



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

**February 24, 2020**

**Meeting start time: 6:30 pm**

**In attendance:**

Julie Barrett  
Deb Gottschalk

Natalie Dusanj  
Dawn Chen

Dawn Shortt  
Carman Caelian

Rick Mesich  
Krista Barrett

**Minutes from past month:** approved Natalie Dusanj & Deb Gottschalk

**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. **Course Planning:**

The Counselling Team are visiting classrooms providing information to students on the Course Planning process to discuss graduation requirements and elective options for next year. Mr. Close has met with mostly all students to get them set up on the My Education database for students to make their course selections.

Mr. Close will be hosting Drop in sessions in the Library on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:45-3:45pm in the Library for students to complete their course selection. The system closes on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm.

The Course Handbook with the course descriptions is available on the Seaquam Website under the Registration/Course Planning tab. There you will find a timeline for Course planning. We encourage all parents to discuss course options with their children as their selection has an impact with how we schedule the school for next September.

2. **School Goal:**

We will be continuing with our current school goal with the addition of focusing on the staff's wellbeing as well. We feel we are just embarking on putting into place structures to support students and have provide various workshops for staff. We started the 3-year commitment with the UBC COMPASS survey to assess whether or not our structures are having an impact with students. The school Goal will run from September 2020 to June 2023.

3. **June 2020 Yearend Schedule:**

The June 2020 schedule has been developed where students will have double blocks from Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18 where students will experience final exams or major projects. The last week of June will be focused on "I" Recovery where students can sign up with a teacher to complete work for them to pass a particular course(s). Students will use the FLEX registration process to sign up for this opportunity. There will be no assessments during this week.

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4. The schedule for the April 14-17 will include The Mental Health Curriculum for all grade 9 students, the grade 10 students will be engaged with the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments. We are also considering looking at having our grade 12 students present their Capstone projects. A schedule will be released shortly.
5. Student Learning Survey and Our School survey will be conducted after Spring Break. Parents will have an opportunity to take part in the Student Learning Survey. Information will be emailed to families regarding parent/guardian participation.
6. Term 2 Report Cards will be posted on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be continuing recognizing students who have achieved Honour Roll and Principal List standing. We encourage families to meet with their Grade Counsellor or Administrator if the student did not pass certain courses to develop a success plan.
7. The Robotic Competition on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success where there were 57 robots representing different schools throughout the province and 20 volunteers who helped to ensure the competition went smoothly. Mayor Harvie attended the final round along with District Senior Managers. We had a team attend the Google Signature event where our senior team learned a great deal from the high calibre represented at the competition. This Saturday, the Seaquam team will be at the Provincial Championships in West Vancouver.
8. BC Skills Competitions  
We have students competing in 3 categories in the BC Skills Competition that include Photography, Public Speaking and Graphics. We will be hosting the Graphics competition on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
9. Grad and Fashion Show takes place on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door.
10. Youth and Philanthropy Initiative finals will take place on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> where student research on a local charity and present their findings. The winners of the competition will make a \$5000 donation to their charity.

#### **Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Natalie Dusanj**

- Nothing to report

#### **Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj (previous treasurer)**

- Regular: \$2865.00
- Gaming: \$42,466.00

#### **DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair**

- See DPAC website: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>
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### **Earthquake Readiness Bin**

- Earthquake Preparedness will be presented at the next meeting

### **Other**

#### **Student Council Rep:**

- carnations and roses (\$5) - approx. 500 students purchased flowers
- Dance in December - great turnout. Sold about 900 tickets.
- Junior Dance for 8-9, senior dance 10-12
- Last week before spring break - spirit day for everyday (Friday will be formal day)
- Thinking about something for Easter that everyone can participate in - more to come!
- Wrote approx. 1000 heart shaped sticky notes with positive messages for students to take and give to their friends

#### **Robotics**

- 12 teams (3 are middle school - grade 9)
- Saturday was last tournament - lots of student/parent participation
- This Saturday is provincials - could lead to world champs in Kentucky
- Working hard to get Seaquam's name known throughout Canada and the world.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:12pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2020**

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