



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2018

Meeting location: Delta School Board Office

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Joe Muego - Chair (Beach Grove/SDSS)
Kristin Unger - Secretary (Gray)
Elaine Owsnett - Treasurer (Pinewood)
Lakhvir Brar - Vice Chair (Cougar Canyon)
William Zie - 1st Member At Large (Seaquam)
Jennifer DenHartogh - Hawthorne
Natasha Gray - Neilson Grove
Trish Uppal - Sunshine Hills
Shane Todhunter - South Park
Kerri Deane - Delta Secondary
Tracey Innes - Cliff Drive
Bob Nath - Gibsons/Delview
Caroline Williams - Chalmers
Meena Ghag - Hellings
Rebecca Lee - Pebble Hill
Melanie Bannister - Burnsvew

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
Laura Dixon - Board of Education, School Trustee, Chairperson
Dallas Pretty - Treasurer, Kidsport
Eileen Penny – Secretary Treasurer, CUPE Local 1091

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at - 7:05pm



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Welcome & Introductions

Dallas Pretty - Treasurer, Kidsport

Dallas Pretty came to DPAC to speak on behalf of Kidsport. Kidsport is an organization that pays the registration fees of children of families who can't afford to pay for community sport involvement. They offer up to \$350 per calendar year.

Kidsport has 42 community chapters and has offered over \$1.9 million in grants in 2016 to over 7,800 kids. The age range of children who qualify is 5-18 years old. Forms will go out to schools shortly, but more information can be found on their website at www.kidsport.ca/delta or via contacting Carlene Lewall, Chairperson, or Dallas Pretty, Treasurer at 604-889-1060.

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District

The Superintendent was proud to show what the district is up to! Completion rate data was released recently, showing the rates of graduating in the province and breaking it down into groups. Delta is second overall in the province in terms of completion rates.

The information can be found on the Ministry website at:
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance/

Students were measured in a 6-year cohort. Most students would have graduated in 2016, though some in 2017. A new category was added, BC residents, which removes international students from the completion rate to avoid skewed results from those who attend only a portion of years and move away before completion.

The total province completion rate was 84%. Delta is 91.2%, and we are on an upward trend. This breaks down to approximately 37 students more graduating per year. Indigenous students in Delta have a completion rate of 80.2%. This is a significant jump from the last data set but there is still a significant gap between all students and indigenous students, and Delta School District is trying to bring that into parity.



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General Business Meeting: Start time 8:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Trish Uppal & seconded by Kerri Deane; unanimous.

Approval of October Minutes:

Moved by Shane Todhunter & seconded by Trish Uppal; unanimous.

Chair's Update - Joe Muego

Healthy Schools Committee Meeting, October 30, 2017

The Healthy Schools Committee plans to refocus this year and focus on healthy mind/mental health issues. They plan to produce curriculum support for healthy bodies in early years. There's some good expertise on the committee to help with that. The next meeting is in a month, and there will be new material then.

School Board Meeting, November 7, 2017

Brooke Moore was there and spoke about "agri-literacy" and Mike Schneider from Project Pickle spoke. Farm Roots mini school was there to give an update, and the Academies update with Paige Hansen consisted of the success of the gala they held, and talked about kids who have gone through the academies and are now working with their skills.

Joanne Angelidis, Director of Learning Services spoke about inclusive learning, and gave an indigenous education update. She also spoke about her work to help bring the success rates up. Their new business: they spoke about BCSTA (BC School Trustees Association) meetings, and Laura Dixon, Board Chair, relayed the position of Delta School District and how they plan to represent us.

Meet the Trustees DPAC Meeting, November 20, 2017

BCCPAC Summit Meeting, November 24-25, 2017

Joe Muego and Jen DenHartogh both attended. Details can be found under BCCPAC Update Section.



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School Board Meeting, December 12, 2017

This was the inaugural meeting of the Board of Education. They reappointed Laura Dixon as Chairperson, and Val Windsor as Vice Chairperson.

