



District Parent Advisory Council

# DPAC Pulse

October 2016

## DPAC Executive Updates

Here are a few of the things that are going on with the DPAC Executive:

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### DPAC Secretary needed

If you are interested in getting more involved with PACs at the district level, then you're in luck! The DPAC executive currently has a vacancy in the secretary position and we are looking to fill it. If you are interested in being a part of the DPAC executive, please contact the office, or come talk to an executive at one of the General Meetings.

### Special Stand Alone Speaking Event with Tamara Banks

Tamara Banks will be joining us in a stand alone speaker session to present about the RULER Approach: Building Emotionally Literate Schools, Communities and Families, on Nov 7, at 7:00pm. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information and links to register, visit the DPAC website at [www.dpac43.ca](http://www.dpac43.ca)

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“Education is the manifestation of perfection already existing in man.”

— Swami Vivekananda

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### DPAC Outreach

Would you like a member of the DPAC43 executive team to attend one of your school's PAC meetings? We will gladly attend to provide info on how DPAC can support you, bring your attention to available resources and answer any and all questions you may have. If this interests you, please contact our office or speak to one of the executive at the next general meeting.

## CONTACT US:

Got questions, comments, suggestions, or looking for a way to reach out to other PACs and their parents?  
Please contact the DPAC at:

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## DPAC executive for the 2016/2017 school year

Below are the DPAC executives for this year, along with their email addresses to contact them. Also, you can visit the website ([dpac43.ca](http://dpac43.ca)) and click on the "About" tab to peruse the full colour headshots and read the bios of each executive in order to get to know them a little better.

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### Make the Newsletter and Website Work for Your PAC!

If you have an event at your school that you would like to get the word out to others in the district, then the DPAC is here to help! Our newly revamped website has a place to advertise the things going on at your school. It's called "At Our School" and it features news and announcements from schools in our district. If you are interested in having something put on the website, just contact the DPAC, either through the office, to [charlie@dpac43.org](mailto:charlie@dpac43.org) or through the website, and we will get it posted on our website.

In addition to the website, we can also feature events from your school on the newsletter. These are just two great ways to help get the word out about the things that are happening at your school!

# What Does That Stand For? Making Sense of Acronyms

It's happened to all of us: sitting in a meeting or listening to a presentation and the speaker starts using acronyms or jargon that we haven't heard before and we're left sitting there wondering what that four letter acronym stands for and why everyone in the room is laughing like it was the funniest joke they ever heard. In an effort to save you from laughing along with a joke you don't get or nodding along sagely with everyone else while you quietly try to think of what that weird jumble of letters could stand for, we have assembled a list of common (and not-so-common) abbreviations and acronyms that you may encounter at a DPAC, School Board or other meeting where public education is discussed.

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|---------------|---|---------------|--|
| <b>ABCDE</b>  | Association of BC Deans of Education          | <b>ECEBC</b>  | Early Childhood Educators of BC                    |
| <b>ACEBC</b>  | Association for Community Education in BC     | <b>FOIPPA</b> | Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act |
| <b>AGM</b>    | Annual General Meeting                        | <b>FSA</b>    | Foundation Skills Assessment                       |
| <b>BCCPAC</b> | BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils  | <b>FTE</b>    | Full Time Equivalent                               |
| <b>BCPSEA</b> | BC Public School Employers' Association       | <b>GAAP</b>   | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles           |
| <b>BCPVPA</b> | BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association | <b>IEP</b>    | Individual Education Plan                          |
| <b>BCSSA</b>  | BC School Superintendents' Association        | <b>IRP</b>    | Integrated Resource Package                        |
| <b>BCSTA</b>  | BC School Trustees Association                | <b>KEV</b>    | Cash management software for schools               |
| <b>BCTC</b>   | BC Teachers' Council                          | <b>LDAC</b>   | Learning Disabilities Association of Canada        |
| <b>BCTF</b>   | BC Teachers' Federation                       | <b>LIF</b>    | Learning Improvement Fund                          |
| <b>CAP</b>    | Canadian Association of Principals            | <b>LWB</b>    | Learning Without Boundaries                        |
| <b>CAPP</b>   | Career & Personal Planning                    | <b>MCDFD</b>  | Ministry for Children & Family Development         |
| <b>CEA</b>    | Canadian Education Association                | <b>MDI</b>    | Middle Development Instrument                      |
| <b>CHSF</b>   | Canadian Home and School Federation           | <b>MOE</b>    | Ministry of Education                              |
| <b>CMEC</b>   | Council of Ministers of Education             | <b>NSBA</b>   | National School Boards Association                 |
| <b>CPF</b>    | Canadian Parents for French                   | <b>PAC</b>    | Parent Advisory Council                            |
| <b>CSBA</b>   | Canadian School Boards Association            | <b>PEN</b>    | Personal Education Number                          |
| <b>CTA</b>    | Coquitlam Teachers Association                | <b>PRO-D</b>  | Professional Development                           |
| <b>CTF</b>    | Canadian Teachers' Federation                 | <b>SEA</b>    | Special Education Assistant                        |
| <b>CUPE</b>   | Canadian Union of Public Employees            | <b>SEL</b>    | Social Emotional Learning                          |
| <b>DASH</b>   | Directorate of Agencies for School Health     | <b>SLC</b>    | Student Leadership Council                         |
| <b>DLT</b>    | District Leadership Team                      | <b>SPC</b>    | School Planning Council                            |
| <b>DPAC</b>   | District Parent Advisory Council              | <b>TOC</b>    | Teacher on Call                                    |



## Riverside Secondary School *Annual Winter Market*

Date: November 19, 2016

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Place: 2215 Reeve Street,  
Port Coquitlam

Get ready to shop till you drop! The 21st annual Riverside Secondary Winter Market will take place on November 19th 2016 at the school — 2215 Reeve Street in Port Coquitlam.

Shoppers will be able to browse over 100 artisans and vendors showcasing a variety of goods just in time for Christmas shopping.

Enter draws for amazing prizes, buy baked goods and more!

**Tickets:** Only \$2 available at the door (cash). Children 12 and under are free.

All proceeds go to the dry grad celebrations for the 2017 graduating class.

*Calling all artisans! Applications are accepted until November 7th depending on availability. We love bringing new artisans to the show.*



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