



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

**May 28th, 2018**

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

### **In attendance:**

Andy Fontana	William Xie	Natalie Dusanj	Julie Barrett
Theresa Wiebe	Christina Shyong	Krista Barrett	Kat Maihara
Daneen Pasin	Brian & Helena Esau		

### **Minutes from April 23rd, 2018**

- Approved by Natalie Dusanj and Kat Maihara

### **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.

Students:

1. Senior Ultimate team finished with the Silver medal at the Fraser Valley Tournament
2. Rotary Debate Competition 2018. Seaquam students take top 3 prizes.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Abhay Sachal \$3500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Abnash Bassi \$3000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Manvi Ansal

3. Abnash Bassi will travel to Quebec this Fall to participate in the Canadian National Debate Championship in English and French.
4. Seaquam Concert Band and Wind Ensemble won Gold at the Kiwanis Music Festival
5. Grade 9 Seaquam students won the 2018 YRE Canada National Competition where students report and take action on local sustainability issues. This year the theme was to develop an inquiry approach to local plastic solutions.

Congratulations to: Brendan Smith & Keaghyn King who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the YRE Junior Canadian Competition (Photo/Essay Category)  
Sukhmandip Kang, Sereena Dhindsa and Inderaj Prihar who placed 2nd in the YRE Junior Canadian Competition (Video Category)

6. Spring School Dance on April 24<sup>th</sup> was well attended, and the students were extremely well behaved. All students had a great time. This was the first Spring Dance in many years.
  7. Grad Assembly: A grade 12 assembly took place on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> during Collaborative Time where the topics were all related to Grad activities. Presenters
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included Mr. Wong discussing the Commencement Ceremony, Sarah Bardell and Ms. Bauman discussing Red Carpet and the Dry Grad, Ms. Serres and Ms. Connolly discussing the Dinner & Dance and Constable Bauman, SLO, discussing being safe at the Grad events. We also had the voting for the Grad Valedictorian. Congratulations to Rohit Sharma who was voted by his peers to give the Valedictorian speech at the Commencement Ceremony.

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony South Baptist Church

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Red Carpet, Reception, Dinner & Dance, Dry Grad

8. Grade 7 Barbecue took place on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> where all grade 7 students were invited to attend a community barbeque as a meet and greet. We had approximately 270 people attend on a beautiful evening. There were speeches, door prizes and food for all who attended. Thank you, PAC, for supporting this event financially. A number of positive comments by parents at the end of the evening.
9. School Upgrades will take place over the summer months that include:
  - a. Painting the exterior of the school
  - b. Roof repairs
  - c. Replacing the second-floor floors
  - d. Painting the fronts of 300+ lockers in the building
  - e. New school sign
10. 2018-19 Calendar was sent out, then updated due to a change to the March report card to give families more time to connect with teachers prior to Spring Break. Change to date of the Parent Teacher Interviews to January from October and the Formal Interim from January to October. Discussing the possibility of a Meet the Teacher evening with staff.
11. Numeracy Assessment: all grade 10 and 11 students will have an opportunity to write the Numeracy Assessment at the end of June. Students will be able to take the exam in each of their graduation years and the best result will be recorded on student's transcript. This is an indicator of their numeracy skills.
12. Awards Gala will take place on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm in the Theatre. Students and families will be notified about their child receiving an award and to encourage families to attend.

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

- Staff appreciation – usually a continental breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Collab day in June (June 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - \$2688 approved for the grad event – may not need as much as ticket sales are down. Question asked: can we reallocate the monies to another fee? A: Hard to do with gaming grant money as it was specifically voted for the tents.
  - Athletics - \$2250 – can they transfer money to the sign board? A: We are unable to do that as it was specifically voted on – but we can carry it over to the next year as we have three years to spend the money.
  - Paid for new library furniture (couches, tables – mobile and customizable – white boards on tables)
  - Boys rugby won championship. Ball hockey made it to the finals.
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- Flex Schedule – being done at Walnut Grove school. Andy will reach out to find out more about it.

**Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj**

- Gaming \$23,307
- Regular \$4,102.00

**DPAC Report – William Xie**

- Nothing to report

**Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm**

***Have a great summer!***