

DPAC Update

Looking for input on following two topics:

1. Measurable effects of not having a distinct anti-racism mentor in the district; and
2. Problems in PAC/admin relationships.

Your input will help inform ongoing discussions with VSB senior management. Input on any other topic is always welcome, too.

Upcoming DPAC Events

- **Thursday, Feb 7, 7-9pm** – [DPAC Executive Meeting](#) Rm 120, Vancouver Education Centre 1580 W. Broadway
- **Thursday, Feb 28, 7-9pm** – [DPAC General Meeting: Supporting Caregivers of Students with Diverse Learning Needs](#) Rm 180, Vancouver Education Centre 1580 W. Broadway
- **NOTE:** DPAC meetings are open to all parents and guardians of children in VSB schools. Voting is limited to DPAC executives at executive meetings and PAC representatives at general meetings, but all attendees may otherwise participate in the meetings.

DPAC wishes to acknowledge the ancestral, traditional and unceded Indigenous territories of the Coast Salish Peoples and in particular, the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations on whose territory we work, live and play.

Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
February General Meeting

Supporting Caregivers of Students with Diverse Learning Needs

Thursday February 28th
7:00-9:00pm (doors open at 6:45pm)
Vancouver Education Centre
Room 180 - 1580 W Broadway

All VSB parents & guardians welcome to attend.
Childcare available with 48 hr notice

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Upcoming PAC Events Open to the Wider Community

- **Wednesday, Feb 27, 7pm**, Tye Elementary PAC is proud to host Roger Haskett speaking on the **Power Of Play**. He focuses on The Power of Play to motivate you through many facets of being a parent, an individual, and a member of your community. We are very lucky to have Roger at Tye. He spoke to us last year and wanted to open up the evening to more schools so more parents could benefit from his brilliant take on Play! He is a fun and dynamic speaker - we promise this will be an evening to remember! Tickets are \$4 and are available at <https://powerofplayattye.eventbrite.com> ([poster](#))

Expand/Embrace Your Indigenous Knowledges

- **Indigenous Awareness** – A FREE self-paced course offered by BCIT. Three self-paced modules in this course were created to promote and increase understanding about Indigenous people and their place and space in Canada, past and present. Together, the modules will provide you with a foundational knowledge of Indigenous people in the hopes that when the true history and contemporary reality of Indigenous people is known, Reconciliation can begin. It should take about 2 hours in total to complete the entire course and you will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end. To get access to the Indigenous Awareness course, send an e-mail to techhelp@bcit.ca asking for an account and access to the Indigenous Awareness online course. Please provide your first and last names.
- Indigenous Arts & Stories Contest is open to Canadians of Indigenous ancestry (self-identified Status, Non-Status, Inuit and Métis) between the ages of 6 and 29. Deadline is March 31. For more details: <http://www.our-story.ca/guidelines/>
- [Giant Indigenous Peoples Atlas floor map will change the way you see Canada](#)