



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

December 2nd, 2019

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Julie Barrett	Natalie Dusanj	Dawn Shortt	Krista Barrett
Rick Mesich	Deb Gottschalk	Kat Maihara	Angela Ruel
Marnie Ghag	Cathy Niu	Susan Worth	Farooq Medhi
Rahila Farooq	Tingret Yirdaw	Chris Hunter	F. Gin
Jameel Ahmad	Erica Tucker	Andy Fontana	

Minutes: Natalie Dusanj & Deb Gottschalk

Student Council - Co-Prime Ministers

- Came to share about what the student council does around the school. Encourage all students to join - looking for feedback from all different groups.

Guest Speaker - Ryan Birt; Mental Health Curriculum

- Shared about mental health curriculum
- More info at: www.teenmentalhealth.org
- UBC MOOC mental health curriculum – by Stan Kutcher
- After Easter Break we will have a 4-day 1/2 day conference for grade 9's

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Natalie Dusanj

- Gaming Requests from club leaders for gaming funds (\$27,900)
 - Motion to approve: Andy Fontana & Marnie Ghag
- Love your school fundraiser - we will get it moving in January. We may set up a table at the parent teacher interviews

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.

1. Term 1 Report Cards will be posted on Thursday, December 12th on Parent Connect.
 2. Information will be emailed to parents in the New Year regarding the Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, January 23rd, 2019. We will be having 2 sessions, like in the past, 1:45-3:45 or 5:30pm-7:30pm. Interviews will be 5 minutes in length.
 3. April Double Block Week (April 14-17)
 - a. The Ministry of Education has not scheduled any assessments in June, so we are expected to run Numeracy and Literacy Assessments during the school year.
 - b. During this week, we are looking at creating Double block classes to facilitate a number of grade wide initiatives.
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- c. Students will not be in session for entire days but will be required to attend their sessions for the week.
- d. More information to come in the New Year.
- 4. Welcome Student teachers
 - Adrian Beehennah Thanuja Stephenson, Harprit Nagra
 - Vanessa Butler Todd Clarke
 - Paige Moniz Amy Serres, Sammy Withenshaw
 - Lara Montgomery Leah Benabo, Matt Huang
- 5. Seaquam Family Hampers
 - a. We are creating 7 hampers donated on behalf of the Seaquam staff. The Counselling team will be developing a list for distribution.
- 6. Vaping & Substance Use Presentation for Families
 - a. Tuesday, December 3rd 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Theatre
- 7. Snowball Dance Wednesday, December 4th 6:00pm
- 8. Grad Events:
 - a. Grad Breakfast with Santa Wednesday, December 18th in the Cafeteria starting at 7:30am.
 - b. Grad photos will take place January 6th to 16th. Artona studios will bring in a trailer to facilitate the photos.
 - c. Grad Fashion and Talent Show: Thursday, February 27th
- 9. Wishing PAC a Happy Holiday season!

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj (previous treasurer)

- Nothing to report

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- Presentation on vaping through the district (what strategies can we implement? What can we do? What are the stats for our district? How do we help our students?)
- October meeting - talked about student dress codes. Admin for each school can have discussion with parents. We talk to students at the beginning of the year - you need to dress in a way that is appropriate/professional. No offensive language on t-shirt/sweater, etc.
- January 20th - next meeting - school trustees are coming. Held at district board office. Check the website for time and date.

Other

- Asian Lunch - Dec 18th Tickets on sale Dec 4-6
- Assessments for grade 10 - it does not count against your grades. It is only foundational and covers all courses. Does not impact any one course.

Emergency Bin

- November 1st - annual inventory - all up to date. First responder students are going into the bin tomorrow to help
- Deb will do a PowerPoint presentation in February 2020
- We will be looking for someone to take it on in September 2020

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29pm

Next meeting: January 27th, 2020
