



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

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.

SKSS PAC Meeting
Minutes and Attachments
Thursday June 10, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

1. **Call to order.** Quorum present with Cory, Tanya, Erin, Brenda, Julie, Rachel, Rita and Mr. Kirschner representing admin
2. **Presentation** – Thank you to Mr. Kirschner for sharing his presentation on our School Plan (presentation that was given to the Board)
3. **Review of the Agenda.** Approved as submitted.
4. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting.** Approved as submitted.
5. **Administration Report** (Mr. Kirschner). Highlights:
 - Welcome to 7 new teachers joining SKSS in the 2021/22 school year.
 - Thank you to our Aboriginal Education workers and students for leading the drum circle, creating healing cards, participating in classroom activities, preparing 215 dreamcatchers in response to the discovery at the Residential School.
 - We are excited to welcome Michelle Good, author of “Five Little Indians” to the school on June 21st
 - Timetable will be coming for the current grade 9s next week
 - Grad 2021 had a great 5 days
 - Grade 7 tours are complete (adapted tours)
 - June 28th will be the last day of school with virtual awards at 9am. June 29 will be a project completion day.
 - Marks will be posted Tuesday at 3pm.
 - Draft dress code will be presented at a meeting next week (still in Committee)
 - Summer renos are scheduled to be completed over the break, with a new dust collection system, flooring, metal shop and logo on the Gym Floor scheduled to be completed
 - We are expecting a major announcement in the next week from the provincial government on the reopening plans for next year.

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- We are scheduled to begin the 21/22 school year in a quarter system. We may switch to a semester system, but this will not be before February.
- Condolences have been sent to the family of Jack Buckham, longtime Kam High community member, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on June 2nd

6. Old Business

- Grad Committee – Lottery Update. There have been 4 deposits as of this meeting into the gaming account. The lottery/grad committee will let us know how they would like their funds disbursed.
- Accounting for district one-time COVID funding: Discussed at previous meeting. Can be removed from agenda.
- District Dress Code Changes. Per Admin report.
- School Catchment Changes. Will be discussed at Monday's school board meeting.
- Welcome to SKSS – Grade 8s. Per admin report, grade 7 students (have now participated in a modified tour of the school)

7. New Business

a. Treasurer's Report – Funding Request

Date:	June 7, 2021
Teacher Name:	Mrs. Hay and Mr. Thompson
Contact Email:	khay@sd73.bc.ca
Group/Club Involved:	Math Club
Number of Students Involved:	all SKSS students are welcome
Date Funds Required:	as available
Date of Event/Activity (if applicable):	throughout the school year
Description of Request:	Students attending our math rooms, to participate in games and puzzles during lunch hours, have expressed personal interest in exploring origami as a venue for personal skill as well as beautification of our classrooms. Our request: \$150 for instructional books and value packs of origami paper

Motion to deny request due to proximity to the end of the fiscal/school year. Moved by Cory. Seconded by Brenda. Erin opposed. Motion carried. Request not approved due to proximity to end of year. Mrs. Hay will be encouraged to apply again in the Fall.

b. Financial Snapshot:



