

Tuesday November 19

1. Catchment changes due to Snine Elementary opening. Round one consultations ended. The likely changes will result in increased enrolment at Sa-Hali Secondary and less pressure on South Kamloops Secondary School.
2. DPAC has requested a presentation from the District on the RCMP Liaison Officer program in our district.
3. School Board Land disposition public consult wrapped up on the 3 properties in Sa-Hali, Brock, Fort John. Only two can legally be disposed of and the Board has voted to do so: Little Fort and Parkcrest. DPAC will be sending a letter to the Ministry to express opposition to the sale of these parcels due to future growth needs and a possibility of utilizing smaller parcels for education/early childhood education purposes in the district.

DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY- TRUSTEE



Location: 2393 Parkcrest Avenue, Kamloops, 1.82 Acres **Est. Value:** **\$1,980,000**



Location: 435 Arrowstone Drive Adjacent to Sa-Hali Secondary School, 1.29 Acres **Est. Value:** **\$ 562,000**



Location: 216 Highway 24 in Little Fort, 1.207acre parcel and former school building. **Est. Value:** **\$180,000**

We have consulted the public and community partners on their thoughts about best uses of the three pieces of property and whether they support the sale of them for the Board's Capital Fund.



4. There was a province wide school facilities meeting organized by parents, former BCCPAC members. This was organized as a virtual town hall open to all parents in BC public schools as this committee was unsupported and stifled in their advocacy at BCCPAC level. Their work can be followed on Medium:

<https://medium.com/@BCEducationFacilitiesCommittee> . Outside of capital funding advocacy topics like inclusive playgrounds, indoor air quality, and transportation were discussed.

5. SD73 DPAC was a successful BC School Streets Initiative applicant and two members of the Transportation Committee were selected to participate in the bi-monthly Community of Practice virtual gatherings to assist in the school selection process. DPAC is aiming for Spring 2026 to launch the program at a local school. Read more about the program [here](#).
6. Inquiry about school zone designation due to near misses near schools. DPAC followed up with the City of Kamloops and is waiting for a response.
7. Walking distance to school. School Bus and Transportation of Students. Guidelines and exceptions discussed.
8. Transportation Committee asking parents to actively advocate for student safety throughout City of Kamloops Budget 2025 public consultations. Safety and Security Committee is tasked with the built environment while Livability and Sustainability Committee focuses on overall community goals. Vision Zero has been adopted by council; however, no funding has been allocated for its implementation to date.
9. Ralph Bell made a plea to DPAC to assist them in continued advocacy to ensure that the school grounds are safe for children throughout the day. There were 7 incidents of drug paraphernalia found on school grounds between Sep-Nov 2024. This has led to a discussion on safety protocols and administrative procedures (AP's) that are in place from the district, regardless of the nature of the safety issues. Each principal is guided by AP's. Ultimately, the district is responsible for the safety of the students in our district.
10. Movie licenses available to SD73 schools from the district and PACs are taking this opportunity to have movie nights and fundraise. An event and school community building opportunity.

11. Sex Ed. Consent education and program implementation.

2. Inclusive Sexual Health

Question: Parents are unsure how inclusive sexual health is taught, when, and which grades. They also asked for an explanation of the consent cafe and how we are going to continue this work and are we continuing to work with TRU staff?

Answer: Inclusive Sexual Health:

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THEIR FUTURE

"Sexual health" falls under the pillars of *Social and Community Health* and *Mental Well-being* and is taught as part of the mandated Physical and Health Education (PHE) Curriculum for grades K-10, with consent education spanning K-12.

Teachers are required to teach sexual health every semester (high school) or every year (elementary) as part of the PHE curriculum. The timing of these lessons is flexible, though most teachers opt to teach them after relationships and classroom norms have been well established.

Consent Café

The Consent Café is an activity-based consent and sexual violence prevention educational program for children, youth, and young adults. It employs a K-12 model, introducing prevention education early with the goal of scaffolding learning throughout a student's educational journey. The Consent Café aligns with the BC Government's PHE curriculum, addressing objectives such as healthy sexual decision-making, sources of health information, healthy relationships, and strategies to protect oneself and others from exploitation, abuse, and harm. Our Health and Promoting Schools Coordinator will meet with the TRU Consent Café facilitators to explore delivery models.

12. TTOC funding. Parents had questions about the \$100K TTOC funding allocated by the School Board to the Secondary Schools Athletics teams. Dr.Nixon explained this was to assist the teams who do not have parent volunteers to run the teams. A similar program exists at an elementary level. This funding covers extracurricular athletic activities.

13. Playgrounds. How do they get replaced? Art McDonald has criteria from the Ministry and evaluates them periodically.

Re: Answers to questions raised at DPAC, Nov. 19, 2024

Dear Bonnie,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide responses to parents' questions that were raised at DPAC on November 19, 2024. The questions that were raised are addressed below.

1. Playgrounds

Question: How do we determine where our school is on a list of playground replacements?

Answer: The current playground order for the top 10 is as follows:

1. Sun Peaks - new playground
2. Dallas Elementary - replacement
3. Bert Edwards School - replace wooden playground
4. Lloyd George Elementary - replace 8th and Dominion playground
5. Arthur Stevenson Elementary - replace Soldier Road playground
6. Barriere Elementary - replace blue playground
7. Kay Bingham Elementary - replace older playground
8. Beattie Elementary - replace older playground
9. Westwold Elementary - replacement
10. South Sahali Elementary - replace lower playground

Director McDonald shared that it is a "current playground order" because if we have some significant issue with a playground, the order may change. Sun Peaks, Dallas and Bert Edwards are on the current capital plan. We can only have 3 projects on the capital plan at once. Knowing we might get a maximum of 2 approved projects per year, anything not on this list would be at least 5 (likely more) away.

14. Next DPAC general meeting Tuesday January 21, 2025. 6:30 pm. On zoom and in person at the Henry Grube Centre. All are welcome.