



## Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board  
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### DPAC General Meeting Minutes

#### **Monday, May 15, 2017**

Meeting location: Delta School Board Office

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

#### **Members in attendance:**

Keith Punshon - Chair (Devon Gardens/Delview)  
Joe Muego – Vice Chair (Beach Grove)  
Wendy Thompson - Co-Secretary (Annieville)  
Elaine Owsnett - Treasurer (Pinewood)  
Lakhvir Brar – 1<sup>st</sup> Member At Large (Cougar Canyon)  
Kerri Deane - Delta Secondary  
William Xie - Seaquam  
Gwen McMonigal - Cliff Drive  
Kristin Unger - Gray  
Jennifer DenHartogh - Hawthorne  
Sol Stevenson - South Park  
Bob Nath - Delview/Gibsons

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

Doug Sheppard – Superintendent  
Brad Bowman – Assistant Superintendent (all remaining North Delta Schools)  
Neil Stephenson - Director of Learning Services  
Jenn Hill - Director of Communications  
Laura Dixon - School trustee

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:05pm

Welcome & Introductions

#### **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - Doug Sheppard, Superintendent**

Brad will share with us some of the work done with principals regarding the student and learning grant. \$50.00 per student in the school district.



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Spring staffing in the District begins around this time, we make some administrative moves this week typically, mid May is when administrators are placed and then the rounds of staffing begin. We are attempting to maintain that timeline as much as possible but we have a small glitch due somewhat to the class size and composition requirements and also who will be governing. The total was \$6.7 million allocated to Delta. The plan for the District has been submitted and speaks to how we will spend the money and if we'll need additional monies. We have requested additional funding. We will know hopefully before the Summer whether our draft plan has been approved. This will all be held until September 30, 2017 for actual numbers of kids in the schools. The ministry has 60 plans to figure out and who needs the additional funding. They need a government in place if there is not enough of a contingency for the additional funding or approval in place to spend that funding. We are hopeful that since all 3 parties suggested they would fund education further this funding will be there. Issue is if we hire staff and that funding does not come through as those contracts have to be paid regardless. It does mean a change of how staffing will roll out regarding school placement or non catchment issues. This is an issue with all Districts currently. Encourage parents who are concerned to connect with their school's principal so they can be kept informed as much as possible.

### **REPORT FROM - Brad Bowman, Assistant Superintendent**

This is a one time injection of money. It is money to be spent per student on resources, supplies, instructional supplies, electronic resources, athletic equipment and learning resources to assist non enrolling teachers. Where possible, funding should first be used on items that will help defray costs for parents. Any funding from 2016 2017 can be carried over to the 2017/18 year noting that the categories above still apply and the school district must track how funding is being utilized and report out by July 31, 2017 to the DPAC and report on planned uses for any unspent funding for the 2017/18 year. This report has to go back to the Ministry. It was determined a lump sum per student would be appropriate. The total allocation was \$785,098. The district took \$60,000 off the top for an equity allocation to distribute to schools that had vulnerability factors such as:

- average family income
- unemployment rate
- single parent incident rate
- transiency
- immigration

Then we have \$12,000 out of the \$60,000 going to the Community Schools Partnership Programs for after school programs and summer camp funding. A school of 500 students should receive approximately \$23,825.



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### REPORT FROM - Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services

Provided a brochure for review that will be distributed to children in the district to help promote conversation with their parents. Could either be sent home by the teacher with their students. Could also be put in an entranceway at the school. Has the Districts beliefs:

- Understand - their own learning and provide feedback related to their learning experience
- Learn - in settings that enhance curiosity, engagement and self regulation
- Experience - positive social-emotional connections in their learning environment
- Develop - a growth mindset
- Graduate - with dignity, purpose and options

The brochure suggests some questions and topics for parents to discuss with their students about their learning. Some feedback from the DPAC meeting is:

- Be careful of the jargon
- There is little reference to anything aboriginal
- Will this be focussed towards the school level i.e. primary, intermediate, secondary
- Should be available in multiple languages
- May be a lot of information at once, perhaps breaking it down and using school websites, newsletters as a way of reaching the parents, perhaps a video showing the conversation

DPAC has been asked if their logo can be added to the pamphlet to show support. The DPAC group in attendance was in agreement that this could be added.

**General Business Meeting:** Start time 8:50

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Kerry Deane & seconded by Lakhvir Brar ; approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Approved by Joe Muego & seconded by Keith Punshon

**Chairs report** - Keith Punshon

Attended two budget public board meetings on April 11 and 25, 2017



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**Vice-Chair's report – Joe Muego**

Nil to report

**BCCPAC Rep report - Lakhvir Brar**

Nil to report

**Treasurer's Report - Elaine Owsnett**

We have \$2459.72 in our gaming account and \$7327.97 in our operating account. Since then we have issued \$800 in parent ed grants. The unused money will roll over into next year's budget. If anyone has any events coming up get in touch with Elaine.

**Parent Education Report - Tami Oudendijk**

Not in attendance

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (See DPAC website to view links with information on the following)

**Healthy School's - Nil to report**

**Emergency Preparedness Committee – vacant**

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee – vacant**



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**DPAC Executive elections:**

**Chair:** Lakhvir Brar nominated Joe Muego. Seconded by Elaine Owsnett.

**Vice Chair:** Joe Muego nominated Lakhvir Brar. Seconded by Jennifer DenHartogh

**Treasurer:** Lakhvir Brar nominated Elaine Owsnett. Seconded by William Xiu

**Secretary:** Joe Muego nominated Kristin Unger. Seconded by Bob Nath

**District Association to BCCPAC:** Lakhvir Brar nominated Jenn DenHartogh, seconded by Joe Muego

**Parent Ed Co-ordinator:** position remains open

**Meeting Convenor:** position remains open

**First member at large:** Elaine Owsnett nominated William Xie. Seconded by Sol Stevenson

**Second member at large:** Lakhvir Brar nominated Bob Nath. Seconded by Kristin Unger

**Past Chair:** Keith Punshon

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:00 pm

Next meeting date to be posted on the DPAC website for September 2017

Location: Delta School District Office, Main Board Room