

DPAC FALL SUMMIT REPORT
TO SD 6 PACS
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Agenda Topics:

Ministry of Education - Minister - Hon. Rob Flemming & Deputy Minister – Scott MacDonald

- Restoration of the contract language - \$581,000,000, over 3000 additional hires, working with post-secondary to train enough teachers for the ongoing demand, as there are now not enough T. O.C.'s
- Abolished Adult Basic Education Fees – It is now possible to upgrade your high school courses at no fee
- BCCPAC Funding has been doubled from 1,000,000 -2,000,000. The new gov't has met with BCCPAC staff 8 times since they came into office in July. BCCPAC has been effectively lobbying for parent interests. BCCPAC has been asked to create a committee to consult with MoE on changes to playground funding – Chenoa Paccagnan of SD 6 has volunteered to be on this committee

BCPSEA (BC Public School's Employer's Assoc.)– Renzo del Negro

- Update on the long history of labour negotiations with School District Employees
- Recommended that the way for parents to have impact on labour negotiations is to work through their local school district to bring priorities to the table

Student Services – Melissa Horner, Director of the Ministry of Education

- **Funds available for students**
 - 1) \$1200 RESP Grant for all students born 2006 and later
 - 2) District Authority scholarships - 5500 scholarships of \$1250.00
 - 3) BC Excellence Scholarships – 55 scholarships of \$5000
 - 4) Education Program Scholarships – 20 scholarships of \$5000
- **Student Transcripts**

Student Transcripts - are now available online at www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca . Students can now, view, access and email transcripts to institutions. At this same site they can see if they have been awarded any scholarships. To access info students need to know their PEN (Personal Education Number) and have BC ID. It is recommended that student's start viewing their transcripts in 10th Gr to ensure that Grades logged are correct.

Family Portal – My Ed BC – Eleanor Liddy, Executive Director of the Ministry of Education

MyEdBC is enterprise level software that is used by 56/60 public school districts in BC. MyEd has an electronic grade book function, which can be used by teachers to calculate marks. The software also has a Family Portal function, which if used by a teacher, allows for communication to parents about student learning.

(SD6 is one of the Districts using My Ed. Currently in SD6 teachers have options for communicating student learning, beyond standard report cards, that include using FreshGrade, which is web based software separate from MyEdBC, or other options such as scheduling conferences, or using other paper based formats. The MyEd Family Portal is not currently used by SD6 teachers.)

Rick Hansen Foundation – Marika Dommelen, Program Coordinator

The Rick Hansen Foundation has inclusive programming modules for all grades that fits into the new curriculum. We have ordered a hard copy of the program modules for the school district. These modules are all available online at www.rickhansen.com/schools

Worksafe BC -

Safety Instruction begins at home. Teach our children to trust their instincts when they do not feel safe and to speak up about safety and hazards. They have Health and Safety speakers available for schools. They are high quality speakers and they are free.

Inclusive Education – Jen Mcrae, ADM Learning Division Ministry of Education

Current focus on Children in Care. -Children in Care guidelines have been released this year allowing the MoE and the MCFD to work more closely together with the sharing of information about children in care in order to better care for each child in care.

Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Education in BC – Matt Caruthers MoE Lead on ARC Foundation

(Note - The Arc Foundation is a philanthropic organization that supports marginalized people and is currently focused on LGTBQ issues)

- supporting students of all sexual orientations and gender identity – SOGI policy