring done on north end floors, dust collection system and working towards completely updated metal shop.
 - Expecting more news on Covid notification procedures next week from Provincial health office.
 - SKSS is proud to have been a large part of the new SD73 Dress Code
 - We have approximately 950 students on campus this year, with about 30 international students
 - Two-week spring break is approved and will run Mar 21-Apr1. 9 minutes of in-class time added to school day to compensate.
 - Welcome to grade 8 went well with admin meeting with 40 students at a time.
 - Reminder Legacy Grant application (weightroom) due Sept 30

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- \$6200 found in school account unspent from previous years' PAC funding. Will go back into disbursement pot for this year.

4. Treasurer's Report

The PAC Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30th and our Year End Gaming Summary report for 2020-21 was submitted in full and on time, as was our Lottery Gaming Summary Report (Dry Grad 50/50 lotto). Our \$75 BCCPAC fees have been paid in full for the 2021/22 school year.

We have one cheque from 2020/21 outstanding (dry grad), but once that clears, we are opening our Fiscal Year with \$781.46 in our gaming account. We have \$2,002.38 in our General Account.

We expect to receive the Gaming money in the next few weeks (last year \$18,000 was deposited at the beginning of October) and then we can begin disbursing funds. Reminder that Gaming Funds are based on the enrollment of full time in-person students from Sept 30 of last year. Our goal is always to disburse all funds received from gaming within the calendar year (we want to see as close to \$0 in our gaming account as possible come June 30th). *(Respectfully submitted by Erin Mitchell, Treasurer)*

5. New Business

- a) Meeting dates for 2021/22 school year – all meetings to be held at 7pm via Zoom
 - October 21: AGM and Fund Disbursal
 - November 25: Presentation on MyEd Parent Portal followed by meeting
 - December 16: Presentation on Capstone Projects followed by meeting
 - January 20
 - Feb 17
 - Apr 21
 - May 19
 - June 16
- b) Reminder that per our Bylaws, we must conduct an Annual General Meeting where we elect an executive whose role it is to manage the Council's affairs. The executive will include a Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a DPAC Representative and may include a Co-Chair or Vice-Chair and Members at Large.

Any voting member of the Council is eligible to serve on the executive except employees or elected officials of SD73 or the Ministry of Education.

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Per our Bylaws:

1. The executive will be elected at each annual general meeting, with one position being voted on at a time.
2. Elections will be conducted by one of the existing executive members, as agreed on by the membership.

Term of office

1. The executive will hold office for a term of one year.
2. No person may hold the same executive position for more than four consecutive years.

6. DPAC Report

-September meeting was held on Sept 21st, and the Superintendent, Trustees and KTTA were in attendance.

-Next meeting is on October 19 at 7pm via Zoom and will begin with the "PAC 101" education session. All parents are welcome to attend.

-Report from Superintendent and Trustees mentioned the following:

- Approval for spectators for secondary school gatherings (50 indoors, 100 outdoors)
- Updated communicable disease prevention plan
- Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th (stat holiday)
- Revision to flag protocol that will lower flags throughout school district on September 29th
- 5th year of the 5 year district strategic plan
- 2 week spring break
- HVAC work done over the summer

-is online and on Facebook, as is the Advocates for SD73 Group. Check them out at:

- <https://www.facebook.com/DPAC-73-Kamloops-Thompson-102187408678963>
- <https://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1952266821749623>

7. BCCPAC Report

Education Update - September 24

COVID-19 School Exposure Notifications

As announced by Dr. Bonnie Henry earlier this week, the PHO and BCCDC are finalizing an updated process for C19 school exposure notifications and data. We understand this new process will be communicated out early next week along

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with additional public data and we will share this information as soon as it is available.

Updated Daily Health Check Poster

The Daily Health Check poster has been updated to reflect new federal regulations regarding international travel. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/.../daily-health-check-english.pdf>

A print version of the poster is also available. The updated poster is being translated into multiple languages, which will be posted to the COVID-19 Safe Schools site in the next few days - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/.../k-12/covid-19-safe-schools...>

COVID Safety Measures in Schools – Q&A

- School Closures

What process should school districts and independent schools follow regarding COVID-19 related school closures?

