



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board

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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 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 Owsnet - Treasurer (Pinewood)
Tami Oudendijk – Parent Ed (South Delta Secondary)
Lakhvir Brar – BCCPAC Rep (Cougar Canyon)
Jodie Weststrate - Sands Secondary
Alka Jawanda - Brooke Elementary
Gwen McMonigal - Cliff Drive Elementary
Heidi Surman - English Bluff Elementary
Kristin Unger - Gray Elementary
Jennifer DenHartogh - Hawthorne Elementary
Leanne Pryce - Hawthorne Elementary
Tia Litz - Port Guichon Elementary
Sol Stevenson - South Park Elementary
Nadine Daviss - Sunshine Hills Elementary
Nadine Inkster - Sunshine Hills Elementary

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard – Superintendent
Neil Stephensen - Director of Learning Services
Brooke Moore - District Principal of Inquiry & Innovation
Jen Hill – Director of Communications
Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee



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Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:05pm

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE – Doug Sheppard, Superintendent

One of the big questions is what will my child's report card look like? This is a year of experimentation. Each classroom will have different ideas which will allow us to see what's working and not working for further changes. Most of Grade 8 and 9 will look the same as well Grade 10 - 12. In order to get the best feedback possible, what would parents really like to see and need to know about how their child is doing? Should that be on a formal report or throughout the year? What we learned during the strike periods is that we were able to obtain information about our child's learning without report cards. We may give teachers a template but what they create from it may be very different. This will be an evolving process.

REPORT FROM NEIL AND BROOKE

Assessment & Reporting:

A lot is going on in the Province. There are a lot of unknowns as the information from the Ministry is still interim. The issue drills down to what do we count as good learning, how do we count it, how do we measure it? In BC there is a redesigned curriculum with a focus on engaging learning environments. Reporting has been snapshot at a time rather than ongoing feedback. One of the strong goals of the new curriculum is strong foundational skills in literacy and numeracy. Also focus on flexible classrooms where learning is more personalized and students have the opportunity to explore passions and interests. This helps the development of thinking, communication, personal and social competencies. There is less emphasis on facts and more emphasis on developing deeper learning. Since the ways we are teaching are changing then the form of assessment likely needs to change. The Ministry is trying to be less defined and more flexible options for Districts. They are trying to move from reporting being an event, once every 3 months to where they are ongoing, timely and responsive communications. They want to move from limited student involvement within the process to increased ownership for learning and achievement by the student. Communication is typically one way from the teacher to the parent so they'd like to make it both ways. It's less of a process and more focus on student learning. The guidelines now are students are supposed to get 5 communications



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throughout the year, 3 formal (report cards) and 2 informal (parent teacher/email etc). No letter grades K - 3, letter grades in 4 and 5 may be provided, letter grades have to be provided in 6 - 9. There needs to be summative self assessment of core competencies and then final year end written report. Interim report this year from the Ministry said Districts either need to do that or do new options. New options are still communications 5 times a year but 1 summative year end report. Ongoing reporting throughout the year. No letter grades K-3, Grades 4-9 District will determine the use of letter grades and letter grades will be available to parents on request. Final summative report includes student self assessment of Core Competencies, completed with the support and guidance of teacher when needed or appropriate. A final written summative report at the end of the school year. In Delta K-7 we developed pilot report card, somewhere in the middle of these 2 guidelines. A group met last year a few times looking at other Districts and their reporting, what was good and what was not so good and from that came Deltas template. As this is a pilot we will gather the information and feedback from teachers as well as parents as the year progresses. We can then tweak the template. The Ministry is also collecting information from parents across the Province. There are 2 ways parents can provide feedback. One is a website: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/> this has an online survey you can take now and also the Ministry is running 10 community forums Abotsford January 17, Surrey January 18 and Richmond February 8th. In Secondary Schools the provincial exams are gone in Science 10, Language arts 10 and Social Studies 11. There are new provincial assessments, a math skills exam and provincial literacy exam before graduation. There is an addition of student self-assessment at year end. Graduation requirements are unchanged. There are no other changes in 2016/2017. The priorities for the new reporting template are celebrating what learners can do, focus on learners' next steps & goals and how to support that, provide opportunity for student voice and reflections, provide clear information on key learning areas and align with new curriculum and new teaching practices. It starts with student voice/reflection. The front page focus on Literacy & Numeracy. Literacy assessment: information on reading, writing, and speaking/listening skills. Numeracy assessment: information on problem solving, thinking and foundational skills in math. Understanding and solving: information on student's foundational math skills. There will be achievement indicators showing the core competencies and how they are doing within those. Page 2 shows Focus on skills: focus on learning competencies. Health and Wellbeing: information on personal responsibility, work habits and social interactions. Investigate and explore: information on students critical thinking and exploration skills. Design & create: information on students creative and expressive abilities. Examples of these report formats can be found on www.deltalearns.ca/cslpilot. Under the heading feature sheet you will find the example. Over the next few weeks information will be coming home from your schools or teachers regarding this.



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REPORT FROM LAURA DIXON:

Sorry for missing initial meeting and is looking forward to the coming school year to dig deeper into some of this work being done. There have been some switches in liaison trustees, letters went out to the schools to advise. They are working on going out to schools to meet with parents.

General Business Meeting: Start time 8:36

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Jodie Weststrate & seconded by Leanne Pryce; approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Defer to November meeting.

Chairs report - Keith Punshon

Has had the DPAC mail moved from the Delta Manor Education Centre to the Delta School Board office.

Vice-Chairs report – Joe Muego

Nil to report

Treasurers Report - Elaine Owsnett

October, 2016 Financial Statement: ~\$1100 outstanding Parent Ed grants to be paid out once receipts are received. We have just paid \$75 to renew our BCCPAC membership and also spent \$281.11 in purchasing a ChromeBook for the DPAC. We have received our gaming grant funds. Funds are available for Parent Education. There are 1 large grant of \$600 for each the North and South Districts, 1 small \$300 grant for each the North and South District and 2 individual grants for each of the North and South Districts. DPAC has set aside \$1,000 of parent education funding to sponsor an event with Terry Small.



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Motion to approve the budget Joe Muego, seconded Tami Oudendijk, all in favor; approved.

Parent Education Report - Tami Oudendijk

Terry Small presentation – This will tie into the pilots that both Delview and South Delta Secondary School are doing regarding flex time. This will likely be booked for early February 2017. One will be held in the North and one in the South end. The cost will be shared between DPAC and the District.

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 has begun to collect the information and will be posting it on the DPAC website)

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

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

Unable to attend last meeting

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

Attended a meeting today. They are working on how to support students physical and mental wellness. More to come.



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Questions:

A concern was raised by one parent regarding the amount of children in the Ladner school district. Laura was able to advise that in fact enrollment is not that much higher than it was previously. There are some schools within that area that are at maximum capacity but also some that can handle further enrollments. Likely if one area has exceeded capacity the District will look at having new enrollments move into another school that can handle additional enrollment.

A question was raised about the information the secretary at a school can give out concerning class lists with names. Likely the secretary is trying to follow FOI guidelines but this is creating some issues for such items as lice screening etc. Speak to your principal to see if an agreement can be reached regarding basic information to be provided without breaking the FOI guidelines in place.

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:02 pm

Next meeting November 21, 2016 at 7:00pm

Location: Delta School District Office, Main Boardroom