

## DLG DPAC Newsletter – December 2025/January 2026

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Hello, My name is Jennifer Durham. I'm the **District PAC Representative** this year on the DLG PAC. In the last newsletter, I provided some basic info on "What is DPAC". In the coming newsletters I'll provide some more detailed information on the DPAC.

### What are the DPAC working groups?

[\(1\) DPAC Groups – Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council](#)

**Active Transportation & Safe Routes Working Group** – Advocating for safe, sustainable, and accessible transportation to schools.

**Facilities & Childcare Working Group** – Advocating for safe and accessible spaces for enrolling students and child care in the district.

**Food Framework Working Group** – Advocating for a universal healthy school food program.

**Health & Safety Working Group** – Advocating for well being and air quality.

**Inclusive Education Working Group** – Advocating for increased supports for students with special needs and disabilities.

### Important!

The next **District PAC General meeting** will take place **online on Thursday January 22 at 7pm**. The McCreary Centre Society will be the guest speaker, and will discuss a new youth led report on **Youth Vaping and Nicotine Use**. ALL parents and guardians of Vancouver School Board (VSB) students are welcome to attend: [District PAC January 22 Meeting link](#).

Also, parents and guardians are encouraged to provide their feedback to the VSB budget survey for 2026-2027. Link: [Help shape VSB's 2026–2027 financial plan Survey](#)

### November DPAC Meeting Summary:

The first speaker at the November DPAC meeting were Dr. Anna Stokke, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Winnipeg. She spoke on the importance of early memorization of math facts. Here are her website and a couple of the resources she discussed:

[Anna Stokke, Mathematics Professor, University of Winnipeg | UniversityofWinnipeg](#)

[Brian Poncy Facts on Fire | math fact fluency](#)

[Acadience® Reading Diagnostic: CFOL Workshop](#)

We also heard from parent leader Rebecca McInnes who is working on sibling priority policy revisions. There is now a petition you can consider signing and sharing:

<https://www.change.org/p/implement-sibling-priority-in-vsbschools-for-grades-1-7>

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### Volunteer Opportunity

The DPAC chair, in partnership with the VSB's senior management, is looking for a parent volunteer to serve as the **DPAC's Administrative Procedures Representative at a VSB subcommittee**.

The person would participate in consultations regarding VSB Administrative Procedure, report proposed changes to the DPAC, provide parent/DPAC feedback to the VSB, and report status updates through the DPAC website.

They would need to be available for weekday daytime meetings, familiar with word processing tools, and comfortable with activities such as document review (including tracking changes) and posting information to the web.

Please contact the DPAC chair, Melanie Cheng, at [chair@vancouverdpac.org](mailto:chair@vancouverdpac.org).

### Upcoming!

Presentation from Family Smart at the February DPAC General Meeting, which will be online at 7pm, February:

[FamilySmart - Together-Centred™ for Child & Youth Mental Health](#)

### Additional Resources

Additional links that relate to the content of this newsletter are provided below.

[Youth and vaping in B.C.: Here's what to know | Vancouver Sun](#)

[Recently Released: Results of youth-led survey on vaping and nicotine pouch use | McCreary Centre Society](#)

[bc youth vaping and nicotine pouches 2025.pdf](#)

[Why some siblings in the same family end up having to go to different schools across Vancouver | On The Coast | On Demand | CBC Listen](#)

VSB Administrative Procedure 300-  
ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL CHOICE  
[https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_300\\_admission\\_to\\_school.9be67c14473.pdf](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_300_admission_to_school.9be67c14473.pdf)