



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 21, 2019

Meeting location: Delta School Board Office

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Joe Muego - Chair (Beach Grove)
Kristin Unger - Secretary (Gray)
Jenn DenHartogh - BCCPAC Rep (Hawthorne)
Tracey Innes - Parent Education Coordinator (Cliff Drive)
Tia Litz - Member at Large (Port Guichon)
Kerri Deane - Delta Secondary
Julia Mellish - Holly
Lara Wilson - Beach Grove
Rebecca Lee - Pebble Hill
Nancy Baily - Sands
Trish Uppal - Sunshine Hills
Ambee Minhas - Jarvis Traditional
Bob Nath - Delview and Gibsons
Olena Ressayat - Chalmers
Natasha McGregor - Ladner

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent
Val Windsor - School Board Trustee
Nick Kanakos - School Board Trustee
Daniel Boisvert - School Board Trustee
Jessie Dosanjh - School Board Trustee
Bruce Reid - School Board Trustee
Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee

Regrets – Erica Beard – School Board Trustee

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:10pm



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Welcome & Introductions

Laura Dixon - Chairperson, Delta School Board Trustee – Introductions

Everyone is welcome to come to Board Trustee meetings, and trustees are out with their liaison schools with the Superintendent so they will be around to the schools to meet and greet.

A liaison is meant to help delegate the work between all the schools, divided roughly equally amongst trustees. You can invite all and any trustees to your schools and meetings and communicate with the trustees you would like. They are all your trustees, despite liaison appointments.

This is the first year of a four-year mandate, with some brand new elected trustees. They are here to listen to your issues and put you in touch with the right person to handle your issues.

Laura Dixon: Chairperson, has served as trustee since 2008, and has a long and involved history with the DPAC and the Delta School District

Bruce Reid: has long been a teacher and a pastor; he has three grandchildren in the system that keep him informed

Val Windsor: a retired teacher, this is her third term; her kids were educated in Delta; she Chairs the English language advocacy consortium through the BC School Trustees Association

Nick Kanakas: has spent 33 years as a teacher at NDSS, though 35 years in total as a teacher; he has had four children go through the Delta school system; his wife is a city councilor in Delta; this is his third term as a trustee

Daniel Boisvert: he is a newly elected trustee; he graduated from Delta Secondary and went to Ladner Elementary; his kids are in a Delta school; he is also a notary public in Tsawwassen, and has been one in BC for almost 11 years now

Jessie Dosanjh: both of his kids went to Delta schools; his whole family lives in North Delta; he has been a track and field coach for the last 20 years, and has been involved with youth heavily; he is a newly elected trustee, happy for the opportunity to serve the community and students; he supports post-secondary kids for athletic scholarships

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Break Out Session Info

Laura's group:

Laura's group compared elementary PACs versus secondary PACs; elementary PACs are busy around events and fundraising, and this shifts at the secondary level; questions that came up: how much of PAC is focused on education and how much is just day to day? This seems very different between secondary and elementary PACs

Val's group:

There were two issues that concerned most in this group, the have and have not schools; everyone has a playground on their minds and why should PACs have to generate those funds? Also, should there be before and after school childcare in schools?

Bruce's group:

Bruce's group spoke about the arts program in general, and how at secondary level there is not great available venues for arts in any part of Delta; they spoke about emergency preparedness, and whose responsibility is it? The positives: passionate teachers; cohorting with the STRIVE program at SDSS, connectedness for those kids; they spoke about student teachers coming into the schools, and how secondary students usually complain, but in elementary school, students are happy because it's a change of pace and variety

Daniel's group:

They spoke about drugs in schools and vapes and jewelery (JUULing – brand -it's the size of a USB stick, plugs into a computer to heat, then students can vape from it); they spoke about trying to bring more education to elementary schools to make sure that there is awareness around drugs; portables were an issue to discuss also

Nick's group:

Nick's group spoke about secondary school PACs versus elementary school PACs and the changing roles, with elementary mostly fundraising and secondary mostly having the money but not the people on the PACs; they spoke about playgrounds and whether replacement should be a PAC responsibility; they also spoke about vaping; there was talk of the change in report cards and how some kids, it works well for, others it doesn't; at the secondary level, flex time and collab time, lots of students find it to be very beneficial, but not all schools have flex time; they talked about matching students with special needs to the correct teacher, etc. Could there be more parent input into this?



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Jessie's Group:

They spoke about portables and election issues; also, DPAC website issues; track and field, and how come the new track is coming only in North Delta and when is it coming to South Delta? They talked about fundraising and playgrounds as well

Laura Dixon – closing remarks:

The Delta Police Department came in to speak about drug education and will have a session in South Delta coming soon. Emergency Preparedness: there may be a specialized session where PAC Chairs come to DPAC to talk about that, but ultimately the principals are site supervisors and it is their responsibility. The new Track in North Delta: there is an arrangement for South Delta secondary to get resurfacing on their asphalt as soon as the weather dries up; the reason only one deal is contemplated at NDSS is because the federal/provincial grant only allows for one project; if successful in obtaining the grant, the reason it's in North Delta is because that site (from assessment) is the most accessible for people in the north zone; Seaquam site is problematic because of all the water draining into it and tree removal would be huge and accessibility is challenging; after these two projects are completed, they will tackle more.

There was also talk about the sale of the hockey academy for \$1. The hockey academy doesn't have net value, and the District is not allowed to make a profit from it, which is why it was sold for \$1. It got to a size where they needed more flexibility, so as a business, it was successful and had to be a standalone entity. The relationship is still good.

BC hydro article: this article was widely quoted from the submission of lawyers for the challenging party; their lawyers' version of events is not necessarily the version at the end of the day. The trustees look forward to being able to explain what's going on, but can't just yet.

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:53 pm