

# MINUTES



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

**Date:** January 23, 2020

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

**Attendance:**

**Special Guests:** Donna Wright, District Principal  
Phil Anderson, School Trustee

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

**7:05pm**      Donna Wright, Early Learning Presentation

- Works with 0 – 5 years (Strong Start, Parent and tot) and K – Grade 3
- Partners with the community

Ready, Set, Learn

- Sponsored and paid for by the Ministry of Education
- Welcome to Kindergarten, welcome to school
- 3 Ts – Talk, take turns and talk back
- Brain is 95% developed by 5 years old
- Children need to feel safe, secure and loved
- \*\* Need to learn not to use the phone so much, interact more with the child, the child is watching you, even if you are still talking to them while using the phone they are observing what is known as the “flat face effect”
- Go out for a walk with your children, be out in nature, the average child plays an average of 7 minutes of outside free play per day, talk about colors, shapes, textures of what you are seeing
- Let your child play, let them play with other children, solve their own problems, explore. “The way a child wants to play is often not the way the parent wants them to play. If it’s safe, let them play...the child knows best”
- Play is spontaneous, voluntary, flexible, disorganized. Organized sports/dance classes are not forms of play
- Rules for spontaneous play – by yourself or with friends, doesn’t have to be adult orientated or even supervised, check ins, at times they will face disappointments, will not always get their own way
- Through okay we learn social skills, how to interact with others, practice feelings like self-control and empathy, how to solve problems, learn to calm and self soothe, learn disappointment, learn how to take calculated and safe risks

- Help child learn independence by letting them zip/unzip own backpack, choose own snacks, open/close containers, pack their lunch
- \*\*Read, read, read, read, read, read to your child. When you are reading, talk about what you are reading. It's not just about reading, it's about the family time. If you can't read you can still read a book through its pictures
- Try and have the serve and return...you say something, I say something...5 times back and forth

**7:35pm** November's Minutes – approved

**7:45pm** Treasurer's Report - 3823.94 balance

**7:55pm** BCCPAC – Proxy's – Kandyce Wark

- DPAC will start coming to PACs for Proxy's for voting at BCCPAC
- If you are not attending BCCPAC, please read through resolutions (posted at the end of Feb) as you will need to have a conversation and decide within your PAC which way you would like to vote
- DPAC reps will be coming around in April to collect all proxy's of those not attending BCCPAC Conference and AGM
- All info will come out to PACs by email

**8:10pm** DPAC Bylaws – Kandyce Wark

**8:20pm** Open Floor – Sherri

#### Busing

- Jan 27, 2020 1900-2100hrs Transportation Review, please attend. Changes will be coming not only for transport to and from school but also to fieldtrips
- The current system is not sustainable
- The District is open to all suggestions...please attend the meeting

#### Calendar

- Calendar and 2-week spring break options for next year is still not confirmed, stay tuned. This info should be available in the coming months

BCCPAC bursaries

- Please look on the websites and nominate any stand out parents and/or students within the District deserving of an award
- <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards/educational-award>

**9:00pm**      **Adjourned**

**Next meeting is** Feb 27, 2020

In attendance is Dr. Kevin Godden and ray Velustuk