



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

September 28, 2020

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Julie Barrett	Natalie Dusanj	Lahkvir Brar	Rick Mesich
Ross Town	Khushwant Singh	Meenakshi Bhatti	Guliston Karademir
Erica Tucker	Ada Wadd	Kristy Holm	Tom & Heather Legal
Aman Sood	Deep Grewal	Justin Miedema	Ann Kishor
Sridhar Tirupati	Andy Fontana	RF Chong	Diane Noble
Deb Gottschalk	Elaine Owsnett	Dr Pillai	WRM Fernando
Harjinder Sandhu	Kat Maihara	Linda Mott	Jayamini Mataraarachchi
Douglas			

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.

- **Health & Safety**

We created a learning environment that meets all of the safety measures outlined in the District Plan. Students have been meeting the basic safety measures of wearing masks, physical distancing and following personal hygiene responsibilities.

- **Daily Health Check**

It is imperative that families monitor their student's health daily and keep students at home if they are not well.

Please refer to the attached Daily Health Checklist – this is a new version provided by the Ministry of Health.

- **Student Schedules**

The development of the student schedules from a linear timetable to a Quarter timetable posed some challenges in having the schedule ready for the start of school. Some decisions need to be made to also meet the learning group mandate set by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. To create learning groups for grades 8 and 9, we needed to replace the elective rotation with a quarter long elective course. We would have liked to have given each student one of their electives but allocated the electives randomly. For grades 10, 11 and 12, we could not create learning groups for the second session as there are too many options for courses to keep students together from session 1 to session 2. We decided to have the first session as a learning group and have the second session as a hybrid class.



We maintained the A through H schedule for courses and spread them throughout the quarter schedule where students, for the most part, will be responsible for 2 courses every quarter.

- **Grade 12 Graduation Credit Review**

In an effort to ensure that all grade 12 students are informed about their graduation progress, we will be conducting physically distanced assemblies in session 3 in the Theatre where students will be reviewing their graduation credits, reviewing their full year schedules and making requests to adjust their courses in quarters 2 to 4 to meet graduation requirements. We are planning to have these sessions during the week of October 5th. Mr. Mian and Ms. Gehiere will be providing more information in the coming days.

- **Graduation Events**

We know Grade 12 is an exciting time in students' lives and they are keen to celebrate the wonderful milestone of graduation. We will be engaging with our Grad Committee members early in the school year to begin to discuss and plan how best to celebrate Grad 2021 given that we may still be subject to COVID-19 health and safety restrictions next year. There is no question there is a great deal of uncertainty with respect to what types of events will be permitted in Spring of 2021. As such, we will be keeping in touch with Health Authorities for updates on restrictions for any type of events and gatherings as we plan for grad events. Despite a great deal of uncertainty with what June 2021 will look like, we still want to ensure that we don't lose out on the opportunity to secure potential venues, and other important details for grad events. Given this, we feel it is prudent to move ahead with the collection of grad fees at this time. We will adapt and adjust Grad events due to COVID restrictions as required and if events cannot go ahead, or need to be re-organized, refunds will be provided.

- **Extracurricular Activities**

According to the Public Health Guidelines for K-12 School Settings:

Extracurricular activities including sports, arts or special interest clubs can occur if physical distancing can be practiced in line with the guidance for within- and outside-of-cohort interactions. Inter-school events including competitions, tournaments and festivals, should not occur at this time. This will be re-evaluated in mid-fall 2020.

- **Flexible Learning Time**

Our school day's instructional minutes are from 8:30am – 3:20pm with a designated Flexible Learning Time in session 3 every day. During this time, students can arrange to attend their Block A or Block B class for additional support, to complete homework, to complete assessments or make-up an assessment or assignment. For students with a support block, their support block teacher is also an option to support a student with their learning. Students will need to set up an appointment with their teachers to obtain this additional support. These appoints can be arranged during class time or through email. If a teacher requests a student to attend their class for Flexible Learning Time, it is a mandatory requirement for the student to attend. We encourage parents to discuss the value of Flexible Learning Time with their child and encourage them to utilize this scheduled time to support their progress and learning in their courses.

- **Student Fees and Course Deposits**

The collection of Student Fees and Course Deposits will take place on Wednesday, September 30th and fees and deposits will be available for viewing on Parent Connect in the coming week. We would



prefer that families use the online payment option through Parent Connect in the Fees section. We will be setting up a face-to-face payment option (preferably a cheque) and will communicate this option at a later date.

