



DPAC Newsletter

School District #43

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"Our mission is to facilitate, support and advocate for the effective involvement of parents as partners working towards excellence in education."

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 29th
General Meeting 7pm
Gallery Room
Winslow Center
- November 26th
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Gallery Room
Winslow Center
Speaker: Terry Small
- SD#43 Board Meetings 2003
7:30 pm
October 21
November 18
December 9
550 Poirier St.
Coquitlam

2003/2004 Executive

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Member @ Large	Sheila MacLean
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Administrative Assistant	Sandy Maloney

The following Executive positions are still available: BCCPAC District Associate and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact the DPAC office for job descriptions and nomination procedures.

** ex-officio member. Melissa does not actively participate on the DPAC Executive as she is now a School Board Trustee.*

How to Help Your Child Succeed In School

Terry Small, B.Ed., M.A., is a master teacher and learning skills specialist, who has taught for over 28 years. Terry has been on television, radio and in the press. He has presented his ideas to over 65,000 people.

Terry believes, "Anyone can learn how to learn easier, better, faster, and that learning to learn is the most important skill a person can acquire". Terry's wealth of teaching experience and extensive involvement in the development of study strategies and techniques make him an outstanding resource of the educational community.

Terry will be speaking at the

November 26th DPAC General Meeting from 7 to 8 pm

Please R.S.V.P. to Claude Hrycaiko, DPAC Parent Education Coordinator, at 604-942-5013 or claudio@shaw.ca

Make this your child's best year ever in school! Good grades have never been more important than they are today. "Success is a skill anyone can learn".

Tri-City News Interviews



Kate Trotter reporter for the Tri-City News sends the following message to all SD#43 PACs: "As much as possible, I seek the opinion of parent spokespeople on school issues, but it is time-consuming to track down the PAC President. If PAC reps are interested in being interviewed if issues in their school arise, they can email me at newsroom@tricitynews.com and I'll keep a list".

The NOW "Class Act"

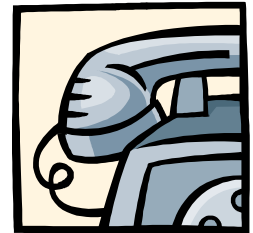
From school plays to bake sales and everything in between: The NOW wants to hear about it. They have created a space specifically for schools called "Class Act". If you have an event to promote or perhaps staff or students you wish to honour send them the school name & address, what's happening and when, and a contact name and number. Please give event promotions as much advance notice as possible. Send contributions by fax to 604-464-4977, email them to editorial@thenownews.com (with "school column" in the subject line) or drop them off at The Now office #1-2700 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam.

DPAC Advocacy Project

Our Advocacy Project continues to provide support to parents in their role as the natural advocate for their child. Any parent or guardian who needs help resolving an issue and navigating through the system can receive help from our program by calling and leaving a message on the **hotline: 604-939-0111**

We are currently looking for new advocates, either English speaking or with the ability to help families in other languages. Anyone who is interested can contact the office for an application form or pick one up at the October DPAC General meeting.

We will also be sending a package out to all school PACs over the next few months to the attention of the PAC Chair. Please look for it and make sure the brochures and poster are posted on your parent bulletin board.



2003
School Calendar:

October 24
District Pro D Day

November 11
Remembrance Day

December 19
Schools close for
Winter Vacation

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We will soon be on the
Web!
www.???ca

Feedback



Both DPAC and School District#43 are looking for feedback from schools on several issues:

[Secondary School Catchment Review Feedback Form](#)

Both individuals and PACs are welcome to submit their views to the Steering Committee. The form is available from your Principal and should be returned to the Board Office ASAP, as recommendations will be going to the Trustees by November 18th. Please note that this review does not affect any East Zone schools. New Secondary boundaries will be based on existing Elementary school catchments. Which catchment you live in will determine which high school you will attend. The SD#43 website (www.sd43.bc.ca) contains a locator feature where you can quickly determine your designated catchment.

[SD#43 Transportation Survey](#)

A review of transportation is underway in the District. A public meeting will be held in mid-November to allow members of the public to make individual/group submissions. In addition, each school PAC will be asked to complete a survey on transportation issues by the end of November. School administration and staff will also be submitting a copy of the same survey. Please keep an eye out for this District survey as the turn around time will be tight and the submission must be on behalf of the whole PAC. District-wide input is essential. It is important that all schools reply even if you do not have any students that are bused.

[School Planning Councils](#)

How is your school managing with your SPC? Are all of your parent rep positions filled? Do you meet often? Do you feel comfortable with the material? Are you receiving enough background information? DPAC would like to know if you are encountering any difficulties as well as if you are enjoying any great successes. Reply by email to the DPAC Office.

What is it?

Designing Our Future: A Blueprint for Excellence is a School District 43 strategic planning initiative. Over the course of the school year, the District will be making presentations (including one at our DPAC Orientation on October 1st) and soliciting opinions from various school and community groups. The goal is to set District long-term directions for the next 3 to 5 years. Check the SD#43 website for the next meeting date in your area.

The DPAC Newsletter is back! To save printing costs it will be distributed via email. Individual PACs can print out copies for circulation as needed. Does your PAC have a question for DPAC? Do you want to publicize an upcoming speaker, conference or school event? Submissions will be accepted from individual schools and included space permitting. The monthly deadline will be the date of the DPAC general meeting. Please email to the DPAC office with "newsletter" in the subject line.