SKSS PAC FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2021

Gaming Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
May 11, 2021	Badminton Shuttles	\$404.80 (leaves \$1,598.46 to be disbursed out of \$6,000 committed)		\$7,545.39
May 11, 2021	Tennis Shirts	\$808.67 (leaves \$789.79 to be disbursed out of \$6000 committed)		\$6,736.72
May 11, 2021	Field Hockey Goalie Equipment	\$1,140 (leaves \$0 to be disbursed out of the \$1,140 committed)		\$5,596.72
May 11, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and Uniforms (Field Hockey Goalie over-spend)	\$71.22 (taken from other sports budget, leaving \$718.57 to be disbursed from \$6000 committed)		\$5,525.50
May 11, 2021	French cultural diversity and inclusion event	\$195.29 (\$0 left to be disbursed from \$195.29 approved)		\$5,330.21
May 11, 2021	Chess Club	\$311.74 (\$0 left to be disbursed from \$311.74 approved)		\$5,018.47
May 11, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and Uniforms (footballs)	\$474.77 (leaves \$243.80 left to be disbursed from \$6000 committed)		\$4,543.70
May 11, 2021	Athletics Awards	\$500 (\$0 left to be disbursed from \$500 committed)		\$4,043.70
May 11, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and Uniforms (Awards over-spend)	\$46.68 (\$197.12 left to be disbursed from \$6000 committed)		\$3,997.02
May 17, 2021	Grad lotto		\$2730.00	\$6,727.02
May 25, 2021	Grad lotto		\$295.00	\$7,022.02
May 25, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and Uniforms	\$175.38 (leaves \$21.74 left to be disbursed from \$6000 committed)		\$6,846.64
May 25, 2021	Math content – Donuts	\$29.97 (leaves \$714.92 left to be disbursed out of \$1000 committed)		\$6,816.67
May 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$6,814.17
May 31, 2021	Grad lotto		\$20.00	\$6,834.17
June 7, 2021	Grad lotto		\$375.00	\$7,209.17
June 10, 2021	Math Contests	\$566.36 (leaves \$148.56 left to be disbursed out of \$1000 committed)		\$6,642.81
June 10, 2021	Drama equipment	\$248.51 (leaves \$880.10 left to be disbursed out of \$2000 committed)		\$6,394.30
June 10, 2021	First Nations Art	\$800 (Leaves \$0 to be disbursed out of \$800 committed)		\$5,594.30
June 10, 2021	Peer Tutors	\$36.78 (leaves \$0 to be disbursed out of \$250 committed)		\$5,557.52
June 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$5,555.02
Est. Balance – June 2021**				\$5,555.02
Total Commitments so far this year: \$19,747.03 (plus bank fees)		Estimated balance for end of 2020/21 school year: \$477.34		

*italics indicate that debit has not yet appeared on monthly bank statement/cheque still has not been cashed by payee.

General Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
May 31, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$2,572.63
June 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$2,570.13
Est. Balance June 2021				\$2,570.13
Total Commitments not yet disbursed: \$600 for Math dept for calculators		Estimated total available after funding commitments (excluding bank fees): \$1,970.13		

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2020/2021 SKSS PAC Gaming Funding Requests – June 2021 – as of June 10, 2021

Requested By:	Department/Club:	Amt. Requested:	Amt. Approved:	Description of Request:	Cheques written to date	Still to be disbursed
Susan Dumbrell	Mind Health Matters Club	\$40.00	\$40	For tea, hot chocolate and snacks for meetings	\$20.02 + \$17.81	\$2.17
Susan Dumbrell	Peer Tutors Group	\$250.00	\$250	Rewards, supplies etc.	\$20.15 + \$193.07 + \$36.78	\$0
Amy Fonseca	Drama Club	\$4276.77	\$1,500 (in October) \$500 (in April)	Drama room table & chairs	\$871.39 + \$248.51	\$880.10
Mrs Hay	Math Dept	\$250.00	\$250	Games etc., Rubik's Cubes	\$227.13	\$22.87
Ione Paetzal	Math	\$1000.00	\$1,000	Math Contests	\$90.11 + \$165 + \$29.97 + \$480 + \$86.36	\$148.56
Sue Scallon	Technology Ed	\$10,000.00 approx	\$5,000	CNC Laser cutter/engraver	\$4,653.28	\$346.72
Corey Yamaoka	Athletics	\$19,391.00	\$5,000 (in October) \$1,000 (in April)	Equipment & Uniforms	\$980.00 + \$1,112.28 + \$1,228.27 + \$676.19 + \$404.80 + \$808.67 + \$71.22 + \$474.77 + \$46.68 + \$175.38	\$21.74
Lisa Yamaoka	Art Club	\$1966.57	\$1,500	Printing Calendars & Art Supplies	\$1,296.77 + \$203.23	\$0
NSF Fee		\$48.00	\$48		\$48	\$48.00
S. Barker	Spirit Week/Leadership	\$300	\$300	Funds for running school spirit events (prizes and materials) and cover the costs of hot chocolates being given out to those in need	\$164.99 + \$101.21 + 29.70	\$4.10
Phil Arkinstall	Chess Club	\$150-\$300	\$311.74 (updated May 11 th from \$300)	10 chess sets for chess club at lunch	\$311.74	\$0
Trisha Bjornes	Library Learning Commons	\$800	\$800	Two pieces of artwork from Secwepemc artist Edward Jensen	\$800	\$0
Mrs. Hay	Math Department – Calculators	\$600	\$0 from Gaming \$600 from General	30 calculators	\$0 from gaming \$0 from General	\$0 from gaming \$600 from General
Mrs. Hay	Math Department – Origami	\$150	\$0	Origami papers for Shape and Space unit	\$0	\$0