- **Reporting**

In our quarter system model, each quarter will consist of two formal reporting periods through a mid-quarter and final-quarter report card. In addition to these two formal report cards, teachers will be reaching out to parents informally (phone call, email, etc.) to communicate any concerns or struggles regarding students who are not meeting minimal expectations in their course.

- **Emailed Questions**

Will school staff support students working on Distance Learning courses?

Yes, and no. Students with Ministry Designations will obtain some support from our support teachers and Educational Assistants. Those who do not have a Ministry Designation have the assistance of the Distance Learning teacher.

If there is the need for future school closures or restricted attendance, what will remote learning look like? Remote learning will look very much like last Spring, but students and staff will only be responsible for 2 classes, for the most part, at a time and not 8.

Could you update on the condition of Seaquam's ventilation/HVAC systems? District staff have tested the HVAC system at Seaquam and the system is working well. It is moving air effectively throughout the building.

Any word on how federal funding is being/will be used in Delta district? This funding is sent to Provincial government for distribution. I am not sure of the finer details of what money was used where. I can assume that the masks and PPE available came from that money.

Co-Chair Report – Julie Barrett & Natalie Dusanj

- Online tutoring is being offered by grade 12 students through the organization they work with called Reconvene. If you are interested in receiving assistance or are a grade 12 student that would like to sign up as a volunteer you can go to their website [reconvene.ca](https://www.reconvene.ca) to get more information. They have also been featured in the Delta Optimist : <https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-students-offering-free-online-tutoring-1.24198173>
- **Executive appointed**
 - Chairs: Julie Barrett & Natalie Dusanj
 - Past Chair Andy Fontana
 - Treasurer Tom Legal
 - Secretary – Krista Barrett
 - DPAC Lakhvir Brar
 - Members at Large Erica Tucker, Kat Mahara, Justin Miedema, Gulistan Karademir

Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj (previous treasurer)

- The annual gaming application has been submitted but we have not received the funds yet.
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- Regular: \$2,568.00
- Gaming: \$13,063

DPAC Report – Lakhvir Brar, DPAC Vice Chair

- **Delta DPAC Updates:** Effective September 14, Joe Muego has resigned from his position as Delta DPAC Chair. Vice Chair Lakhvir Brar (Seaquam Secondary DPAC Rep) has assumed the Chair position for the interim. The AGM and elections to vote in the 2020/2021 Executive Committee will be held on November 16th. A Call for Nominations will be announced shortly.
- **Delta DPAC-sponsored events with Superintendent Doug Sheppard:** Delta DPAC will be hosting two upcoming events with Superintendent Doug Sheppard. These events will be an opportunity for all parents and guardians in the SD37 school community to learn more about this year's school plan, ask questions, and share your feedback and concerns. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both will be online events with a moderated Q&A session. More details on how to register and submit questions in advance will be emailed to all PAC and DPAC contacts this week.
 - Monday, October 5 at 7pm - 8pm (*Delta DPAC General Meeting to follow immediately after the Q&A session)
 - Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm
- **Internet Safety Presentation: Parenting Kids, Social Media, & Technology:** The Delta School District invites families and staff to attend a livestream presentation on internet safety with social media education expert Jessie Miller on Wednesday, September 30th from 7:00 - 8:30pm. For more details, visit: <https://deltalearns.ca/internetsafety/>
- **Free Zoom Licenses:** Delta School District has kindly offered one (1) dedicated Zoom license for each PAC in our district at no cost to you. This will give PACs the ability to schedule online meetings with up to 300 attendees with no time restrictions. Please email deltadpac@gmail.com with the Subject Line: Zoom License Request to get set up.
- **Community Gaming Grants: 2020 PAC & DPAC Guidelines:** This guide outlines the terms and conditions for the Community Gaming Grants, including details on the funding available, eligibility, application process, and eligible uses for the funds. PACs must disburse grant funds within 36 months of the date the Community Gaming Grant was received by the PAC. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-pac.pdf>
- **Delta Board of Education Meetings:** Effectively immediately, Delta Board of Education Meetings will allow for a combination of in-person attendance (subject to room capacity limits in adherence with provincial health and safety guidelines) and remote/online participation. For more details, please visit: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/board-meetings/>

Other

Dry Grad Update

- An email was sent out in June looking for parents interested in being on an organizational committee for Grad 2021. Several parents have offered to be a part of the committee. At this
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time we are still unclear what grad and dry grad will look like due to COVID but the committee has decided to begin fundraising to enable them to subsidize the cost of the events. The fundraising plans proposed are Mask sales, Raffle, Christmas tree chip, May 3 in 1 and ongoing bottle returns at Return t. More information will be available on the school website.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 6:30pm