VANCOUVER DPAC · GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2025 • 7-9:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Executives -

Chair	Melanie Cheng	At Large:	Ishi Dinim Elizabeth Klaiber-Noble Angela Waterlow Celena Benndorf Deborah Stern Silver
Vice-Chair	David Schaub		
Treasurer			
Secretary	Sherry Breshears		

Guests/Delegations: Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educator's Society, presented by Marjorie Dumont C'tan, president, and Francoise Raunet, Vice President

Attendance:

AGENDA

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1. **Preliminary Matters**

    - Introductions: Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

    - Setting a Minute Taker
      Name of minute taker: Sherry

    - Minutes - Prior Meetings
      1.○.1. May 22, 2025, General meeting minutes for approval (link)
      Motion to approve the minutes
      Moved: Elizabeth
      2nd: Celena
      Vote: Passed unanimously.

    - Chair address (20 minutes)
      - Melanie shared slides with info. [link]

- DPAC Summary of Liabilities and Expenses (link)
  John Oliver Advocacy (link)
  - Melanie shared financials on slides (see link above)

Presentations

- **Foundation Skills Assessment and Indigenous Education Issues**
  - (15 minute presentation, 15 minute Q & A)
  Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educator's Society, presented by Marjorie Dumont C'tan, president, and Francoise Raunet, Vice President [link to presentation]
    - The speakers talked about the shortcomings of the FSA, the inequitable effects on Indigenous kids, and advised parents of their right to withdraw their children from taking the test.
    - FSA opt out: https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/research-and-education-issues/fsa
    - Discussion followed about the benefits and challenges of the FSA.

- **Facilities Update**

1.○.1. Melanie presented on behalf of the Facilities and Child Care working group - See Melanie's slide deck linked above.
  - Announcement: School Field Land Use Forum - Grandview Woodland Area Council
    GWAC Public Forum
  - Talk "More Greenspace" with your Elected Officials
    Saturday, September 27th at 5PM
    In the CFEC Room at Britannia Centre
    (1655 William Street, Second Floor)

1.○.2. Presentation - Melanie Cheng (15 minutes, Q & A 15 minutes)
  - Discussion followed.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.