



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

April 23rd, 2018

Meeting start time: 6:35 pm

In attendance:

Andy Fontana

William Xie

Natalie Dusanj

Julie Barrett

Carla Mariero

Huma Sami

Shawn Sabourin

Theresa Wiebe

Deb Gottschalk

Christina Shyong

Minutes from February 26th, 2018

- Approved

Principal's Report –Mr. Meisch

- School Goal: Will a school wide focus on fostering student health and wellness have a positive effect on student well-being, engagement and achievement?
 - Acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and all of the Coast Salish peoples who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial. We offer gratitude to the Musqueam people who honour our school with the name, Seaquam, which in their language means sunshine. We would also like to offer our respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to the elders and First Nation people who are with us today.
 - Band and Choir trip to Tofino: The band and choir students travelled to Tofino to perform at Wickaninnish Community School and to experience one of the most beautiful places on earth. The students performed well and had a wonderful experience. Thank you to Ms. Sparrow-Ng and Ms. Ng for organizing the trip.
 - The Great Hollywood Musical Disaster: The Drama students performed extremely well in the school play production that ran last week. Congratulations to the cast and Mr. Lebourdais. Mr. Lebourdais wanted to include as many students as possible and double casted the play. Well done!
 - Science Fair: Seaquam students Chirag Chopra and Rajeshwar Lally who won gold for their project Application of Copper Redox Reactions. Rajeshwar and Chirag won a trip to Ottawa to participate in the National championship but will not be able to attend as it conflicts with IB exams. Faseeh Irfan won two other awards but is not in the Canada Wide Science Fair. His project was "Can You Hear It".
 - Green Team Presentation: Mr. Iachetta and the Green Team presented at the new Surrey School, Ecole Salish Secondary, regarding the green initiatives at Seaquam and to describe how students are incorporated in the district decision making process. The students were impressive and garnered a great deal of interest from several other schools and districts.
 - Skills BC Regional Success: Congratulations to our TV/Video students for sweeping the medals at the Skills BC Regional competition. Congratulations to Gold medalists Johnson
-



Huang and Nick Root, Silver medalists Theonie Schmuecker and Daniella Cordero and Bronze medalists Olivia Rochat and Stephanie Wiebe.

- Seaquam Student Presents at Florida Environmental Conference: Seaquam student Abhay Sachal presented at the Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance in Florida on March 18th. He presented on the creation of the Break the Divide Foundation and has been invited to the National Conference in Spokane, Washington.
- Spring Sensation Dance: Student Council has planned a Spring Dance for Tuesday, April 24th. Seaquam has not had a Spring Dance in quite some time. The dance goes from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Timetable Building Process: We have projected that our student population for the 2018-19 school year will be 1390 students, down from 1450 students this year. We are looking to take the pressure off of our facilities to match space with class activities. We will be receiving our final staffing allocation on May 4th and build the timetable for next year.
- First Responders: Ms. Chum and the Health Sciences Club proposed a First Responders Program where students are trained to be First Aid Attendants to be called out for medical issues. The students will be trained to obtain certification in Standard First Aid and in First Responders. This program is in existence in various schools around the province. We are looking to incorporate the program for September 2018.
- Therapy Dogs: Students have approached me with a proposal to
- Library Renovations
- Social Media Presentation April 26th, 2018 at 7:00pm at Seaquam: Raising Digitally Responsible Youth, is intended to provide parents with the knowledge they need to protect their children from cyberbullying and other online threats and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology. Topics will include current social media apps and trends, research on brain development and technology, the long-lasting impact of "digital footprints", and tips and tricks to use at home.
- District Budget
- The school roof will be replaced soon as well as an updated paint job
- New library furniture will be arriving soon
- A grade 7 incoming students family BBQ will be held on the evening of May 16th
- New First Responders committee being formed at the school with students being taught how to respond in an emergency, they could also be called upon in real situations at the school until the paramedics arrive.
- Delta school district has prepared a balanced budget

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Andy Fontana

- Elections were held for the 2018 – 2019 School year. The new executive will be:
 - Co Chairs – Julie Barrett and Andy Fontana
 - Treasurer - Natalie Dusanj
 - Secretary – Krista Barrett
 - DPAC – Vacant
 - Members at large (3) Deb Gottschalk, Huma Sami, Vacant
-



- Theresa might consider doing member at large, we will check with her in September

Misc.

- Emergency codes are changing What was original code Red Yellow Green will become Lock Down, Secure and Clear

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj

- Gaming \$32,145.80
- Regular \$4,107.81

DPAC Report – William Xie

- Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Next meeting is May 28th, 2018 6:30pm
