



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2020

Meeting location: Delta School District 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)
Trish Uppal - Sunshine Hills, Burnsvew
Kristy Holm - Jarvis
Gladys We - Sands
Rebecca Lee - Pebble Hill
Sheila Dunn - Chalmers
Parveen Loodu - Pinewood
Krissy Eiben - Pinewood
Chelsea Pavich - Neilson Grove
Julia Mellish - Holly
Kerri Deane - DSS
Stephanie Davis - Ladner Elementary
Kristen Kringhaug - Ladner Elementary
Tia Litz - Port Guichon/DSS
Tracey Innes - Cliff Drive
Randy Geszler - Cougar Canyon

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent
Val Windsor - School Board Trustee, Chairperson
Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee, Vice Chairperson
Erica Beard - School Board Trustee
Bruce Reid - School Board Trustee
Daniel Boisvert - School Board Trustee

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:10 pm

Welcome & Introductions



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Break into groups for Meet the Trustee

Responsibilities of the trustees

- accountability to the community
- accountability to the provincial government/legislation
- advocacy
- policy - evaluate and approve Board policies
- Board/superintendent relations
- Board development
- fiscal accountability
- sit and serve on many committees

We were instructed to talk to our trustee about issues and items related to their responsibilities; concerns about schools. They are there to understand what the parent community is thinking and feeling.

Val Windsor - School Board Trustee, Chairperson

The Board is having a meeting with stakeholders regarding the funding formula. There will be some news about what they're proposing but we don't know how much is coming our way.

Issues Raised in Groups

- concern about new reporting system and the transition between elementary to high school; it's hard to understand where a child is standing in elementary, but much easier with a grade system like in high school; it feels like the course correction with the grading system is too far on the opposite path now; there's concern over discrepancies between students' grades, where some students get the same grade as those who work much harder; concern over the homogenization in this new grading system; seems harder to allow children to exceed, but makes sure others don't fall through the cracks
- vaping awareness seems to be moving in a positive direction, and education is favored over enforcement
- senior leadership in the Delta School District is outstanding; there's a new EA contract to provide better supports in place now, which keeps EAs in the spot where they are longer
- some schools have high turnover with their leadership positions, and that needs to be dealt with; it's not easy finding and keeping the talent
- playground work is going on; it's a topic of serious discussion
- teacher contracts are also in serious discussions

General Business Meeting: Start time: 8:35 pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Tracey Innes & seconded by Kerri Deane; approved.



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Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Jenn DenHartogh & seconded by Rebecca Lee; approved.

Chair's Update - Joe Muego

- December 10, 2019 School Board Meeting

A delegation came in from Career Transitions and Applied Skills; they spoke about a program called Work in Trades, and students who put in 1,000 hours in trades came in for their awards and recognition

- December 19, 2019 Healthy Schools
- January 7, 2020 School Board Meetings

There was a farm roots update from Paige Hansen; Neil Stephenson came in to talk about Professional Literacy Communities, primarily for primary students

- January 16, 2020 Healthy Schools

There was talk about substance use, youth empowerment, a collaborative community approach; a dietitian came in to talk about weight loss bias

Vice-Chair's Update - Lakhvir Brar

Nothing to address.

Treasurer's Budget Report - Kristin Unger

Organizational account - \$6381.98

Gaming account - \$3085.18

BCCPAC Update - Jenn DenHartogh

The BCCPAC AGM is coming up on May 1, 2, and 3.



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A. Business Arising from Minutes (November 2019)

Constitutions and Bylaws from PACs: looking for the constitutions and bylaws from all the PACs in the district. We would like to centralize them for future reference. Please send them to deltadpac@gmail.com

Meeting Locations: as we only have two or three more meetings, we'll keep them at the School Board office, then at the end of the year, we'll do meeting setting for the next year.

B. New Business

Parent Education:

Dr Georgina Robinson, Mindful Self Compassion, email deltadpac@gmail.com for more information

Evening with Dr Ross Greene January 23, 2020, 6:30pm, Seaquam, Effective Parenting

Next Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:02 pm