



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting start time: 6:50pm

In attendance:

Christina Shyong

Theresa Wiebe

Natalie Dusanj

Erica Tucker

Muhammed Saleem

Kim Hoogerdyk

Debbie Gottschalk

William Xie

Juggi Gill

Kathy Buchanan

Jennifer Ruttan

Angela McGeachan

Julie Barrett

Alex Watson, Principal

Nick Kanakos, School Trustee

Shirley Chen

Andy Fontana

Krista Barrett

1. Agenda – amended and approved.
2. Introductions
3. Remarks from Nick Kanakos, School Trustee – thanked parents for valuable input to the administration via PAC
4. Principal's Report – Alex Watson
  - We are full – 1417 students
  - We changed our way of opening the school year. No more early bird/assigned lockers. This made it much quicker and less expensive for the school.
  - Student fees are being collected tomorrow.
  - We had a day for grade 8's to come to the school on their own. We saw more students than last year – it was a great day! We had peer mentors to help guide them. We will have lots of grade 8 events to help them acclimate to the school.
  - Safe Teen will be coming in November to talk to our grade 8's about harassment and bullying.
  - We have spoken to the students about the dangers of Fentanyl and a forum was recently offered in our area.
  - Just had our grad boat cruise and it was the best one yet! Great grade class.
  - The first dry grad meeting will be here this Wednesday at 7pm for all grad parents.
  - Delta Youth Advisory committee – gives feedback to admin; 1) we have a great cafeteria 2) comprehensive extracurricular sports activities with lots of teacher coaches.



- We have a new Superintendent: Doug Sheppard. Diane Turner is now the Chief of Education. Brad Bauman is the new Assistant Superintendent. Nancy Gordon is the Liaison.
  - We have lots of clubs within our school – we will be having Club Day on October 14<sup>th</sup> to introduce all the clubs to students.
  - Theater is performing “Annie” – all kids are welcome to try out. Try outs happening now.
  - We have 12 new teachers at our school this year.
  - New program called Seaquam Assist – for students who struggle with mental health issues like depression, anxiety, etc. Headed by Dave Mori who is a teacher and counsellor. Helps with academics as well as emotional stresses. Meet in the portable.
  - Mrs. Tarvis will be heading up a LA Block for kids that don’t qualify for LA but not need some support.
  - Terry Fox Run happening this week.
  - Parent Teacher Interviews are on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Booking appointments will begin one week before. Get on right away and book it – Parent Connect.
  - Earthquake Drills – we had one last Thursday. We will do a full earthquake drill later in the year to test our system. We will request parents or caregivers to pick up their kids. More info to come on this.
5. Co-Chairs Report
- Each year, PAC receives a grant and we split that money between teachers/clubs. Teachers can submit requests for money and we choose what we will spend this money on. Includes scholarships (6 x \$500 scholarships chosen by guidance counsellors). We are waiting to find out how much we will receive this year.
6. Treasurer’s Report
- Regular account - \$4755
  - Gaming account - \$3632.92
  - We received an extra grant in March for \$2800.
  - We can use monies on uniforms and gym and club equipment – can’t use it on anything curriculum related. Most clubs get something.
  - We will set the deadline once we know what the amount is. We knew by November last year and we had to spend the money by January.
7. DPAC Report
- See report attached



- Two main topic areas are: new curriculum and district vision
  - We may have a Parent Ed night to learn more about the new curriculum. Stay tuned.
  - Parents are always welcome at the meetings held once a month on Mondays. Check the Delta Schoolboard website for full details.
8. Emergency Preparedness
- An inventory will be done of our earthquake bin in October.
9. Other business
- Feedback from parents: is there a way to get a link from the TV screens in the halls up on the website so parents can see the announcements?
  - Thanks to Starbucks who will donate free coffee and tea to our PAC meetings! (Scott Road & 72<sup>nd</sup>)
10. Next Meeting - Monday, October 17th, 6:30 pm
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm



## **DPAC Report**

**2016-09-19 7pm-9pm at school district office board room**

- New Superintendent: Doug Shephard
- Ministry Strategic Plan:
  - @ Modernize education to support student access
  - @ Support student focused learning techniques and pathways for post-secondary, career and life

@ Support professional development and continuous learning to enable teachers and educators

@ Ensure safe, functional schools and technology that enables learning

Activities:

- @ ensures clear alignment with government priorities
- @ Will guide out work over the next three years
- @ Will ensure our students reaming among the best in the world
- @ Support out modernization agenda

Project schedule

2015/16: trial new k-9 curriculum; developing new k-9 reporting guidelines

2016/17: trial 10-12 curriculum, new k-9 curriculum; trial new provincial exams, trial new "FSA", new k-9 reporting order, develop new 10-12 reporting guidelines

2017/18: new 10-12 curriculum; new provincial exams, new "FSA"; new 10-12 reporting order

Curriculum and assessment changes:

- New this year: communicating student learning pilot (elementary)
- Support for staff and parents
- Graduation program (Gr. 10-12) Drafts: this year
- Graduation Program implementation set for next year
- FSA continue this year with a limited pilot of new format
- Provincial exams: Gr. 10 and 11 exams eliminated; new literacy and numeracy assessment under development

Framework for enhancing student learning draft: vision, district plan, school plans, AEEA

Learning services amalgamation: special programs, educational programs and continuing ed are now under a unified Learning Services Department at District level; greater focus on Learning Services teams supporting school goals.

Updates on aboriginal education: new secondary aboriginal success coordinator...

Vision reflection 2016: feedback on what our school has already achieved