School Board Meeting, January 9, 2018

The district calendars for the next three years have been presented and released.

Laura Dixon presented draft Ministry of Education funding formula. They have been asked by the Ministry to help figure out the guiding principles used to figure out funding formula. They will do their best to represent our District interests with these guiding principles. The trustees want to make sure we move forward with the funding formula and not step back. Delta is seen as a fairly successful district, so the worry is that, because of our success, there might be a perception of less need. The Board will hopefully mitigate that and keep us informed.

Emergency Preparedness Meeting

We have the Minutes for the last emergency preparedness meeting. Email Kristin Unger or Joe Muego for a PDF copy.

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Vice-Chair's report – Lakhvir Brar

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Owsnett

There has been one parent education grant cashed for \$300. There are some approvals pending, and an event happening this spring. There is \$3860 in the gaming acct and \$7318 in the operating account. There is still lots left for parent education events!

Cliff Drive is looking at bringing the White Hatter in to do a parent education event on internet safety. If there are any schools interested in joining to get more funding, please let Tracey Innes know.



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BCCPAC Update - Jen DenHartogh

At the BCCPAC Summit, the BCCPAC president questioned the Minister of Education relentlessly. Each PAC was allowed to ask one question as a District. There was talk about outreach, about when teachers vote, surveys online and other important issues.

Renzo Del Negro talked about why teachers go on strike. He gave a good view of the big picture on why things take so long to get pushed through.

Melissa Horner, from the Ministry of Education, talked about bursaries and scholarships. There is a little known scholarship called the BCTESG (BC Training and Education Savings Grant). If the child was born in 2006-2009, there's \$1200 for each child. You have until the middle of August 2018 to get this money and it goes into an RESP.

There is a new online service for current and former students to get their transcripts:

www.transcripts.gov.bc.ca

Eleanor Liddy, Strategic Director for the Ministry of Education, talked about myeducationbc.com. This is a family portal for education and has many different functions for students and parents to use.

Jennifer McCrea, also from the Ministry of Education, came and talked about inclusive education. This encompasses all of the children that need inclusion. It has a focus on SOGI, indigenous, and ELL children, and is based around mental health wellness and safety. In 2017 and 2018, all students qualify for accommodations based on need rather than diagnosis and designation and this will be in place for exams. Adult graduation programs are now tuition-free and all post-secondary tuition is waived for former kids in care.

Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister, showed slides on completion rates and spoke about how BC has 1,566 public schools in 271 communities and how 144 of those communities are single-school communities, so threats of closing schools hits them hardest.

Matt Carruthers, a Delta District Principal, gave a presentation on SOGI and removing bias and discrimination through education. He stated that when there's no policy, it leaves room for personal agenda. What should you do if other parents are uncomfortable with SOGI teaching? Take it back to the principal for resolution.

The next BCCPAC Summit is in May 2018.



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Parent Education

At Chalmers, teacher representatives are having a SOGI information session. It is in their gym on Tuesday, February 6, and open to all parents in the district. They might have babysitting.

Business Arising From Minutes (Oct 2017):

The district managed websites: there is no current information but this is a bring-forward item for the next agenda.

New Business:

Directions for DPAC - Open Discussion:

What are your individual PACs wanting more information on?

Lakhvir suggests it would be good to have time set aside to share amongst ourselves so we can see what other schools are doing.

Would we like a discussion on fundraising? Playgrounds?

It was proposed that we create a subcommittee to link the different areas and intercommunicate better. Perhaps also a subcommittee dedicated to mental health?

Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, wants to present on his trip to Singapore. He was presenting with and to 60 countries, and 100 different delegates. Delta was invited to present because of the work that he, Nancy Gordon (Assistant Superintendent) and Neil Stephenson (Director of Learning Services) have been doing..

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:47 p.m.

Next meeting February 19, 2018 at 7:00pm

Location: Delta School District Office, Main Board Room