



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

October 29th, 2018

Meeting start time: 6:34 pm

In attendance:

Andy Fontana	William Xie	Natalie Dusanj	Christina Shyong
Krista Barrett	Brian & Helena Esau	Deb Gottschalk	Juqing Liang
Heather Legal	Ada Xiao	Sandra Ross	Yajun Yang
Huma Sami	Angela Ruel	Jim Xu	Kim Houghton
Linda Matt	Jackie Chen	Shivami Sharma	Sandy Dhaliwae
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Minutes from past month: Approved by Deb Gottschalk & Christina Shyong

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. Harveen Ahuja (French)
 - b. Sachiyo Adachi (Math)
 - c. Lea Wallingford (Educational Assistant)
 2. Seaquam Recognition Award
 - a. Weekly recognition award given to students who have demonstrated positively to their education or the community
 - b. Teachers nominate students every Friday. We bring the students to the office to recognize their achievement, give the students a \$5.00 voucher to the Cafeteria and publish their names on the Seaquam website with their positive deed.
 3. Girls Club
 - a. The Girls Club has started this year where Ms. Amorelli and Ms. Ruddell have created this club to provide support and opportunities for our female population. The club meets every Wednesday after school in the portable to discuss issues related to girls specifically. The club has met twice and have visited the Hazelmere Pumpkin patch. The club is planning to attend WE Day in November.
 4. Interim Reports
 - a. Formal Interim reports will be posted on Parent Connect on Thursday, November 1st. A reminder to parents that teachers will be providing feedback on the student's progress that may include a percentage, a work habit mark or an anecdotal comment. All
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students will receive feedback. If parents/guardians have concerns with their child's progress, please contact the subject teacher or the grade Counsellor.

5. Nick Foley Presentations – Tuesday, October 23rd
 - a. Nick Foley presented to all 5 grades on Tuesday, October 23rd where his main message focused on perpetuate social good and work to foster a welcoming, inclusive environment for all, locally and globally. He asked students “How did do you want to be remembered?” Within his presentation, he spoke about being kind to one another through action. Small examples, like buying a coffee for a stranger or giving up a seat on the bus perpetuates positivity in society. The smallest gestures make a huge impact on those receiving the kindness, but also on the person who is demonstrating the act of kindness. The presentation was well received by students and staff.
 6. Safe Teen Presentation – Friday, October 26th Grade 8 Class
 - a. Safe Teen is a violence prevention program that helps our students identify their roles to help make our environment safe for everyone. The program focusses on specific topics that include:
 - i. Non-violent communication
 - ii. Fear and anger management
 - iii. Verbal and body language skills
 - iv. Bullying - verbal violence prevention
 - v. De-escalating potential violence
 - vi. Personal boundaries and consent
 - vii. Signs of abuse
 - viii. Gender socialization and stereotypes
 - ix. Sexual harassment
 - x. Sexual assault
 - xi. Same gender violence
 - b. The workshops were organized by gender and a separate presentation for students who do not identify.
 7. White Hatter Presentation – Grade 8 & 9
 - a. This presentation provided our grade 8 and 9 students with proactive internet and social media safety, digital literacy strategies to help students navigate through the issues that may arise from using social media.
 8. Take Our Kids to Work – Wednesday, November 14th
 - a. This is an opportunity for our grade 9 students to experience life in the workplace where they can shadow a parent/guardian or a relative for a day. There will be a follow up activity to reflect on their experience through the Careers 9 course.
 9. School Upgrades
 - a. The front of the building was painted and will continue next Spring.
 - b. Benches have been placed in the hallway
 - c. The sign is going through the city permit process.
 - d. Carpet Wall Project
 - i. The school district obtained a grant from the Ministry of Education to renovate classrooms that have carpet walls. The grant totals over \$125, 000 and the
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work would be done during school time. Each room will take up to 2 weeks that will include remedying the carpet wall issue, painting the entire room and installing additional electrical outlets. Staff have mixed feelings regarding the impact of this project on the learning environment. Unfortunately, if we do not use this funding, it will be redirected to another Delta facility.

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Andy Fontana

- Grant money has been received for different clubs and teams. We have sent out request forms to all staff with a deadline for this Friday. We will meet on the 15th and decide which teams/clubs receive money.

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj

- Gaming \$43209
- Regular \$37093

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- See attached report

Emergency Preparedness – Deb Gottschalk

- Inventory for emergency bins has been done on Oct 21st - updated for another year.

Misc.

- Discussed how grade 12 students are running a campaign for traffic in the community. They would like to come to our next PAC meeting and make a presentation.
- Discussed having a Student Council report to our PAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Next Meeting: December 3rd at 6:30pm
