



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

December 3rd, 2018

Meeting start time: 6:32 pm

In attendance:

Julie Barrett	Andy Fontana	Natalie Dusanj	Heather & Tom Legal
Deb Gottschalk	Juqing Liang	Ada Xiao	Sandra Ross
Kim Houghton	Dong Chen	Christina Shyong	Dawn Shortt
Kat Mahaihara	Susan Worth	Deanna Arthur	Deb Butschler
Nadine Inkster	Rick Mesich	Shisen Fan	Ann Kishor
Alyxandra Diehl			

Minutes from past month: Approved by Christina Shyong & William Xie

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.

1. Welcome New Staff

- a. Roy Chen-Campbell (CYCW)
- b. Mr. Frank Sawatzky replacing Mr. Mian Grade 10 and Grade 8 A-C Counsellor
- c. Student Teachers: Audrey Benitez
Jas Nagi
Dean Shiels
Grace Ying

2. Supporting Students

- a. After the passing of our student on October 31st, the district has been tremendous with supporting our school community. Immediately after the passing, we set up the Library as a Grief Room where students were able to share their thoughts with the family by writing messages on large pieces of paper and share stories about the student in a large circle.
 - b. To support students, the district provided District Counsellors for more than a week and extra teachers to support staff. Schools sent food on a daily basis for staff. We met on a daily basis to monitor our community and whether students required continued support.
 - c. Currently, we are running group counselling every Wednesday morning through Delta Hospice and 1-on-1 Counselling through the Delta Boys and Girls Club.
 - d. The school sent flowers to the family and I visited the family home twice. PAC sent a Gift Basket.
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- e. Continuing to monitor the progress of our vulnerable students who were directly impacted by the loss.
 - 3. Dr. Stan Kucher's Mental Wellness Curriculum
 - a. On Friday, November 23rd the Seaquam staff attended a presentation by North Vancouver School district staff regarding how their district has implemented the Mental Wellness curriculum in their district.
 - b. North Vancouver has implemented the curriculum at the grade 9 level where schools have used varying models to deliver the curriculum.
 - c. Seaquam staff will be sending 3 teachers to obtain training with the curriculum with the understanding of developing a team to implement the curriculum next school year as a pilot for the Delta School District.
 - d. Please see the link below to view the curriculum guide.
<http://teenmentalhealth.org/schoolmhl/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/DRAFT-6-2015-Version-New-Design.compressed.pdf>
 - e. Parent information for supporting adolescent mental health.
<http://teenmentalhealth.org/care/parents/>
 - 4. Carpet Wall Project discontinued over disruption to learning environment. The district Maintenance Department will move to an elementary school to complete their project.
 - 5. Athletics
 - a. All Volleyball Teams who are eligible to make a Provincial Championship made the tournament. Senior Girls placed 17th in the Province.
 - b. Seaquam hosting the Delta Basketball Championship this week.
 - 6. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Connects Program
 - a. Seaquam Music Program students work with members of the VSO in small groups at the school and visit the Orpheum to experience one of their practices.
 - 7. Term 1 Report Cards will be posted on Thursday, December 13th on Parent Connect.
 - 8. Information will be emailed to parents in the New Year regarding the Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, January 25th, 2019. We will be having 2 sessions, like in the past, 1:45-3:45 or 5:30pm-7:30pm. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length.
 - 9. Odd Squad Student Presentations
 - a. The School Liaison Officers and the Odd Squad from Vancouver presented to our grade 8 and 9 students on choices and understanding the impact of Fentanyl.
 - 10. Parent Presentations:
 - a. Cannabis Presentation
 - i. Wednesday, December 5th starting at 7:00pm at North Delta Secondary
 - b. Vaping Presentation
 - i. Monday, December 10th starting at 7:00pm at Seaquam Secondary
 - 11. Seaquam Family Hampers
 - a. We are creating 6 hampers donated on behalf of the Seaquam staff. The Counselling team will be developing a list for distribution.
 - 12. Thank You Mr. Robinson
 - a. Mr. Robinson will be leaving Seaquam to be the Principal at Sands Secondary in January. We want to thank Mr. Robinson for his contributions to the Seaquam community.
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- b. We will know next week who will be replacing Mr. Robinson after Winter Break.
13. Wishing PAC a Happy Holiday season!

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Andy Fontana

- Approval of proposed gaming allocation - Sandra Ross and Natalie Dusanj

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj

- Gaming \$43209
- Regular \$37093

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- Inclusive Learning:
 - Presentation on the District's plan for Inclusive Learning, presented by Director of Inclusive Learning Joanna Angelidis
 - Previously referred to as Special Education
 - Includes all students identified with a diagnosis of some kind and/or those experiencing a challenge in education journey (i.e. emotional trauma)
 - Philosophy: All children have the right to obtain an appropriate public education irrespective of the degree of their disability. Education should take place in the least restrictive environment.
 - Delta District's vision for Inclusion:
- Every child has voice, choice, and connection
- High expectations exist for all students
- Learning is designed from the start with all students in mind and included
 - Focus on meaningful and purposeful inclusion (and not just physically integrated in the classroom) and with roles and responsibilities in the classroom and integrated with their peers so children feel like they belong in the community.
- -Teams working together to co-create inclusive learning environments and opportunities:
- District-based team (District Administrators, Coordinators, Specialized Professionals)
- School-based team (School-based Case Managers, Classroom Teachers)
- Support Staff (Education Assistants, Child and Youth Care Workers)
- sErase 2.0:
 - Ministry of Education's anti-bullying initiative
 - Program revisions are in progress to deliver a more effective program to help build safer and more caring school communities.
 - Updates to the program to be announced shortly, including anonymous reporting of bullying directly to the Ministry and formal complaint process
 - Ministry also working with provincial health authorities to revamp program to deliver access to more community-based supports.
 - For Delta, this also includes access to a dedicated nurse from Fraser Health assigned to work with our District.
 - Stay tuned to for the Ministry's announcement and the Erase Bullying website for updates: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Next Meeting: January 21st at 6:30pm
