



**Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)**

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**DPAC General Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

Meeting location: Delta School Board Office

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Members in attendance:**

Joe Muego - Chair (SDSS)  
Lakhvir Brar - Vice Chair (Cougar Canyon)  
Kristin Unger - Secretary (Gray)  
Jenn DenHartogh - BCCPAC (Hawthorne)  
Bob Nath - Gibson/Delview  
Shane Todhunter - South Park  
Trish Uppal - Sunshine Hills  
Sarabjit Minhas - Hellings  
Parveen Loodu - Pinewood  
Lara Wilson - Beach Grove  
Julia Mellish - Holly Elementary

**Guests in Attendance:**

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent  
Diane Jubinville - District VP of Learning Services for Indigenous Education  
Karen McDonald - District Indigenous Success Coordinator: K-12  
Elder Roberta - Guide and Sage  
Nathan Nuckawuk - ICEF  
Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee  
Erica Beard - School Board Trustee

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:05 pm

Welcome & Introductions

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

Superintendent Sheppard expressed the understanding that it's not easy for parents to find the time to attend but does hope these sessions are valuable and build deeper connections between parents and the District. Parents bringing their concerns, questions and thoughts helps to build the schools.



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Canada is committed to the UN declaration towards indigenous peoples and deeply involved in reconciliation. The District has reached out in as much of a powerful way as they can though they are challenged by it, seeking indigenous workers to do this work and help us along. They are trying to create a more level playing ground for those students whose culture has been non-valued for a long time. We are not there yet but it is getting there. The District is proud of the work and commitment they are employing.

### **Nathan Nuckawuk - Musqueam descent, ICEF**

Traditional welcome.

### **Elder Roberta - Musqueam matriarch and elder**

Traditional welcome and ceremony of introduction. Elder Roberta has spent over 40 years reclaiming her identity. We were honored to be led through a traditional prayer.

### **Diane Jubinville, District VP of Learning Services for Indigenous Education and Karen McDonald, District Indigenous Success Coordinator: K-12**

The new curriculum has been implemented in K through 9 2 years ago, grade 10 this year, and grades 11 and 12 next year. The new curriculum recognizes shared Canadian history, the need to understand what was lost. From K through 12, students will experience indigenous perspectives as an integrated part of what they are learning. We are fortunate in BC because we have FNEC and they work with the ministry of education to help facilitate a deeper understanding of why this is important.

The District uses a model of collective responsibility. In 2016, the District did a review of the department in conjunction with UBC and came out with a final report of final recommendations. The major shift was a separation of culture, cultural enhancement, and education services available in schools.

They are now a department of 10 people.

There was an equity scan pilot project last year and we were part of it. We were tasked to see where there was equity and where there are gaps. They want equity for all students but in particular indigenous students, to increase indigenous graduation rates. They meet monthly throughout the year, and the committee continues to grow. They are looking to remove systemic barriers that exist in the education system in Delta, so students get what they need in order to be successful.



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We are coming to a place where it's okay to have uncomfortable conversations around equity and privilege. They acknowledged that this project will take some time.

### **Nathan Nuckawuk - Musqueam descent, ICEF**

Nathan shared his ancestry and his journey in a slide show presentation.

### **BREAK**

**General Business Meeting:** Start time: 8:10 pm

#### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Bob Nath & seconded by Jen DenHartogh; approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2019:**

Moved by Jen DenHartogh & seconded by Bob Nath; approved.

### **Chair's Update - Joe Muego**

- **SBO Public Input on Budget (Apr. 16, 2019)**

The budget was a good budget but Joe stresses that we can't be complacent with a budget that doesn't reflect the growing costs.

- **SBO Regular Meeting (Apr. 23, 2019)**

There was a presentation from CUPE for the National Day of Mourning. Ms. Patty Price spoke about it. It is observed on April 28, and honours those killed in the workplace and encourages a renewal to safety in the workplace.

- **SBO Healthy Schools Meeting (Apr. 29, 2019)**

Two or three committee members are developing a newsletter to promote mental health for staff. It will be circulated electronically to them. There was also a mental health survey for youth, and most reported life and mental health were good, but over a quarter don't feel the same.



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- **STO BCCPAC Break Out Session (May 3, 2019)**

PAC 101 session: reinvigorated by Andrea Sinclair who tried to better define our role, make a clear direction in what we're trying to achieve.

- **SBO Regular Meeting (May 7, 2019)**

Karen Simmons, Director of the International Student Program, came in with kids from all over and gave a summary of her department. The kids who accompanied her were amazing; hearing their perspectives and excitement was amazing, and we are enriched by them and they are enriched by us.

Board authority courses are ones that are locally developed by school districts to address a particular need not covered by the ministry. These are Delta-specific courses that the Board has to update and add.

### **Vice-Chair Update**

Nothing to add.

### **Treasurer's Budget Report**

Natasha was absent but there were a few cheques that went out. The accounts are still healthy.

### **BCCPAC Update - Jennifer DenHartogh**

The keynote speaker was a Harvard-graduate psychologist, Dr. Shimi Kand, and was amazing. She spoke about the dolphin way of raising resilience in kids. She talked about her new book 'Technology Diet' and tools to help set boundaries.

President Sinclair stressed what we can all do to update our bylaws and constitution because even the BCCPAC constitution might be outdated.

There was some information about the funding formula in the ministry portion of the meeting, and they tried to get us on board with ideas on how funding should look, but a lot of parents booted.

### **A. Business Arising from Minutes (February 2019)**

1. DPAC business cards
2. PAC 101/Future DPAC



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**B. New Business**

**Delta School District - Parent Education May 23rd at Seaquam**

Keeping Children Safe from Gangs (GRIP - gang reduction through informed practices)

**DPAC Executive Elections:**

Positions:

Chair: Joe Muego, nominated by Bob Nath; seconded by Lara Wilson; acclamation

Vice Chair: Lakhvir Brar, nominated by Lara Wilson; seconded by Bob Nath; acclamation

Secretary: Kristin Unger, nominated by Bob Nath; seconded by Lara Wilson; acclamation

Treasurer: Vacant for now

BCCPAC Rep: Jennifer DenHartogh, nominated by Kristin Unger; seconded by Lakhvir Brar; acclamation

Parent Education: Vacant for now

First Member at Large: Bob Nath, nominated by Joe Muego; seconded by Lakhvir Brar; acclamation

Second Member at Large: Shane Todhunter, nominated by Joe Muego; seconded by Jennifer DenHartogh; acclamation

**C. Next meeting September 2019, day TBD**

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:12 pm