Laura Richter	GSA	\$112	\$112	Board games that can be played at lunch by GSA	\$0	\$112
Alysia Francis	SKSS Ultimate Team	\$250-\$300	\$300	Disc store Goaltime for small group skill development	\$233.60	\$66.40
Cory Yamaoka	Sports Awards	\$500	\$500	10 of each (S/M/L) block awards to recognize perseverance, persistence and leadership	\$500	\$0
Cory Yamaoka	Athletics – Field Hockey	\$1140	\$1140	Field Hockey Goaltender Safety Equipment	\$1,140	\$0
Linda Dion	Cultural, Diversity and Inclusion event	\$195.29 (updated from 190.88 on May 11 th)	\$195.29	Extra curricular book fair for French Immersion students	\$195.29	\$0
Total Commitments from Gaming Acct			\$19,747.03 (+\$30 in bank fees) = \$19,777.03			
					Opening balance at start of 2020/21 school year: \$20,254.37	
					Estimated Balance at end of 2020/21 school year: \$477.34	
Total General Funds still to be <u>disbursed</u>					\$600	

- c. **Motion on unspent funds:** The treasurer makes the following motion: At fiscal year end (June 30, 2021) ,all unspent funds from commitments made by PAC during the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be released. These funds will be returned to the general funding pool in the appropriate account (General/Gaming). New applications for these funds will be considered along with the regular 2021/22 requests for PAC funds per regular procedure. Moved by Erin. Seconded by Tanya. All in Favour. Motion approved.

8. DPAC Report

-Next meeting is on June 15, 2021

-Bursary Committee met and will distributing \$500 to returning adult learners.

-SD 73 Indigenous Education Family Voices met and have invited all aboriginal families to participate in this District group.

-Foodsafe. Only 2 certifications this year due to restrictions on parent volunteers in the school

-DPAC Zoom account. Active as of June 30th. SKSS can use this account for meetings in the new year. Book through Erin

-Catchment Changes and Proposed Re-open of Ralph Bell will be discussed at public board meeting on Monday.

-Dress Code - SKSS could maybe also present at Pro D days to better inform teachers on what calling students out publicly what it causes. More info to come, as committee has not yet met to review revised draft.



-School Board communication with DPAC. We are working at improving bilateral communication and have invited new Superintendent to attend DPAC on Jun 15th. Thank you to Dr. Sullivan for his work over the last year.

-Web Design and Social Media Marketing. New website! Check it out at www.dpac.sd73.bc.ca

-Spring Break- 2 weeks? Brought forward to KTTA for comment.

9. BCCPAC June Update

Statement regarding Kamloops Residential School:

The truth about residential schools is undeniable.

We need to listen to the elders.

We need to create space for Indigenous people to speak.

We join in respecting and supporting the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people and all people across Canada who are impacted by the tragic news of the 215 children whose lives were lost at the Kamloops Residential School. With this revealed truth, comes an even greater responsibility for each and every one of us to act.

BCCPAC stands alongside all Indigenous people to ensure that all Canadians learn about the past and the harm that was perpetrated. Truth and Reconciliation must become an educational pillar in our school system to ensure that all students learn the history of the Indigenous people and the tragic errors that were made. We pledge to continue to educate ourselves and to support and educate DPACs, PACs and parents/guardians/caregivers.

We recognize the important role parents play in our collective journey of truth and reconciliation. We can all raise awareness in our communities and discuss with our families. We thank parents and families for the work they are already doing in their school communities to encourage the next generation and bring about change.



June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

What steps will YOU commit to take this month and beyond?

Please read and review the [TRC and Residential Schools resources we have compiled](#) to help educate and inform.

Whew we made it! And together! What a school year this has been for us all. We were so glad to “see” so many members online for the AGM and our annual Conference; we look forward to in-person events in 2022! While our members may be slowing or winding down, BCCPAC does not. We will be orienting our new board team, re-starting our committees and we will continue to represent parents at the K-12 provincial table throughout the summer as planning continues for September. And we will continue to raise the many issues important to our members such as learning impacts, mental well-being, all children receiving a full day’s education, supports and resources for children with diverse abilities and disabilities.

Virtual AGM A Huge Success!



THANK YOU to all our members who were able to attend and participate at our second virtual AGM on May 1. It took a tremendous amount of work by your Board and staff to bring our full meeting with Resolutions to our members online and it’s very fulfilling to see it be so successful.

