



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

**February 26th, 2018**

**Meeting start time: 6:35 pm**

### **In attendance:**

Andy Fontana	William Xie	Krista Barrett	Christina Shyong
Dhammika Arachchi	Rangika Fernando	Natalie Dusanj	Julie Barrett
Karen Sabsurin	Amy Serres	Ben Scarr (VP)	Mark Robinson (VP)
Juggi Gill			

### **Minutes from January 22nd, 2017**

- Approved Natalie Dusanj & Erica Tucker

#### **1. Principal's Report – Mr. Scarr & Mr. Robinson for 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 to the following new staff members:**

Liwen Chen (replaced Nathan Eveleigh)  
Manmit Sekhon (replaced Stephanie Henderson)  
Naeun (Hailey) Gi (in for Robin Pugsley)  
Michelle Peterson (replacing Biljana Zecevic Jones).  
Samantha Lee (replacing Bryan Fischer)

##### **2. Students news:**

- a. Operation Green students were recognized by Mayor Lois Jackson for their work removing evasive plant species in the back wooded area at Seaquam and their work with the Cougar Creek Streamkeepers.
  - b. Congratulations to grade 11 student Ahmed Masood who won the 2018 National Writing Contest in the short story category. Ahmed will have his story published in a short story collection titled "The Messenger" and has won a cash prize.
  - c. Jalen and Tyson Philpot for signing a letter of intent to attend the University of Calgary to participate in their football program.
  - d. Grad Talent and Fashion Show that took place on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with several talented Seaquam students displaying their talents to an almost full theatre. Thank you to Erin Redden for all of her work in helping to choreograph the event.
  - e. Abhay Sachal (grade 11 Student from Seaquam) has been invited to present at the 2018 Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEA) Conference hosted by the League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF). The
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conference is on Saturday and Sunday March 17-18, 2018 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

- f. Michelle Obama Youth Conference: Sean An and Sonum Banga were selected to represent the Delta School District to attend Michelle Obama's Youth Conference on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We also received tickets from the We to She organization and were able to send Malica Narula, Melissa Antonio, Ashy Purewal and Ms. Dhami.
  - g. Senior Girls Basketball team wins Fraser Valley tournament
  - h. Junior Boys place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fraser Valley Tournament. Off to Provincial Championships
  - i. Seaquam Operation Green students participated in the Climate Action Champions Conference in downtown Vancouver on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The students, according to Mr. Iachetta, were amazing and were admired by students from other schools regarding their initiatives and presentations. During Earth Week (April 21) these students will present to 20,000 students from throughout the Lower Mainland at various workshops and symposiums.
3. Modern Languages Department
- The Maple Man came to Seaquam to present to our grade 11 and 12 French students to teach them the process of how to make Maple Syrup. The presentation was entirely in French. Also, the "La Crêperie La Bohème" came to Seaquam over a period of two consecutive days in January, so our language classes had the chance to order in French or Spanish and enjoy a dessert crepe with their classmates. La Bohème has a vintage camper which is his kitchen on wheels.
4. Course Planning:
- The Counselling Team is starting the course planning process by going into classes to discuss graduation requirements and elective options for students. The Course Handbook with the course descriptions is available on the Seaquam Website under the Registration/Course Planning tab. There you will find a timeline for Course planning. Our Course Catalogue can be viewed under the Programs and Courses link where students can read descriptions of each course to help them make decisions for next year. We encourage all parents to discuss course options with their children as their selection has an impact with how we schedule the school for next September.
5. New School Website:
- In late January, the district launched Seaquam's new and improved school website that is more appealing visually and is easier to navigate. The site is much more user-friendly. The website can be accessed at [www.seaquam.ca](http://www.seaquam.ca).
6. March 2<sup>nd</sup> School Events:
- a. Seafast: this event will take place from Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm to Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00am. The Seafast Club is attempting to raise \$10,000 to help support the building of a school through the "I am a Girl" organization. Last year, the Seafast event raised approximately \$7000 to help create of a water well in a third world country. The event will have students fast for the entire time and to
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raise funds through pledges. The club anticipates 150 Seaquam students to participate in the event. Mr. Rickey is the teacher sponsor for the event.

- b. Seaquam will be hosting the Robotics Provincial Championship in our gyms on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teams from across the province will be competing in several events to test their robot's abilities against the province's best teams. Mr. Hamade is the coach and sponsor of this event

7. **Flex Time:**

This idea of flexible time for students to take responsibility for their learning once a day where they visit teachers who they require extra help in particular subject areas. The Flex Time would be 1 hour every day between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods. Students will have to be accountable for their time.

Next year, the 6 other high schools in Delta will have implemented Flex Time into their schedule. We would like to investigate this structure to see if it will fit our community. There was a discussion with the staff, but parents and students were not involved in the conversation. I will ask members from the committee who supported Flex Time to make a presentation to PAC at a future meeting.

8. Term 2 Report Cards will be posted March 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Misc.**

- Emergency Bin – up to date
- Parent: Code Yellow last week: why did we find out on Social Media?
  - Police called a code yellow and contacted the school to call a code yellow. School doesn't put anything on social media unless approved by school board. Police dictate what school can share and can't control cell phone use by students. More practice drills to be done. "Hold & Secure" – new name for Code Yellow.
  - "Lockdown" – new name for Code Red. Police Liaison officer met with CORE kids to go over behavior expectations.
  - Seaquam has had at least 4 police liaison officers – the "Pit" is a place where bad things (fights, etc.) go on at the school. Could our Police Liaison come and talk about this at a future PAC meeting? How do we make the pit safer? Looking into video camera's (approx. \$2000)
- Parents scared to address bullying issues
  - Culture of "don't tell"

3. **Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj**

- Gaming Account: \$32,154
- General Account: \$41,118

4. **DPAC Report – William Xie**

- Nothing to report

5. **Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm**

6. **Next meeting is April 23rd, 2018 6:30pm**

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