



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2014

Attendees: Dorothy Singh (scribe), Sue Ellis, Lani deHek, Leslie Dobie, Dan Singh, Dawn Frederickson, Val Windsor, Patricia Rettis Martinez

Meeting called to order: 6:40 pm

Approval of October and November minutes: Leslie Dobie, seconded: Sue Ellis

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT – Lani deHek and Sue Ellis

- gaming fund disbursement corrected and letters have gone out to teachers with some thank you replies
- upcoming parent evening: **Resilience/Anxiety** – Tues, Feb 25, 2014 at Delta Manor Education Center Multipurpose Room – 4570 57 Street Ladner; 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Registration fee of \$15.00 payable at the door, but registration is required
- **Partnership in Public Safety: A Community Conversation** – Wed, Feb 22, 2014 at Delta Town and Country Inn; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Sponsored by Delta Police
- It has been suggested we attempt fundraising for security cameras – someone is needed to take on the project. A suggestion: a “Love Your School” amount (ie \$5.00) per student added to school fees as an optional fee at the beginning of the year and earmarked for “security cameras” or other projects such as bleachers for gym or new electronic bill board sign on front lawn.
- (Bleachers in the gym also need replacing, are 35 years old and are a real safety hazard)
- It was suggested that the dry grad surplus (about \$1500.00) could be used for some of these projects as a legacy donation to save for the large cost of these items

DPAC REPORT – Dan Singh

- Dan volunteered to attend the Partners in Public Safety forum on Feb 22
- Frank Guyer – director of facilities – facilities.deltasd.bc.ca
- Spoke about partnership program with Fortis Alternative Energy Services – upgrading of South Delta Secondary, next big project – Delta Secondary including proposed \$18.4 million upgrade to Genesis Theater, automotive and woodworking shops and seismic upgrades
- Delta Community College being built on 116<sup>th</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> to replace existing facility on the Delview property due to open late July 2014
- Deputy Superintendent Garnet Ayers spoke about best-practices direction including Assessment for Learning. For those interested in what is all involved, look up Dylan William on youtube
- The district has invited Wab Kineu to speak in April. Wab is a First Nations speaker who will speak on Aboriginal issues. More information will be issued in coming weeks. Wab can also be looked up youtube and Google or BCSSA.org under events/past events & presentations/fall conference 2013



#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Dawn Frederickson

- inventory has been updated and the bin sorted and prepared (in collaboration with Cougar Canyon PAC representative)
- everything is in place and ready except food and water
- there is a lot of “expired” water and food ready to expire. Discussion on alternate uses for expired water (ie gardens)
- will continue to work with administration to replace expired water and food.

#### DRY GRAD – Dawn Frederickson

- Fashion show draw was done on Friday – all the models have been chosen by random draw
- Fashion/Talent is on March 12, 2014
- There will be a parent social at the Sundowner Pub Feb 8. Tickets are \$20.00 each and the night will include a 50/50 draw and silent auction
- The 4-in-1 event is scheduled for May 10, the day before Mother’s Day

#### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- An IB “grad” was held Dec 19 for last year’s IB grads as they don’t get their diplomas until mid August
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> was hoedown afternoon the last day before Christmas break
- In January Roberta Price presented on Aboriginal Culture and History in Canada and also visited several Social Studies classes relating her experiences in Residential Schools and how that has impacted 4 or more generations
- The grade 7 technology tour was conducted in January
- The band and choir visited “family” schools with performances and promotion of Seaquam’s music program
- Grad trans interviews were conducted and were very successful
- Arts and Skills was Jan 24 and is expanding every year – it is a great show case for all the arts and skills programs
- There was an IB parent’s night with a number of parents attending from out-of-catchment or district
- An IB info night was also held in Tsawwassen
- Feb 20 is parent/teacher conference day – 2:00 – 4:00 and 5:30 – 7:30 – sign up will be on Parent Connect again
- Feb 21 Pro D Day - Operation Green will be presenting “Igniting the Spark” – everyone is welcome
- Feb 25 is grade 8-11 parent night – 6:30 pm
- The musical “Changing Minds” will be performed Wed, Feb 19 – Sat Feb 22. Watch for ticket sales.



SCHOOL TRUSTEE – Val Windsor

- Just a few of the things a trustee is responsible for: hiring/firing the superintendent, accountability for student learning, presenting a balanced budget, serving on one or more subcommittees and much more
- The budget planning meeting is tomorrow night and will be difficult as the funds from the government are constantly declining
- She is the liaison for 5 schools – 4 elementary and 1 secondary (Seaquam)

Meeting closed: 8:29 pm

Next Meeting – Feb 24, 2014