



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

**November 23, 2020**

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

### **In attendance:**

Julie Barrett	Natalie Dusanj	Rick Mesich	Dawn Shortt
Krista Barrett	Kat Maihara	Tom Legal	Stewart Noble
Meenshaki Bhatti	RC		

### **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. COVID Information**

- a. To date, we have sent out 2 letters to our general family population regarding positive tests of school community members. With the number of COVID cases in our community, we anticipated that we were going to have some cases come up.
- b. We need to follow the basic safety protocols:
  - i. Wash/sanitize your hands regularly
  - ii. Stay 2m/6ft away from others
  - iii. Wear a mask
  - iv. Cough or sneeze into the crease of your elbow
  - v. Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- c. If your family has been contacted by Fraser Health, please contact your child's grade administrator to notify us to centralize this process.
- d. No public gatherings until the 2-week period concludes. We continue to encourage students to move to their next course or go home immediately when they are finished their courses for the day.

#### **2. Mental Wellness Resources**

As we move through our school year, many students are struggling with our current environment that is new, fluid and unpredictable. As a school, we planned to implement Dr. Stan Kucher's Teen Mental Health curriculum last year after Spring Break, but due to the pandemic, we were not able to move forward with the curriculum. Some staff are currently incorporating aspects of the curriculum into their classes. We will re-launch the entire curriculum in the future.

#### **3. Quarter 1 Report Cards will be posted on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in the Student Portal.**

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**4. Thursday, November 26th Alongside You Presentation (6:30pm)**

MANAGING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS DURING COVID-19 - Register here:  
[https://alongsideyou.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rqdrnLaIRg65T2wRALp\\_nQ](https://alongsideyou.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rqdrnLaIRg65T2wRALp_nQ)

**5. Remembrance Day**

Congratulations to the Fine Arts Department for creating the Remembrance Day video that was shared with the school and greater community. During the distribution of poppies on November 10th, students and staff donated money. We were able to raise \$1000 and the money was donated to the local Legion to help support veterans. So proud of our community.

**6. Grad Photo Sessions**

Artona Studios will be providing sessions for students to have their Grad Photos taken between February 23rd to March 5th, 2021. Students will be required to schedule a photo session by visiting the Artona Studios website <https://artona.com/schools/SEAQ>  
Artona will be conducting the photo sessions at Seaquam.

**7. Education Planner BC Parent Workshop**

There will be a parent Zoom workshop with a representative from Education Planner BC. This organization provides information on post-secondary opportunities, application processes and career opportunities. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

**8. Extra-curricular Opportunities**

As we move forward in this school year, we are creating opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities. The way that we conduct these activities will be different in order to meet safety protocols. Over the next few weeks, our sports teams will be hosting skill development sessions after school. We are also starting an E-sport team as well. Information will be shared in the coming weeks for students to participate in these athletic opportunities. We understand the importance of extra-curricular activities on our student's physical and mental wellness and hope to provide more opportunities in the coming months. We also have some clubs that are running currently that include Student Council, the Environmental Club and Grad Committee. If students wish to start a club, they can approach a teacher to be their sponsor and an application must be submitted to the office for approval. We all recognize that our school environment must create opportunities for students to have options to explore their passions and in our pandemic environment, we need to conduct our exploration in a safe manner.

**9. Return to Sport**

The Seaquam Athletics Program will be offering athletic opportunities for students starting in the coming weeks. Mr. Brown, Athletic Director, is currently working through the safety protocols with coaches before inviting athletes into our facilities. Mr. Brown is currently organizing opportunities for students interested in playing Volleyball. More athletic opportunities will be available as we move forward in the school year. If you have questions about our Athletic Program, please contact Mr. Brown by email at [ebrown@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:ebrown@deltasd.bc.ca).

**10. Seaquam Family Hampers**

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- a. We are going to create hampers for vulnerable families donated on behalf of the Seaquam staff. The Counselling team will be developing a list for distribution.

#### **11. Wishing PAC a Happy Holiday season!**

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

- Approval of Gaming Grant Fund Allocations: Motions by Natalie Dusanj & Kat Maihara

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

- Regular: \$2,480.00
- Gaming: \$3,000.00

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

Delta District Parent Advisory Council hosted an online Town Hall meeting with Superintendent Doug Sheppard on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The event provided an opportunity for parents and guardians in the Delta school district to express concerns and ask questions. Key topics covered include our district's remote/hybrid learning, safety, assessment and reporting plans during the COVID-19 pandemic. To view the recording of the event and access the present, visit the Delta DPAC web site: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

Next Delta DPAC meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2021. All parents and guardians in the SD37 school community are welcome to attend. Until further notice, all meetings will be held via Zoom.

Please visit the Delta DPAC website for the meeting registration and access details: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

#### **Other**

#### **Emergency Trailer**

- Water has expired and needs to be replaced. Natalie Dusanj will order new water. Waiting to hear from the district for the deadline.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:05pm**

**Next Meeting: TBD**

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