

Below is the summary of the DPAC meeting from yesterday May 24, 2023 and the notes that affects CTS:

- **Air quality and materials testing** - Update Info
 - <https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/195/facilities>
 - Find the orange/yellow binder at the Principal's office
 - See if the areas of concerns are marked
 - Binder needs to be updated every two years

- **District ban on donations for in-school events**
 - The PAC can help with fundraising for certain events
 - Students cannot be asked/volunteer to donate money for events
 - Students cannot bring money to school - Contact your administration

- **Safety Zones in Schools - City of Surrey**
 - Traffic: in high problematic areas, this should be first brought to the attention of the school principal and then forwarded to [Andrew Holland](#).
 - The district could then look at getting an assessment done to see if recommendations can be made to have the traffic pattern changed.
 - District looking resources that we as PACs can help circulate to educate parents around safety around school zones.

- **Playgrounds** - Actioned 2023-02-22
 - How are funds allotted for playgrounds?
 - School District facilities keep a list of schools that need playgrounds and submit it to the Province.
 - 25 Schools were approved last year, Holly Elementary was the only one picked in Surrey.
 - If PAC is raising money for one, the school administration needs to make sure the District is contacted to ensure that facilities are aware.

a. **Rob Rai - Surrey Safe Schools**

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/331/safe-schools>

- Program was never paused in Surrey; however, the officers do not have offices in School or station within the Schools
- There is an officer assigned to each school in the District. They will be accessible if there is an issue or concern

- Education to new-comers to the country to ensure safety and cultural awareness.
- One strategy to support a student may not fit another student. Each approach has to be customized to each student.
- Can the police talk to your kids without you?
 - Unless there is an emergency situation, the police will NOT talk to the child.
 - If your child is a victim in an emerging situation, the police may speak with them for an unfolding issue.
 - If a child is being charged or a witness, the parents need to be there when police are speaking to children.
- Can a teacher be an advocate?
 - We cannot be sure that the student-teacher relationship is positive.
 - The teacher may be called to court, if the case is pulled in that direction. We want to respect the privacy of the teachers.
 - Best process is to have a parent on call/in person, with the administration.
- What do we do about Bullying?
 - It is an on-going challenge that is evolving.
 - By nature, it occurs when adults are not in the room. With the internet availability, the occurrences have increased.
 - Children 12 and under cannot be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada. This can be frustrating for many parents.
 - Empathy and parent partnerships are important.
 - Promote positive behaviors and remind them that bad behavior is not tolerated.
 - Policies & Procedures states Self-Regulation, where students who have the ability to recognize stress levels and have the tools to calm themselves are more equipped to solve problems in a peaceful manner.
 - The District:
 - o Uses the WITS program
 - o Uses think sheets
 - o Restorative justice
 - o Giving back to the school
 - <https://sbsurreystor.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/medialib/bullyinghurts-english.ff20ab12242.pdf>
- Should the parents contact the Police about the Bullying?
 - The District cannot tell you to/or not to call the Police. It is up to the parents.
 - If the parent feels that the Police should be called, they are to do so.
 - Safe Schools may be contacted to address the problem and investigate the issue.

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- BCTF Report
 - Many participants pointed out that having SLOs not only harms many BIPOC (black, indigenous, and other people of color) students, but also doesn't offer a solution to the systemic issues caused by underfunding and austerity.
 - https://www.bctf.ca/docs/default-source/for-news-and-stories/policing-in-schools-final-report.pdf?sfvrsn=2494acaf_2
 - Surrey BIPOC - https://www.surreyschools.ca/_ci/p/143347
- Indigenous - Reconciliation, Truth and Healing
 - DPAC will focus on Indigenous student needs and supporting on-reserve kids in public schools
 - Invitation to Indigenous parents and representatives to participate with PACs and DPAC
 - Self identified Indigenous 3,250 in Surrey
 - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/14-indigenous-education/1013-trc-resources>
- Advocating for your students
 - Document everything and follow-up with an outline with what was discussed.
 - All students have a right to a full-day educational program, with the appropriate supports or accommodations, regardless of IEP or designation.
 - A child getting extra support is not dependent on funding, designation, etc The funding formula is NOT the spending formula.
 - Section 11 of the School Act: A decision by an employee that significantly affects the education, health, or safety of the student may be appealed to the Board of Education, with a decision rendered within 45 days.
 - If the appeal is denied, students, and/or parents can bring an appeal to the Superintendent to Appeals.
 - Start the appeals process early to start the clock at the beginning of a concern. Sometimes a school board needs to see appeals in order to recognize systemic issues.
 - www.surreyschools.ca/page/78236/parent-involvement

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