



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

January 27, 2020

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Julie Barrett	Natalie Dusanj	Dawn Shortt	Rick Mesich
Deb Gottschalk	Kat Maihara	Marnie Ghag	F. Gin
Andy Fontana	Elaine Owsnett	Sangeeta Lange	Heather & Tom Legal
Douglas Clay	Lakhvir Brar		

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.

1. Welcome: Nick Plese (PHE and Math)
Wayne Sindall (Life Skills)
Karryl Magdamit (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. **My Education Attendance Notification**
The district team has been having issues with our old system to transition to the My Education system. The team is working through the issues and we are slowly figuring out how to best report attendance on a daily basis. We are hoping this issue gets rectified as soon as possible.
4. **Flex Time investigation:**
The Flex Time committee will be meeting more frequently as we move closer to the end of the school year to survey our community and to develop a recommendation to staff that will include:
 - a. whether or not we continue with Flex Time
 - b. if we continue with Flex Time, what Flex Time model will we adopt.



5. **Career Education 8 and 9 Conference**

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the grade 8 and 9 students experienced a Career Day where they had the opportunity to start investigating possible careers. The day started with a Keynote speaker named Nathan Wilson, Indigenous Education Facilitator, who shared his family's experiences in various careers and traditional Indigenous stories. The day transitioned to small group workshop on a variety of topics. Students will be surveyed on their experience and provided opportunities to reflect.

6. **Grade 10 Exam Week April 14-17**

The Ministry of Education has notified school districts that any ministry assessment will take place over the course of the school year and be used as a formative assessment to help schools provide staff with data to help students in areas of Numeracy and Literacy. Grade 10 students will be writing the Numeracy and Literacy assessments between April 14th and 17th where grade 10 students will only attend school to write the exams. Each student will be at school for 2 half day sessions during this week.

7. **Grade 9 Mental Health Curriculum April 14-17**

Seaquam staff will be introducing the Mental Health Curriculum to the grade 9 students during this week. The schedule for the day will be:

Day 1 (Tues. Apr. 14) - full day

Opener - in theatre

Modules 1 & 2

Day 2 (Wed. Apr. 15) - half day (morning)

Modules 3 & 4

Day 3 (Thurs. Apr. 16) - half day (afternoon)

Module 5

Day 4 (Fri. Apr. 17) - half day (morning)

Module 6

Closer

8. **Identification Badges**

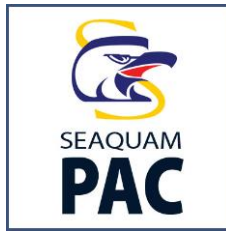
Starting last November, all district staff are required to wear identification badges at all times while at work. This will allow us to identify district staff and adults who are welcome to be at the school. This is another level of safety for our school communities.

9. **Student Teachers**

Seaquam will be hosting a number of student teachers from both UBC and SFU over the course of the next few months. The Student Teachers will be under the supervision of the regular teacher and University Advisor. Typically, students obtain a rich experience with having a Student Teacher, but if there are concerns, please contact the regular teacher or the grade administrator.

10. **Course Planning Night – Tuesday, January 28th**

Tomorrow night starting at 6:30pm, the counselling team will be providing information to parents and students on the course selection process for students in grades 7-11. All families



are welcome to attend. There will be presentations for each grade level in various rooms throughout the school.

11. **Train in Trades Information Evening – Wednesday, January 29th 7:00pm Library**

For those students interested in a career in the trades, there will be an information session on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00pm in the Library. Lisa Chapienski, District Coordinator, will be presenting options for students in the Trades and different opportunities for transitioning into post-secondary programs.

12. **Robotics Competition – Saturday, February 8th**

Seaquam will be hosting a Robotics competition on Saturday, February 8th starting at 9:00am until 4:45pm. The finals will start at 2:45pm. Mayor Harvie will be attending.

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Natalie Dusanj

- “Love your school” fundraiser – during the parent/teacher interviews. Raised \$450. Some interest generated for corporate donations. Tax receipts for \$25+ donations.

Treasurer’s Report – Natalie Dusanj (previous treasurer)

- General account: \$2871.00
- Gaming account: \$42,470

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- Hosted a roundtable with trustees. Topics included vaping and assessment (reporting)
- Information session – education partner groups. It was a follow up to a previous session to share thoughts on feedback. Three out of five working groups are invited to funding formula on March 31st.
- Everyone is welcome to the DPAC meetings. Grants are available for Parent Ed. District is doing a good job with presenters.

Earthquake Readiness Bin

- After all the snow, probably needs the moisture pack changed.
- Still looking for an earthquake bin coordinator.
- Students (first responders) are involved for the first time this year.

Other

- What happens to field trips if there is a teacher action? Hopefully no action, but we would have alternate teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Next Meeting: February 24th, 2020 6:30pm
