



Date: April 24, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Online on Zoom

Executives in Attendance: Shannon Rose, Chair
Michelle Bastien, Vice Chair
Tracey Lamoureux, Treasurer
Winsome Rauch, Secretary
Amy McKenzie, Director

Attendance: See Zoom Attendance list attached.

Special Guests: Deputy Superintendent and Acting Secretary Treasurer Nathan Ngieng
Trustee Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

1 Call to Order

Chair Shannon Rose called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. A quorum was met.

2 Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

3 Special Guests: Deputy Superintendent and Acting Secretary Treasurer Nathan Ngieng and Trustee Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

Deputy Superintendent and Acting Secretary Treasurer Nathan Ngieng shared updates on the district's secondary schools, restating mission of preparing students for lifelong success through innovative, individualized education. The district includes five secondary schools, two middle/secondary schools, an alternative school, and an online school.

Key goals include improving literacy and numeracy for Grades 9–12 and supporting student well-being through engagement, belonging, and mental health initiatives. While some assessment results have declined, staff are working to re-engage students and boost outcomes.

Successes include community-based engagement, programs like IB at Abbotsford Senior and the School of Business and Science at Hansen, and improved transitions via UFV partnerships. Communication with families is maintained through newsletters, events, and social media.

Indigenous initiatives such as the Family Gathering, Elders Teas, and Indigenous Role Model Ceremony celebrate student achievements. The district will continue promoting student voice, expanding passion-based learning, and measuring well-being through the Youth Development Instrument survey.

4 Q&A with Special Guests: Deputy Superintendent and Acting Secretary Treasurer Nathan Ngieng and Trustee Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

4.1 Online booking for Parent Teacher Interviews

A concern was raised about the lack of an online parent-teacher appointment booking system, saying that it previously existed at their school but was discontinued. The current process requires parents to email multiple teachers individually, often resulting in time-consuming back-and-forth communication, which was described as inefficient and a barrier to parent engagement. Deputy Superintendent and Acting Secretary Treasurer Ngieng acknowledged the issue and said he would investigate streamlining the process. Other members mentioned that their schools do still offer online booking.

4.2 Evening appointments for Parent Teacher Interviews

Another concern was raised about the absence of evening appointment options at some schools, making it difficult for working parents to meet with teachers. Ngieng responded that this would also be taken back for consideration.

5 Approval of the Minutes from February 27, 2025

Secretary Winsome Rauch presented the minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting.

It was MOVED by Secretary Winsome Rauch and SECONDED by Chair Shannon Rose THAT the minutes of the February 27, 2025 Meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

6 Treasurer report

Treasurer Tracey Lamoureux provided Closing G/L Account balances

6.1 Abbotsford DPAC General Account Summary April 24, 2025

Opening Balance as of February 27, 2025	\$ 5496.06
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Add:

Less:

Closing Balance as of April 24, 2025	\$ 5496.06
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6.2 Abbotsford DPAC Gaming Account Summary April 24, 2025

Opening Balance as of February 27, 2025	\$ 5153.79
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Closing Balance as of April 24, 2025	\$ 5153.79
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7 New Business

7.1 BCCPAC

The BCCPAC Conference will be held on May 23, and the AGM will take place May 24–25. If your PAC cannot send a representative, please complete the proxy form sent by DPAC on April 24. Be sure to include your school's name and signatures from two executive members.

A question was raised regarding the cost for online participation. It was explained that voting software is expensive, which likely accounts for the fee.

7.2 BCeID and Gaming Grant Applications

The application window is April 1 to June 30. Late applications are not accepted.

Ensure your PAC has a business BCeID. Chair Shannon Rose conducted a screen share walkthrough to demonstrate how to apply, which is needed to submit the Gaming Grant application. For any issues, please email dpac.sd34@gmail.com.

7.3 DPAC Nominations

All DPAC positions for the 2025–2026 term are open for nomination. Elections will be held at the DPAC AGM on May 22. Information about the roles and application process will be posted in the coming weeks. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the AGM.

7.4 Parent Night Series

PACeS Session: April 29, 7:00–8:30 pm at Clayburn Middle School.

Fraser Health will present on Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences, the impact of trauma on families, and coping strategies.

7.5 Abbotsford School District

7.5.1 Public Budget Info Night – May 8, 6 pm

Scheduled for May 8 at 6:00 pm. PAC Chairs are encouraged to attend in person or send a representative. The session will also be available online. A special guest presenter is expected.

7.6 Upcoming Board Meetings

Board Meeting – May 13, 6 pm

Board Meeting – Jun 17, 6 pm. The 2025–2026 budget will be presented and approved.

8 Question Period

8.1 Food Vendors

At both high schools and middle schools, what are the most popular food vendors during lunch times? One popular vendor mentioned was J's Pizza.

8.2 Low Parent Participation

A PAC member shared that during their school's AGM, there was very low participation—only one or two parents showed interest, and those parents were new to the country. Most current members are leaving, and there is concern that if no one steps up, the PAC will not meet the minimum requirement to apply for the Gaming Grant next year.

The response is that it's essential to have at least three people for signing authority. The group was advised to send an email to the entire school community, explaining what is at stake, such as the loss of Gaming Grant funds, the absence of a hot lunch program, and other PAC-supported activities. Clearly outline the impact if positions aren't filled by the end of the year.

- Have principal help to communicate the urgency.
- Recruit again before first PAC meeting in September.
- Reach out to elementary feeder schools and ask them to post information on their Facebook pages.
- Identify the PAC chairs at feeder schools and invite them to your AGM. If they have a child registered at your school for the upcoming year, they are eligible to take on a PAC position.

9 Next Meeting

May 22, 2025, 7 pm at the School Board Office (no zoom)

10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Zoom Attendance

Name (original name)
Shannon Rose - DPAC Chair (Shannon Rose)
Nathan Ngieng - Abbotsford School District
Becky Williams# Chief Dan George Middle Vice-Chair (Becky Williams, Vice-Chair)
Pinkey Bhatti - South Poplar (SD34 DPAC Zoom #1)
parampreet kaur grewal
Rani Prakash (South Pop and ATS) (Rani Prakash)
Winsome Rauch# DPAC Secretary (Winsome Rauch)
Dawn# Jackson Elementary (Dawn Dyck)
Tracey Lamoureux - DPAC/Bateman
Amy MacKenzie (Amy MacKenzie)
Stephanie Setala-Rick Hanson Sec. (Stephanie Setala)
Rupi Kanda-Rajwan# Abbotsford School Trustee (Rupi Rajwan)
Amanda# Ecole Centennial Park (Dr. Degenhardt)
jas b ats pac (SD34 DPAC Zoom #1)
Amanda Dundass Terry Fox
Michelle Bastien- DPAC Vice Chair/Fraser/Yale (SD34 DPAC Zoom #1)