Our [AGM Booklet](#) is posted online for all members. We encourage those who were unable to attend the AGM to read through the President, CEO and Treasurer reports, the Year in Review and of course the many Committee Reports. We also encourage you to review the financial statements and the budget which were approved during the AGM proceedings. The [results of the elections and the discussed Resolutions](#) have also been posted and sent to members.

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AGM minutes were recorded by the 2021 Member Minutes Approval Committee and per our policies, they have 60 days to complete, approve and ensure distribution to the membership. We will email the link to the 2021 AGM Minutes when they are available.

During the full day AGM, voting members present motioned and voted on a request of the Board to hold an extraordinary general meeting to complete the discussion on the remaining 8 resolutions submitted which had not been discussed prior to the conclusion of the AGM. The board has received guidance from our parliamentarian and we will be announcing the EGM date within the next week.

Mark your calendars for next year's AGM and Conference - April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Our Award Winners



Hearty congratulations again to our 2021 [Member Award](#) Winners! We thank them for all they do for parents/guardians.

Bev Hosker Award: Jason Assam – SD44 North Vancouver

George Matthews Award: Bobbi Taylor – SD36 Surrey

Congratulations also to our Education Award Winner – Tiffany Deng, SD39 Vancouver. This award honours a well-rounded Gr12 Student with an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in education. We wish great success to Tiffany.

Parents Connecting Online at Education Conference

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If you missed the conference on May 28-29, you missed a LOT! Our first virtual education conference was a resounding success! During Friday, we heard from the Ministry of Education including Minister Whiteside who spent time asking questions submitted by delegates. Attendees were able to provide input and feedback regarding the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and as regards mental well-being of our children and thoughts on September's return to school. It was a big day!



The Power of Change
EMPOWERING YOURSELF

Saturday was a fuller and longer day but we believe we knocked it out of the park! What a powerhouse of speakers; so much learned and shared by delegates - so many great questions! All of our sessions were thought-provoking and enabled attendees to discuss in breakout rooms and submit questions in real-time. We hope attendees learned new information which they can take back to their school and district and parent communities. It's all about community; we hope we empowered our members.

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Consultation with Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity



President Sinclair has been invited to attend a virtual K-12 stakeholder engagement session in June with Grace Lore, the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. The government is seeking feedback and input on potential legislative measures aimed at increasing protections against sexual and gender-based violence.

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The non-consensual disclosure of intimate images, sometimes referred to as “revenge porn” or “image abuse”, is a form of sexual and gender-based violence that can have significant consequences for its victims. Although the sharing of intimate images without consent may constitute a criminal offence, survivor’s needs are not adequately met under the current system. BC’s Attorney General is contemplating the introduction of provincial legislative measures to support victims with the speedy removal and destruction of images, and compensation from the wrongdoer for the circulation of images without consent. The provincial government wants to ensure survivors have better tools to access justice. [Learn more](#) about gender equity and read the [consultation announcement](#). Members are encouraged to share their thoughts via email to imageprivacy@gov.bc.ca.

Seat on the BC School Sports Legislative Assembly



The BC School Sports (BCSS) membership of schools from every corner of this province has recently approved a sweeping governance change to their organization. This comes after nearly 2.5 years of work researching, building and modifying a plan that would best serve our schools and students across BC.

The new structure will have a Legislative Assembly as its core decision-making body. The Assembly will consist of 53 members. The majority of these will be representatives from BCSS zones, primarily educators and administrators. There are 9 seats designated partner organizations that BCSS believes are important to the continued sustainability and growth of school sport. They include partners from the government, education and sport sectors.

BCCPAC has been invited to sit in one of these 9 seats on the Legislative Assembly. Having BCCPAC as a partner puts both organizations in a better position to fulfill their mandate and serve their members. BCCPAC had a seat on the Joint Council in the previous structure at BCSS. Our CEO John Gaipman will be representing members and parents on the BCSS Legislative Assembly.



Membership Renewal Time



September 1st marks the start of the 2021-22 membership year and you can renew starting now!

All members benefit from the ongoing activities of BCCPAC and your membership fees help enable us to continue to support you, our members. To remain beneficial to and representative of our membership, we need to continue our work with parent advocacy and as parent representatives provincially with both the Ministry and education partners. Read our [Year in Review](#) and see just some of the work we did on behalf of members. The membership year is from September 1 to August 31 and the membership fee is paid annually.

