

Staff Report



October 8, 2019

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Re **District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Financial Request**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve the allocation of district funds to the District Parent Advisory Council to assist with BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council memberships for Parent Advisory Councils, to a maximum total of \$3,500 annually.

BACKGROUND:

We have received a request from the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) to provide financial assistance for Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) to support membership with the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC).

BCCPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan charity representing the parents and guardians of over 565,000 children attending provincial public schools. BCCPAC promotes, supports and advances meaningful parent/guardian participation throughout the public education system in order to advocate for the success of all students. With membership, BCCPAC promotes leadership, training, communication, cooperation and representation in BC at the school, school district and provincial level.

Programs and Services:

- Spring Parent Engagement Conference and AGM
- DPAC Summit
- Our Voice Publication
- Outreach to PACs/DPACs
- Advocacy Support for Parents

The annual membership is \$75 per PAC. In prior years, DPAC covered the cost of memberships as they had surplus funds. Last year, DPAC paid for 23 memberships. This number is less than what would have been anticipated simply due to late PAC application submissions. The DPAC surplus funds are now depleted and as individual PACs are prohibited from using their gaming funds to pay for memberships, covering them would be a financial hardship for a number of schools.