

DPAC Music Working Group

Are you a Vancouver parent with a child at the VSB who wants to make a difference to the future of music instruction and music in the community? Read on! Or, if this is the tl;dr (too long – didn't read) category, simply volunteer by emailing Robert Ford at robert@quokkasystems.com.

On April 2020 John White, Educational Consultant, submitted a report called the Elementary Music Program Review. On June 20, 2020 this review was presented to the Vancouver School Board Student Learning and Well-Being Committee.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Planning_and_Facilities/Long_Range_Facilities_Plan/Documents/Elementary%20Music%20Program%20Review.pdf.

On January 13, 2022, the VSB completed the first recommendation, "Establishing a Shared Mission, Vision and Strategic Directions." The DPAC participated in this process. This first step was presented to the Student Learning and Well-Being Committee on January 19.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/22_01Jan19_SLWB%20Full%20Agenda.pdf

VSB Mission Statement

The VSB K-7 Music program's mission is to provide all students with:

A consistent, robust, inclusive, experiential music program based on active music making including Indigenous musical opportunities which respect cultural protocols and nurture the unique and diverse culture of each school community.

The DPAC felt that parent focus on the remaining recommendations, listed below, was needed.

- Developing a Plan to Realize the Mission, Vision and Strategic Directions
- Actualizing the Vision and Achieving the Goals
- Resources – Instructional Space, Classroom Resources, Leadership

Therefore, the DPAC passed a motion as follows.

That DPAC strike a Music Working Group to i) provide parent input and encouragement to the VSB to ensure that all efforts are being made to update the K-7 music program as per the VSB mission statement [above], and ii) investigate supporting a parent funded district-wide extra-curricular choral program that supports the VSB's mission.

Robert Ford, former PAC Chair at Hudson Elementary, will lead the working group and is putting together a team of parents to act on the motion. The first Zoom meeting will be on Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

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<https://zoom.us/j/94331759519>

Meeting ID: 943 3175 9519

This will be a Q&A and brainstorming. Email all questions to Robert@quokkasystems.com.

See you soon!