



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

Attendees: Dorothy Singh (scribe), Dan Singh, Lani De Hek, Leslie Dobie, Yajun Yang, Muhammad Iqbal, Helena Huimi Wang, Janet Woodson, Shawn Sabourin, Karen Sabourin, Kuldeep Bharaj, Sylvia Beyer, Yvonne Meng, Liang Ling (Deanna Liu), Ji Xinyi (Tracy Ji), Sandeep Sachal, Carrie Yu, Harpreet Singh, Jasmine Zhao, Patricia Rettis Martinez, John Chow, Harwinder Arora

- Introductions were made around the table and of executive members
- Most attendees were grade 8 parents
- PAC at the high school level is very different from elementary – main function is distribution of gaming funds
- Seaquam has a special atmosphere about it because of the students and the support of parents and community

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT – Lani De Hek

- There are still 3 Member-At-Large positions available – 3 volunteers submitted their names for these positions – Harpreet Singh, Jasmine Zhagao and Sylvia Beyer

TREASURER'S REPORT – Leslie Dobie

- There is \$214.00 left from last year
- This year's grant has been deposited to our account - \$26,940.00
- The wish list from teachers was due back today and distribution will be voted on at a future meeting
- The government provides guidelines as to how the money can be spent and a limited time frame in which to spend it

DPAC REPORT – Dan Singh

Notes from May DPAC:

- Garnett Ayers (deputy superintendent for the district) is retiring
- The district is looking at policies around "sexting" – it falls under child pornography and the schools have been dealing with it over the last 4 to 6 years
- They are also banning "e-cigarettes" from school property

Notes from October DPAC:

- Doug Sheppard (district assistant superintendent) is working on a new draft K-9 curriculum which is scheduled to be introduced in the 2015-2016 school year



- The grade 10-12 curriculum is in progress as well – Jan Unwin has been hired to work on it
- The Vision Process for the district was displayed – it allows good ideas that have been discussed to be kept in the forefront and not put on the back-burner
- Emergency Preparedness bin contents need to be sent in to Frank Guyer
- Upcoming elections – there will be an all-candidates meeting for school trustee candidates at Seaquam on Wed, Nov 5 at 7:00 in the theatre

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Morgan Kyle

- On the school website, go to “for students”, then “code of conduct” to see policies and expectations for students at Seaquam
- The district website is www.deltasd.bc.ca - to see the new curriculum, go to “BC ED Plan” – “new ways of education” – the page will read “The World has Changed” – go to “actions” and find the different departments
- The draft curriculum uses 4 big ideas, with 6 content areas to study
- The new assessment of students follows a RUBRIKS model rather than “numbers-based” for grades 8 and 9 – deals more with the process of learning than attaching a number or percentage to what they’ve learned (or not learned)
- The transition to the new curriculum will take a few years
- New teachers are evaluated within the first year (where possible), then in 5 years, then every 10 years
- Enrolment this year is 1387 – at capacity. Over 90 students from out-of-district had to be turned away
- The Seaquam app is available from the app store for iphone, but doesn’t seem to work for android

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting: Nov 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the library