AND BIG NEWS! One of the biggest changes to the [2021 Gaming Guidelines](#) (*thanks to our work on this for members*) is that **individual PACs can now use their Gaming funds to pay for their BCCPAC membership**. DPACs are reminded that they can only use their Gaming funds to pay for their own individual DPAC membership with BCCPAC. **[RENEW NOW](#)**.

Updates from BCCDC and Steering Committee

On May 5 Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in children 12-15 years of age (the vaccine was initially authorized for ages 16+ in December 2020). Our PHO Dr. Henry announced children aged 12-17 will be integrated into BC's vaccination program and could be vaccinated by early summer. The logistics and implementation are still being discussed and confirmed including efforts for vaccinations for students under 12 years of age.

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Clinical trials on children are continuing. We will communicate more as the details are made available.

What was two groups - that is the Steering Committee which meets weekly and the Health and Safety Committee - is now four groups with the addition of an Operations group and a Mental Health Working Group. BCCPAC is represented in all four and we attend all the meetings to raise parent issues. The Steering Committee has been focused on discussions and plans for return to school in September. The Mental Health working group (Chaired by the BCCDC) has many organizations around the table who can provide resources for students and staff: the Ministry of Education and our education partners, BCCDC, UBC Help, BC Children's Hospital, Doctors of BC, McCreary Centre, RCYBC, Foundry BC, Safer Schools Together, and WorkSafe BC.

Key messages from Steering Committee meetings:

"Society and K-12 will look very different in September vs present day. It will be more endemic vs a pandemic."

"The C19 respiratory virus is part of society, is here to stay and won't be eliminated; we must learn to manage it. Respiratory illnesses circulate in our population regularly."

"As more people become vaccinated, morbidity and severity of illness including hospitalizations is greatly reduced. Vaccinations are effective on variants of concern."

The BCCDC released new materials following the May 20th announcement about vaccines for 12-17 year olds:

- [Summarized key information in a PDF for easy sharing](#)
- [Updated information about children and young people](#)
- [New FAQs on the schools website re: vaccines for parents and students](#)
- [Updated information on how to register and book/attend an appointment for those 12-17](#)

Young people can register themselves and book their appointment:

- online at: <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>
- by telephone at 1 833 838-2323
- or in person at any Service BC Centre

Seeking Volunteers for Committees

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As you may know, we have a number of committees that run each year; you can read their annual updates in the [2021 AGM Booklet](#). As the new board formally takes office, we will start up our standing committees: Awards, Constitution & Bylaws, Indigenous Education, Inclusive Education, Leadership Manual, Nominations, Policy, and Resolutions. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please [email](#) our office and indicate:

- PAC/DPAC name and your full contact details
- Your experience working on committees
- Skills and knowledge you bring
- Committee of interest

Member Community Forum

Have you checked out the new online [Member Forum](#) yet? We invite you to visit and login and start connecting with members from across the province. The Member Community Forum is available to Executive members of our active PAC and DPAC members ([review your membership status](#)) based on information provided to BCCPAC during the membership registration process. Go take a look and start connecting!

Zoom Licenses Issued to DPACs and PACs

Please note the Zoom licenses BCCPAC has released to DPACs and PACs will expire June 30, 2021 as the Ministry of Education is not extending the K-12 Zoom enterprise license that was established last year. As part of our ongoing efforts to support district and school PACs and their parent communities, in September 2020 BCCPAC had secured Zoom licenses for DPACs/PACs across the province to be able to host virtual meetings this school year. We are grateful for the Ministry of Education's support of parents.

BC Teachers Council

As a principal education partner with BCTC, BCCPAC has a representative on the BCTC (appointed by the Minister) and that parent serves a three year term. Our current



representative is Terry Berting who is a Life Member and past president and he was appointed in 2019. Under the Teachers Act, the BC Teachers' Council (BCTC) is responsible for: Setting standards for applicants and educators in BC, including education, competence and professional conduct requirements; Setting standards for post-secondary teacher education programs; Reviewing and approving post-secondary teacher education programs. Each year the BC Teachers Council publishes their [Annual Report](#).

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Resources

The pandemic has increased [ScreenTime](#) for many kids. If you're one of the worried parents, [check out these tips](#) from the Canadian Mental Health Association to improve balance, effectively engage and stay away from shame.

Children are spending more and more time online. It is important to talk with them regularly to understand what they do online and set ground rules. [Here's how to start the conversation](#).