- In some cases, a school may need to temporarily move all students from in-class to remote learning in response to COVID-19 cases within the school community. The closure may be directed by the local medical health officer to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., outbreak), or it may be based on operational considerations (e.g., inability to backfill multiple staff who are self-isolating as confirmed cases or close contacts).

- School district and independent school administrators should always consult with their medical officer and K-12 Rapid Response Team prior to making the decision to close the school in response to a COVID-19 exposure.

- School districts and independent school authorities must also immediately report any school closures to the Ministry of Education

- Proof of Vaccination

How do the proof of vaccination requirements in the provincial Gathering and Events Order apply to K-12 schools?

- The Office of the Provincial Health Officer has confirmed that all K-12 school activities are excluded from proof of vaccination requirements. This includes any programs for children and youth offered by a school.

- This applies to all educational and extracurricular activities (e.g., school sports, special interest clubs), programming for children and youth (e.g., school meals, early learning/pre-K) and school-led events (e.g., open houses, parent-teacher interviews, science fairs, performances/recitals, school sports, etc.).

- This exclusion applies to any person involved in or attending a K-12 school activity, including all students, staff, volunteers and parents/caregivers. The



PHO is expected to amend the order to clarify that volunteers and parents/caregivers are exempted when part of the K-12 school activity.

- Schools should continue to follow all other requirements outlined in the: Provincial Gathering and Events Order (the Order) (e.g., event capacity limits of 50 people or 50% room occupancy, whichever is greater, including support personnel, participants and spectators) and relevant regional public health orders; and Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12, including the sections on School Gatherings and Events (p.9) and Visitor Access/Community Use (p.14)

(all documents are on this page: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/.../21-advocacy/1030-c19-updates-2>)

How do the proof of vaccination requirements apply to field trips?

- The Order excludes all K-12 school activities from proof of vaccination requirements regardless of location. This includes when on school field trips. However, venue operators may have different operational practices in place, particularly in situations where other members of the public may be present at the same time (e.g., museums, fitness facilities or restaurants).

- School staff are strongly encouraged to communicate with venue operators in advance of any proposed field trips, to confirm the venue's specific policies and procedures, and to not plan field trips to venues where students and staff may be asked to provide proof of vaccination.

Do the proof of vaccination requirements apply to board or PAC meetings?

- No, board meetings (including those attended by members of the public) and PAC meetings are excluded from proof of vaccination requirements.

How do the proof of vaccination requirements apply to community rentals of school facilities? What is the responsibility of the school/district?

- Community members/organizations renting school facilities must follow proof of vaccination requirements, which are based on the type of, and age group participating in the activity. For example, indoor adult sport or exercise activities require proof of vaccination, whereas programs for children and youth under the age of 22 (e.g., an after-school program run by a community organization) do not.

- The person/organizer renting a school facility is responsible for verifying proof of vaccination when required, not the school or school district.



How do the proof of vaccination requirements apply to professional development activities for school staff?

- Proof of vaccination requirements do not apply to staff professional development and in-service activities organized by the school or school district and held on or off of school/district property.
- For staff professional development activities hosted offsite, whether organized by the school/district or by a third party (e.g. conferences, external training programs, etc), school/district staff should contact the venue operator and event/program organizer (if applicable) for information on whether they require proof of vaccination for entry.

Symptoms of Illness and Return to School

Can people come to school if they have mild symptoms?

