



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2016

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 – 1st Member At Large (Cougar Canyon)
Kerri Deane - Delta Secondary
Nicole Bevan - Sands
William Xie - Seaquam
Kristin Unger - Gray
Kate Henderson - Holly
Tasha Mangat – Neilson Grove
Nadine Daviss – Sunshine Hills
Nadine Inkster -- Sunshine Hills
Soledad Stevenson – South Park
Bob Nath - Delview/Gibsons

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard – Superintendent
Brad Bowman – Assistant Superintendent
Joanna Angelidis - Director of Inclusive Learning
Rod Allnut - Director of Human Resources
Laura Dixon - School Trustee



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Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:05pm

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT FROM ROD

Back in 1998 new collective agreement and teachers negotiated class size language. Some primary, some intermediate, some secondary. In 2002 the new BC Government decided that class size would be better addressed in legislation versus separate collective agreements. In 2011 BC supreme court agreed with BCTF. Government moved ahead, talked with the teachers for a year but didn't come to an agreement so they passed Bill 22. Set some limits for primary, and guidelines for grades 4-12. Introduced learning education fund. District would have some money to apply to class sizes and composition as they needed individually. In 2014 BCTF went back to the BC Supreme Court and advised the Government did not negotiate fairly with them to get Bill 22. Again Supreme Court ruled in favor of the BCTF. The government appealed and in 2015 the Court of Appeal ruled in favor of the government. The decision was then taken to the Supreme Court of Canada. Ruling came out last week from them. What they have said is that the BC Supreme Court ruling is now a valid ruling. The court has said that the BCTF has won and that the teachers and government have already agreed if an impasse happens they will open that part of the collective agreement and negotiate on that part. Now they will have to come up with a process as to how they are going to negotiate and what the timeline for that looks like. We are not sure if that means 60 different negotiations per collective agreement or one for the entire group. In the meantime the process continues as it has. The court was never asked to look and determine class size and composition, that is for the BCTF and Government to determine. May mean shortage of space for classes and also difficulty finding and recruiting specialized teachers to fill extra positions. There is a lot of misinformation being floated around about this issue currently. The Trustee position will be looking for resources to support the students and teachers and also flexibility in how we approach and implement this.

REPORT FROM JOANNA

Inclusive learning, special needs and children that struggle. Special education has evolved, in the 1970's it was segregation, 1980's it was integration, 1990's it was mainstreaming, 2000's it was inclusion and 2010's it was diversity. Now we look at our systems and open them up so that those children are doing the same activities as our other students. Our goal is students are engaged through stimulating, relevant and inspiring educational experiences that ignite a



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lifelong passion for learning. Learners are fully prepared and empowered to contribute their personal best to society and become tomorrow's citizens and leaders. Our schools nurture

caring relationships, connections and a sense of belonging to our local and global communities. We have a provincial goal, BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. Emphasis on local efforts to support each student and specific groups including students with indigenous ancestry, children in care and students with special needs. We know what our principles are and our values but we have to be soft with each other as we have conversations. We have 15,956 students as of the beginning of October with learning disabilities. So how do we move forward on everything that we're doing really good in delta. We need to explore our paradigms. We need to make them more contemporary looking at strength based program planning. What is the barrier that child is experiencing to accessing the learning environment and how do we push through that barrier. One way to get involved is there is an inclusive learning advisory council where we are looking for parent involvement. This involves inclusion of all students included gifted students and LGBT community.

General Business Meeting: Start time 8:50

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Lakhvir Brar & seconded by Joe Muego; approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Carried over to January so that minutes for September, October and November can be posted.

Chairs report - Keith Punshon

Got list back of who is sitting on what position in each school., We can reach out to the schools without rep's to see if we can get someone involved.

Vice-Chair's report – Joe Muego

Nil to report

BCCPAC Rep report - Lakhvir Brar

Attended BCCPAC summit this past Friday and Saturday. They had people from the ministry there. There were DPAC representatives from all over the province there. They had set up tables with people from various parts of the province. Due to this you could hear what was



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working and not in different districts. We have a lot to appreciate in our district compared to what some districts have issues with, such as basic needs issues. Great to see BCCPAC in action. They are the largest lobbying group for education for the parent group in our province. They have direct access to the ministry. They are a good resource if there is something we would like to advance from the district to the ministry. You can put forth a motion for something that the assembly will vote on for issues you think the Ministry should deal with. 4 themes that were discussed were inclusion, mental health, safety and new curriculum and reporting. A presenter named Ocean came in to speak about mental health. We may want to look at bringing her in to do presentations in the District.

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Owsnett

Funds available 'Gaming Account' \$4557 for Parent Education. \$7377 in our operating account. Remind your schools to apply for grants. A month's notice is required when requesting the grant. We are also funding Terry Small in the New Year.

Parent Education Report - Tami Oudendijk

Unable to attend

Action Item: Need to create a database on our DPAC website listing good speakers used by Delta schools (some for fee and some for free). (Tami volunteering to collect info from DPAC attendees).

Committee Reports: (See DPAC website to view links with information on the following)

Superintendent's Council – Keith Punshon (alternate: Joe Muego)

Nil to report

Tzu Chi – William Xie This program is being closed.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – vacant

Aboriginal Advisory Committee – vacant

Special Programs Community Advisory Committee – vacant

Social Responsibility Advisory Committee/Healthy Schools– Joe Muego

Nil to report

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:10 pm

Next meeting January 16, 2017 at 7:00pm



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