

Hello, My name is Jennifer Durham. I'm the **District PAC Representative** this year on the DLG PAC.

What is DPAC?

[Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council](#)

"The Vancouver DPAC represents the collective voice of parents and caregivers in Vancouver public schools. We are dedicated to supporting parent engagement, fostering communication between families and the Vancouver School Board (VSB), and advocating for equitable education opportunities for all students.

Advocacy – We amplify parent and caregiver voices on education policies for the benefit of students and school communities

Representation – We represent collective views at the district level

Support – We provide resources, training and guidance to Parent Advisory Councils

Events and Workshops – We host guest speakers, forums, and informational sessions"

What Is the role of the DPAC Rep?

I attend monthly DPAC general meetings virtually and report back to the DLG community through the DLG PAC. If there is a vote at the general meeting, I represent DLG. **All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the DPAC General Meetings**; however, only the DPAC rep votes.

OK. Do you have anything to report?

Yes! I've attended two meetings so far – September and October. The general meetings are at 7pm on the third Thursdays of each month. Here are some of the highlights and associated resources that you may find interesting or helpful:

Cathie McMillain from Dyslexia BC. Presented at the October meeting in recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month. She spoke about her experiences parenting children with dyslexia and discovering that she herself is dyslexic – as an adult. She spoke about the new K-12 Provincial Learning Strategy. Here is a link to her presentation notes: [Screening What it is and Why we need to do it - Google Docs](#).

In September, C'Tan (Marjorie Dumont) and Francois Raunet from the First Nations Steering Education Committee (FNESC) [First Nations Education Steering Committee FNESC – Quality First Nations Education in BC](#) spoke about Indigenous perspectives on the FSA Skills Testing that occurs in Grade 4 and 7. I will work on getting a link to the presentation to include in a future newsletter.

Several Advocacy initiatives are ongoing. One is to help the various Vancouver Alternate Secondary School [VSB Alternate and Alternative Programs Vancouver Alternate Secondary School](#) programs their own PAC.

The DPAC Facilities and Childcare Working Group [Groups – Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council](#) has been working to ask for more up to date data to be used in school planning initiatives and advocating against closing, leasing or subdividing schools such as Fleming and Carleton. Here is a link to a brief sent to the Ministry of Education from the DPAC chair that is also accessible on the DPAC website: [open-facilities-planning-agenda-2025-nov-5.4b8ae784.907.pdf](#). A VSB online survey related to Carleton is open until November 26. [Proposed closure of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School](#).