- All students, staff and other adults are expected to complete a daily health check prior to entering the school and to follow the instructions provided based on their specific symptoms.
- Parents/caregivers and students can use the K-12 Health Check app.
- Staff and other adults can refer to BCCDC's "When to get tested for COVID-19"
- Staff, students and parents/caregivers can also use the BCCDC online Self-Assessment Tool or call 8-1-1.
- Students, staff, or other adults should stay at home when sick, as this is one of the most important ways to reduce the introduction to and the spread of COVID-19 in schools.
- See the Staying Home, Self-Isolation and Symptoms section (p.17) of the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 for more information

If a student becomes sick while at school, can they remain in the classroom (while maintaining physical distance from others) until they can be picked up?

- Students who develop symptoms of illness at school should be provided with a separate space outside of the classroom where they can wait comfortably for their parent/caregiver to pick them up. Ideally this would be a separate room such as a first aid room or empty office but, if space is limited, could also be in a low traffic hallway or other area of the school (e.g., where a barrier is present, such as a cubicle) where the student can be made comfortable and can maintain physical distance from others.
- Younger children must be supervised when separated. Supervising staff should wear a non-medical mask and face shield if they are unable to maintain physical



distance, avoid touching bodily fluids as much as possible, and practice diligent hand hygiene.

- See the Protocol if a Student/Staff Develops Symptoms of Illness at School section (p.7) in the COVID-19 Protocols for School & District Administrators and Staff for more information.

If a student or staff member is asymptomatic but someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19, can the asymptomatic student/staff member attend school/work?

- Close contacts of a confirmed case who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated (have received the full series of doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks prior) may be permitted by public health to continue to attend school/work while self-monitoring for symptoms.

- While school and district administrators should not require students and staff to disclose their vaccination status, they can share the following information from BCCDC:

--Living in a household with a person who has COVID-19 means you and all of the other people who live in that house are close contacts and need to self-monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 for 14 days after being exposed. You and all others who live in the household with someone who has COVID-19 may also need to self-isolate. Public Health will help you decide based on your vaccination status, the dates you were vaccinated, and whether you have had COVID-19 in the past. They will use this information to guide you on which steps you need to take to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

--If another person in your household tests positive for COVID-19, this may extend the amount of time that you will need self-monitor and self-isolate. Visit the [How Long Should I Self-Isolate](#) page to learn more about the right isolation period for you and your household members.

- Administrators should encourage the staff member to stay home while they wait for direction from public health, and to call 8-1-1 or their local health authority if they have any questions.

School Gatherings and Events

Are schools allowed to hold in-person school assemblies and other types of gatherings and events?

- Yes, in-person school gatherings and events (including inter-school events) can occur in line with those permitted as per relevant local, regional, provincial, and federal public health recommendations and Orders.



- Organizers should apply a trauma-informed lens to their planning, including consideration of student and staff comfort levels, spreading people out as much as possible to prevent involuntarily physical contact between attendees, and gradual transitions to larger gatherings (e.g., starting with virtual or smaller in-person options, shorter in-person sessions, etc.)

BCCDC Data and Public Information

We encourage families to review the Dashboard which is updated every 1-2 days: <http://www.bccdc.ca/.../diseases-conditions/covid-19/data...>

Equally important are the weekly data summaries which are updated every Tuesday. The current one is to Sept 16: <http://www.bccdc.ca/.../COVID.../2021-09-16 Data Summary.pdf>

We post all documents and our communication updates on our resources page: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/.../21-advocacy/1030-c19-updates-2>

10. Other Correspondence

- Cory met with the neighborhood association (around SKSS) regarding their concerns of vandalism/graffiti in the park adjacent to the SKSS field. At this point there is no evidence that the graffiti was done by an SKSS student, but SKSS and the PAC are committed to helping to support the safety and maintenance of the park/ bandstand to the best of our ability.

11. Adjournment at 8:17pm

Zoom Meeting Details for upcoming meetings: Topic: SKSS PAC

Oct 21, 2021 07:00 PM

Nov 25, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 16, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM

Feb 17, 2022 07:00 PM

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May 19, 2022 07:00 PM

Jun 16, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83561144710?pwd=NGFNK21tc2ZvUTN5bmFWV2Y2Y0NCUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 6114 4710

Passcode: 945065

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