

From: General DPAC *****

Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 3:23 PM

To: pierrebarns@gmail.com

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reminder SOGI parent meeting tonight at 7pm / link attached

Hi Pierre,

We have an upcoming meeting in June with the Trustees and we have added this piece for discussion to the agenda. I hope to have more for you after that meeting.

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From: pierrebarns@gmail.com <pierrebarns@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:29 PM

To: 'General DPAC' *****

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reminder SOGI parent meeting tonight at 7pm / link attached

Hi *****,

I just wanted to kindly remind you about my inquiry regarding the material in schools that we discussed earlier. I understand that you and your team are busy with other responsibilities, and I appreciate your efforts in looking into this matter.

If there is any information you need from me, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Pierre Barns
236-458-7269

From: General DPAC *****

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:26 AM

To: Pierre Barns <pierrebarns@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reminder SOGI parent meeting tonight at 7pm / link attached

Hello Pierre,

Thank you so much for all the information you provided. Please know that we are looking it over. If such material is in our schools, it is of great concern to us.

I do ask for some time and patience. As mentioned before, we are a small group of parent volunteers and so our time and knowledge is limited. However, we strive to learn and see all points of view. I appreciate your email and for bringing this matter to our attention.

Our hope for last night was to be able to have a conversation with parents actually seeking to learn and provide feedback such as this. You see, we are also parents learning about how the district and province do things. Please give us some time to look into these books and see what we come up with.

Also, I am respectfully and humbly asking that you please stop using the reply all email option. These parents did not give their consent to use their emails.

The disclosure of their information was an error on my part. Please respect their privacy.

You may continue to use Surrey DPACs email but please stop using theirs.

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On Fri, Apr 21, 2023 at 9:27 AM Pierre Barns <pierrebarns@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear DPac,

I am writing to follow up on yesterday's meeting regarding SOGI and the concerns some parents have

raised about sexually explicit material in the schools.

I would like to emphasize that it is the responsibility of the board to review and approve educational material, including books, not the Ministry of Education.

The government gave authority for education governance to locally elected school boards. School trustees are elected to local school boards to act for the legislature and for their local community. School trustees exist for the children, and their role is to guide, protect, defend, and advocate for them. Trustees partner with the parents as they provide the children with the best possible teachers and educational opportunities. The board is vicariously liable for the materials provided to children by teachers, principals, and school administrators. Parents expect the board to engage in the protection and supervision of minors in their care.

Schools have a duty of care to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students, and this includes protecting them from exposure to inappropriate material such as pornography or other explicit content. The policy and law are in place to ensure that children are not subjected to harmful or offensive materials within the school setting. If any teachers or board members are found to be promoting or distributing inappropriate material to students, immediate action should be taken to address the issue, and the removal of the inappropriate material should be immediate. Disciplinary measures should also be taken, such as termination of employment, suspension of certificate, or legal action if necessary. It is the responsibility of trustees and other school officials to ensure that all staff members are aware of the policies and laws regarding inappropriate material in schools and that they are held accountable for any violations. By taking swift and decisive action, trustees can help to ensure that children are protected from harm and that schools maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for our children.

Please take the time to read those documents:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/learning-resources>

"Boards of education have responsibility for determining how learning resources are chosen for use in schools. Boards must have policies and procedures for choosing learning resources. For curricula implemented from 2016 onwards, most educational program guides will not include a list of Ministry recommended resources. Boards may continue to use learning resources specified in educational program guides published before 2016, as appropriate. For certain courses or grades, the Ministry may still recommend the use of specific learning resources from time to time."

"The Ministry of Education and Child Care no longer conducts evaluation processes to recommend learning resources. This responsibility now rests with boards. Board policies and procedures should include a process for ensuring the list of recommended learning resources is up to date and aligned with changes in curriculum. This would include adding and removing resources from the list."

"Any concerns or challenges to the use of a learning resource should be dealt with at the district level. Boards/authorities should also develop policy and procedures to challenge the use of a learning resource."

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_06

"SCHOOL ACT [RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 412

Provision of educational program

Section 75

(7) Subject to the regulations, a board

(a) is responsible for evaluating all of the educational programs and services provided by the board, including services provided under an agreement under section 86 (1) (a), and"

Here are a few examples where actions were taken for showing inappropriate material to children in school in BC.

<https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/ProfConduct/DisciplineOutcomes/2008-06-12%20Lee,%20Thomas%20James.pdf>

<https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/ProfConduct/DisciplineOutcomes/Geisler,%20Gerald%20Douglas.pdf>

https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/ProfConduct/DisciplineOutcomes/apr12_01_remercier.pdf

<https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/ProfessionalConduct/DisciplineOutcomes.aspx>

Furthermore, **I want to inform you that the Abbotsford School District recently removed the book "Gender Queer" from their shelves due to its explicit nature.** This board should consider taking similar action, and I hope DPac would address this issue with the board, or at least forward this email to them.

Here is a link to access an email that I sent to the Surrey School District regarding this matter.

https://1drv.ms/b/s!Arfk_D4YHa72iJv2K7C1G-CPXLBxIX0?e=alQqee

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about the books. I would be happy to provide you with any additional details you may need.

The complete book review and a list of the books at the Surrey School District can be found on those links:

Book Review: <https://www.exposingsogi123.com/books-review>

Book Location: <https://www.exposingsogi123.com/books-location>

Once again, thank you for allowing parents to express their concerns during yesterday's meeting. I look

forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Pierre Barns
236-458-7269

From: Sarah Baxter <baxter_s@surreyschools.ca>

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 8:10 AM

To: *****

Cc: *****

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reminder SOGI parent meeting tonight at 7pm / link attached

Again, DO NOT REPLY ALL! I am not anti-SOGI and I do not support any of the hateful comments and slander being spread about teachers and those belonging to the LGBTQ+ community. I am an ally and want all children to feel safe, loved and accepted, to promote a future where all people are built up and become positive contributing members of our society.

DPAC cc'ing all emails was an unprofessional mistake. Remove me from your email list please.

*Thank you,
Sarah Baxter*

(she/her)

Play, disarms fear, builds connectedness, teaches social skills, teaches competencies for life.

-Dr. Karyn Purvis-

I recognize that I live, teach, learn and play on the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo Coast Salish peoples. I am grateful to raise my family and teach my students on these lands. I strive to continue learning about these traditional lands and those who nurtured this land since time immemorial.

From: *****

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 7:59 AM

To: *****

Cc: *****

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reminder SOGI parent meeting tonight at 7pm / link attached

On Thu, Apr 20, 2023 at 2:47 PM General DPAC wrote:

You are receiving this meeting link because you registered to attend the SOGI parent meeting happening tonight at 7pm via Zoom.

There will be a presentation on SOGI followed by a question period. District staff have been provided with your questions that were submitted in advance. They will address as many questions as possible within the allotted time. We will however, be posting all questions asked on our website along with the recording after editing of personal information has been completed.

Please note:

Disrespectful and rude behavior will not be tolerated. You will be warned first and if you refuse to comply, you will be removed from the meeting.

If a question has been answered, please do not ask it again as it will be dismissed.

We thank you in advance and we will see you tonight.

Surrey DPAC Executive

Surrey DPAC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SOGI Parent Meeting

Time: Apr 20, 2023 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87133580424?pwd=VnRDdVYxcmF6Vi9YRzMwM2RDdHhDZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3358 0424

Passcode: 363431

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kriOD35Ug>

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Regards,