Have you heard about [Foundry BC](#) and their new App? The Foundry BC app allows youth and their caregivers to access services using video, audio, or chat options. They want to support you whatever way feels most comfortable for you! [Download their new app](#) and get the help you need when you need it! Did you know you can register and participate in groups through the new Foundry BC app? Their current groups include Queer Café and YMinds, with many new groups coming soon! [Learn more](#).

Are you aware of [Family Smart](#)? They are here for families. PiRs provide peer support to all families and caregivers parenting a child (0 to 24+) with a mental health and/or substance use challenge in BC. Free service. No waitlist. [Find out more](#).

The Ministries of Education and Public Safety & Solicitor General and Safer Schools Together have launched the Gangs and Guns Online Resources: a suite of videos and guides to increase awareness, knowledge and competencies related to gang and gun violence prevention for parents and students, educators and school support staff. It's all part of the larger erase strategy. [Access the resources](#).

It's important to know the difference between bullying, single acts of aggression, and conflict. Not all mean behaviour, rude behaviour, or conflict is bullying. The erase bc website has information for families and students. [Learn more](#).



Have a child in high school? Did you know that you can find info on undergrad programs offered at the 25 public BC post-secondary institutions in one place? That's right, find them all on one Search Database! [Take a look.](#)

Conflicts can happen between adults, between children and adults, or between siblings. Kids Help Phone Canada has [published a resource](#) to help you handle struggles in your family relationships.

Social and emotional development impacts how young children express emotions, deal with stress, develop friendships, and connect to the world around them through stories, conversations and play. [Learn more!](#)

It's important to keep up to speed with how your preteens are interacting on social media. From apps to livestreaming, there's a lot for parents to keep track of when it comes to online safety. Set your kids up for a positive experience on social media by having open conversations about respect, privacy, smart decision making, and what it means to think critically about what they see and hear online. There are many tips, tools and resources available such as [Smart Things to Say](#) from Saleema Noon; this [2021 Emoji Slang: A Guide for Parents](#) and their [Teen Slang Meanings Every Parent Should Know](#) from Bark; many free resources from [Cybertip Canada](#) such as [Parenting in the Digital World](#); and [cyberbullying information](#) from the Government of Canada.

For the last episode of their season, Kelty Mental Health reached out and asked parents/caregivers to send in their questions about child & youth mental health! The episode explores a range of topics including anxiety and stress, self-harm, managing family relationships, and more! [Check it out!](#)

It's never too early to start talking with your kids about personal safety. The [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](#) regularly posts about online and personal safety resources on social media and has resources for parents to help start those important safety conversations, whether your kids are tots or teens. [Learn more.](#)

Parents – stay in the know and keep up to date with your child's new game/app. Visit [ProtectKidsOnline.ca](#) to learn about online interests and risk, plus tips on starting conversations at home!

Presentations to/for Members

While face-to-face meetings are restricted in the current environment, we are still here and available to present or attend and speak at your DPAC meeting. If you are interested in having



BCCPAC speak to your parent community about issues relating to K-12, [email our office](#) to discuss further and arrange a date.

Key Dates and Events

June 30

Gaming Grant applications deadline for Fall 2021

Sept 8

Back to School

Sept 30

Orange Shirt Day

Nov 19-20

DPAC Leadership Summit

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If you are a member but you aren't receiving regular emails from us like this monthly newsletter, [email our office](#) to ensure we have the correct information for you on file. If you aren't a member and wish to receive communications, [opt in for updates on our web homepage](#).

10. PAC Meeting Schedule for the 2021/22 school year and AGM. First meeting will be September 23, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. Link to follow. AGM in October.

11. Other Business: Concerns brought forward by parent Rachel Maurice regarding whether a COVID vaccine will be required before returning to school in the Fall. Answer: There is no

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discussion at any level in the Province that suggests there will be any vaccine mandate to return to school in the Fall. There are no vaccines of any kind that are mandatory to attend public K-12 school in BC. This is simply not happening, and there is no evidence that any proposal is being brought forward at any level of government regarding any mandatory vaccines of any kind. Dr. Maurice's concerns regarding vaccine efficacy and safety profile, as well as the right of mature minors to consent to vaccination despite parental objections, is well outside the scope of PAC. Dr. Maurice is welcome to bring her parent concerns forward to DPAC on June 15th for comment from trustees or superintendent.

12. Thank you to Julie Reimer for her many years of dedication to PAC. You are an inspiration, and we will miss you. Have a wonderful summer, and see you in September.

13. Adjournment.