



## District Parent Advisory Council

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### **ATTN: DPAC REPRESENTATIVES AND PAC CHAIRS**

February 19, 2009

Enclosed in this month's package, you will find a number of items related to the General Meeting of February 25, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre.

Your agenda package includes:

- Agenda for General Meeting
- Minutes from GM of January 28, 2009

Some additional information regarding the budget discussion can be found here:

2007/08 Financial Information: [District Audited Financial Statements](#)

Also please note that the day of our next meeting happens to be "Pink Shirt Day" – here's some information about this event: (and thanks to the staff and PAC at Porter Elementary for the excerpt from their newsflash!)

**"Pink Shirt Day"** – A Grade 9 boy at Central Kings Rural High School in the small community of Cambridge wore a pink polo shirt on his first day of school. Bullies harassed the boy, called him names for wearing pink and threatened to beat him up, students said. Two Grade 12 students — David Shepherd and Travis Price — heard the news and decided to take action. "I just figured enough was enough," said Shepherd. They went to a nearby discount store and bought 50 pink shirts, including tank tops, to wear to school the next day. Then the two went online to e-mail classmates to get them on board with their anti-bullying cause that they dubbed a "sea of pink." But a tsunami of support poured in the next day. Not only were dozens of students outfitted with the discount tees, but hundreds of students showed up wearing their own pink clothes, some head-to-toe. [read the rest of this story at <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2007/09/18/pink-tshirts-students.html>].

So was born Pink Shirt Day! Next Wednesday, February 25th, we are encouraging everyone in our school community to wear pink to school to support this bullying reduction program. Find a pink shirt, socks, bow, ribbon – anything pink (that one wears on the outside) counts!

The focus is to raise awareness of the impact of bullying, and to continue to learn strategies to help targets, bystanders and bullies stop the bullying.

Parents can go online to learn more about bullying at <http://prevnet.ca/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx> and Pink Shirt Day at <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>.

The DPAC Executive and I are looking forward to seeing you on February 25th.

Heidi Gable  
President



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## DPAC GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2009 – 7:00 PM GALLERY ROOM, WINSLOW CENTRE

### AGENDA

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
  - From General Meeting of January 28, 2009
3. **President's Announcements** - Heidi Gable
4. **Superintendent's Comments** - Tom Grant
5. **Introduction of Energy Programs** - Mark Clay
6. **Student Leadership Council – Go Green!** - SLC Exec
7. **Treasurer's Report** - Jason Turner
8. **Group Discussion:**
  - District Budget Recommendations
9. **Group Discussion:**
  - Planned DPAC projects (including parent ed)
10. **Networking**
11. **Adjournment**