



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

**January 28th, 2019**

**Meeting start time: 6:34 pm**

**In attendance:**

Julie Barrett	Andy Fontana	Natalie Dusanj	Deb Gottschalk
Kat Maihara	Deanna Arthur	Rick Mesich	Krista Barrett
Carmen Caelian	William Xie	Juggi Gill	Dong Chen
Carla Marieiro			

**Minutes from past month:** Approved by Natalie Dusanj & William Xie

**Student Report - Oliver Xie of Operation Green**

Discussed traffic/transportation activities in the morning – all volunteer - measuring traffic. 2 years running campaign. Traffic is worse in the morning - try dropping kids off earlier if you can - around 8am. Congestion is very bad between the times of 8:10am-8:35am. Consider carpooling or walking. Introducing traffic improvement discussion to elementary schools - encouraging them to make helpful changes.

**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: Tanis Akiyama (Receptionist)  
Sumera Mohsin (Educational Assistant)
  2. Christmas Hampers:  
On behalf of the Seaquam staff, 6 hampers were organized by the office staff to give to our most vulnerable families. Ms. Virk and Ms. Amorelli delivered the hampers. All families were surprised and appreciative of the gesture from the school.
  3. Social Media issues:  
On our return from Winter Break, we had reports of some concerning posts. In collaboration with the Delta Police, we were able to determine that the posts did not risk the safety of staff and students. Never was the safety of our community in jeopardy. I was most proud of our students who took action and report the concerns to Police and the administrative team. The Ministry of Education sent all BC schools a notice informing us that we could access free Social Media presentations through the Safer Schools organization on a first come, first serve basis. We were fortunate to obtain 2 presentations for the morning of Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have all grade 8-11 students attend the presentations that should take the entire period.
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4. Flex Time investigation:  
The committee has met twice to develop a plan to investigate this schedule. Our committee consists of parents, students and staff. We decided to invite representatives from schools with Flex time to present at our Staff Meetings and to visit schools to get a first-hand experience with Flex time in action. Flex Time is a block of time during the school day where students can decide their focus of study. Our goal is to report our findings later in the school year.
5. Guy Felicella Presentation:  
Guy Felicella, Inspirational Speaker, present to our students on the topic of the effects of illegal drug use on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Guy is a former addict who lived in the Downtown Eastside for many years and now has committed himself to educate youth on this issue. Guy works for Fraser Health and has presented at various schools throughout the Lower Mainland. Our plan is to have general assemblies, then have small group work with those students who self-select or who are encouraged to participate. See the link to a TEDx talk he gave in White Rock.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uQxbh5mSPs6>
6. Career Day:  
On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the grade 8 and 9 students experienced Seaquam's first Career Day where they had the opportunity to start investigating possible careers. The day started with a Keynote speaker named Sean Aiken who talked about his experiences of having 52 jobs in 52 weeks (<http://www.oneweekjob.com/about-the-project/seans-bio/>). The day transitioned to small group workshop on a variety of topics. Students will be surveyed on their experience and provided opportunities to reflect.
7. Boys & Girls Club:  
The Girls Club group has been running since the beginning of the school year led by Ms. Amorelli and Ms. Rundell. The group is supported by the Delta Police with Constable Bauman and Constable Pemberton attending the weekly meetings. The students have been experiencing activities like ice skating at Robson Square, making Dream Catchers led by an Indigenous artist, making ceramic items at a local artisan shop.  
The Boys Club started recently led by Mr. Chen-Campbell who was hired to support students 3 days a week at Seaquam. Mr. Chen-Campbell took a group of Boys to Lessons in the Locker Room at Roger's Arena where the students experienced a tour of the arena, a presentation in the Vancouver Canucks dressing room from forward Jake Virtanen talking about his adversities growing up and a meal to end the evening. The Boys Club is associated with the east end Boys Club and will have many opportunities to take part in these kind of experiences.
8. Daily Bulletin  
We are developing a Student Bulletin that provides information on upcoming events at Seaquam. This bulletin will be posted at different areas of the school and sent home on a daily basis. We will be starting this process February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Andy Fontana**

- Nothing to report
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**Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj**

- Gaming: \$43,200
- General: \$36,020

**DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair**

- no December meeting
- January meeting: meet the trustees - so no specific information
- We still have money for Parent Education events

**Other**

- Deb Gottschalk & Mr. Scarr discussed rations in our emergency bin - some items are expiring in 2020. Looking at purchasing some this year and some next year. Also looking into a place that we can donate items before expiry dates rather than just throwing it away.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm**

**Next Meeting: February 25th at 6:30pm**

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