



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

October 7th, 2019

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Julie Barrett	Natalie Dusanj	Dawn Shortt	Krista Barrett
Rick Mesich	Vlad Nikic	Carol Bryant	Jennifer Ruttan
Deb Gottschalk	Heather Legal	Sangeeta Lange	Elaine Owsnett
Deepti Sharda	Gurmeel Matta	Kat Maihara	Juggi Gill
Irfan Chaudhry	Douglas Clay	Amrit	Rahile & Mehdi Farooq
Marnie Ghag	Rajan Anand	Tingyu Wilch	Puneet Kaul

Minutes from past month: approved

Principal's Report - Mr. Mesich

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.

Report:

1. Introduction – welcome to Mr. Close (grades 9 & 11) and Mr. Nikic (grades 8 & 10)
 - a. New staff:
 - Mr. Brown – French
 - Mr. Cyr – French
 - Ms. George – Math/Science
 - Mr. Huang – Science
 - Mr. Isaak – English/Drama
 - Mr. Kinahan – Tech Studies
 - Mr. McNaughton - Math
 - Mr. Plut – Counsellor
 - Ms. Pue – Spanish
 - Mr. Singbeil – Robotics
 - Ms. Taffinder – English
 - Ms. Tseng – Music
 - Mr. Dhanda
 2. School Upgrades:
 - a. the exterior painting of our building was completed,
 - b. benches were installed throughout the building for more student seating
 - c. bulletin boards were installed throughout the building for staff and students to post information for the community,
 - d. the Cafeteria ceiling was replaced and the lighting was upgraded to a softer light
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- e. there were some classrooms renovated for particular programs
 - f. the exterior doors will be replaced
 - g. the Theatre will be upgraded to improve the lighting system.
3. Staffing
- a. We had 4 open positions at the beginning of the school year and those positions have now been filled.
 - b. We increased our Counselling team to include a grade 8 Counsellor.
 - c. Our school population is at 1380 students
4. Flex Time Investigation
- a. Last year, the staff voted in favour of Flex Time where we will be having 18 sessions over the course of the school year where students decide on what they will learn and where they will learn.
 - b. The first session was an introduction to Flex Time and we had our first session Wednesday, October 2nd
 - c. We will be reviewing the effectiveness of Flex Time at the end of the year to determine whether we maintain it as it is, increase the number of days or eliminate it from our schedule. The community will have input on this decision.
5. Grade 8 Transition
- a. Spring BBQ- Invited potential families to a community barbeque sponsored by PAC
 - b. Opening Day Orientation - students experienced an orientation to their schedules and the school with a Scavenger Hunt and barbeque
 - c. Grade 8 Retreat - students have a day to meet their peers, to experience team building activities and to develop strategies to help them navigate the high school culture.
6. Homework Club
- a. Monday to Thursday 3:00pm - 4:15pm to support students in their course work
7. Mental Health Curriculum
- a. The Seaquam staff will be implementing the Mental Health Curriculum developed by Dr. Stan Kucher from Dalhousie University. The committee of teachers will be planning a weeklong conference for all grade 9 students in April. The reason why the curriculum will start with the grade 9 class is the research shows that the onset of mental health issues is at age 14 or 15. At the September Pro D session, teachers were introduced to the plan and the curriculum to help with the implementation process of the curriculum.
8. Hold and Secure incident
- a. On September 18th, Seaquam went into a Hold and secure due to student reports that there was an unsafe situation. In conjunction with the Delta Police, we were able deal with the issue in a timely fashion and get students back to their regular school day.
 - b. As a school community, we take any reported issue seriously and take measures to ensure that students and staff are safe. We regularly practice our Emergency drills at least twice a month.
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- c. We notify our community of the situation as quickly as we can after we deal with the issue.
- 9. PAC Grant Funding
 - a. Information distributed to staff regarding submitting requests for PAC funding. The deadline for staff to submit is Friday, November 1st.
- 10. The Whitehatter Internet Safety presentation for grade 8 students will take place on Monday, October 28th.
- 11. We are planning on a Vaping workshop for our grade 8 and 9 students in November. The workshop will be interactive to educate our students on the issues related to vaping.

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Andy Fontana

- Voting of the treasurer for the executive board for 2019/2020
 - Treasurer: Deepti Sharda
 - DPAC: appointed Lakhvir Brar (will be voted on in September)

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj (previous treasurer)

- Regular Account: \$2951.06
- Gaming Account: \$27,940.00
- Are now receiving requests from clubs for grants

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- meet and greet with other DPAC members

Emergency Preparedness Bin - Deb Gottschalk

- Expired rations – expired this August and took them to Nightshift Ministries in Whalley
- New rations have been purchased and in the bin
- Inventory is done in October
- First Responders Team: gifted students taking it on this year (grade 11 & 12 students) - trained to administer basic to EPI pens, Narcan overdose medical treatment. They go into the bin once a month.
- Looking for a parent who wants to take this on as Deb will be leaving us at the end of this school year (2020).

Dry Grad committee - Nadine Inkster

- dry grad is up and running (June 13th, 2020)
- They have two co-chairs: Nadine, Connie
- Fundraising meeting on Wednesday, at 7pm
- Grade 11 parents are called on to chaperone during Dry Grad

Leadership Conference for Students – October 25th 8:30am-3pm

- Need to sign up in order to go. Only so many seats.
- Students can use volunteer hours towards awards. Students in grade 8-10 can track hours and apply for a service award in May.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Next Meeting: October 28th, 2019 6:30pm
