

DPAC Met 6 times this year

There was much discussion this year around the New Curriculum. The curriculum focusses on “Big Ideas”, Core Competencies and Communicating Student Learning. Aboriginal education is also being woven into all of the curricular areas.

Chrome books and Google Apps for Education are being used in many schools. Google Apps For Education It is cloud based so the kids don't have to bring a flash drive back and forth. Teachers can post assignments, give feedback and assessment online. There was some concern brought up by DPAC members that there isn't consistency in how parents are included in this process.

DPAC members had input into the dates of the additional Professional Development days that were added to the school calendar for new curriculum. We offered input on dates that we thought would have the least impact on families, child care etc. There will be one additional pro-d next year and the year after instead of two.

On February 15 & 16 DPAC and the School District co-hosted two White Hatter online safety presentations one in the North end and one in the South.

I attended the re-visioning workshop at SANDS on Mar 9 to reflect on where the district has come over the last 5 years and what the strengths and challenges are moving forward. A new graphic has been created showing some of the main themes that were discussed.

DPAC gaming funds are earmarked for Parent Education. The Grants were revised to include a new small group grant of \$300 that a school can apply for if they host an event but invite and advertise for other schools to attend.

The \$200 individual grants and the \$600 large group grant (3 schools working together) will still be available as well.

A total of \$2200.00 in funds were granted to schools who applied. South Park took advantage of a \$200.00 grant for the Math games night again this year.