



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC Special Executive General Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Lakhvir Brar - Chair (Seaquam)
Shane Todhunter - Vice Chair (South Park)
Bob Nath - Second Member at Large (Gibson/Delview)
Joe Muego - Past Chair (South Delta)
Tia Litz - First Member at Large (Port Guichon)
Rebecca Lee - Pebble Hill
Leslie Kada - Port Guichon
Alisa Sayce - Port Guichon
Stephanie Davis - Ladner Elementary
Lara Wilson - Beach Grove
Chelsea Jokisch - Cliff Drive
Lana Vijay - Brook
Sarabjit Minhas - Hellings
Jane Geszler - Cougar Canyon
Michelle Veer - Annieville
Kristy Holm - Jarvis

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
Brad Bauman - Assistant Superintendent, Delta School District
Val Windsor - Chairperson, School Board Trustee
Daniel Boisvert - Vice-Chairperson, School Board Trustee
Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee
Erica Beard - School Board Trustee
Jessie Dosanjh - School Board Trustee
Nick Kanakos - School Board Trustee
Bruce Reid - School Board Trustee

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME 7:05 pm

NEW BUSINESS



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An introduction to what School Trustees do....

*Trustees establish the district's strategic direction.

*School trustees are the members of their school district board of education. They are locally elected by the public in their communities

*Required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner to assist the school board in fulfilling its duties under the School Act

*Trustee's role is to maintain a focus on student achievement and participate in decision making that benefits the entire school district, while representing the interests of the voters.

*For more info, see the Delta School Trustees website; www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/trustees and read "School Act and Policies"

*Superintendent acts as the CEO and leads the day-to-day work in this area, including delegation to various people and groups within the organization. Example: the Board does not take responsibility for the evaluation of individual teachers and or administrators. It ensures the superintendent has put the necessary procedures and actions to teachers and administrators within the district and are evaluated on a regular basis according to board policies

First DPAC question:

Lakhvir Brar: How is funding allocated to schools regarding designation?

Laura Dixon: Funding is issued to schools and categories to each school given the funding needed to support a child. If funds aren't enough to meet a child's needs, sometimes the district will have to add funds if more support is needed. Funds also support one on one learning support.

Doug Sheppard: Funding formulas do not tell us how much to spend. Any expenses all go into a budget. Indigenous and French funds are Federal Grants that are applied for. School Base "Team" is to support a school for extra help for a child for a one-year program.

Second DPAC question:

Lakhvir Brar: COVID-19 Health & Safety: Parents Gathering? Some parents feel like this does not apply to them on school grounds.



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Laura Dixon: Have students remind their parents that there is not supposed to be social gathering going on the school grounds. You can also have students make signs that remind parents not to gather and hang around the school area. Notify your school principal.

Doug Sheppard: If it keeps continuing, contact Doug Sheppard and he will follow-up for a Health and Safety check to keep everyone safe.

Third DPAC Question:

Lakhvir Brar: Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC/ TOC/substitute teacher) coming and teaching from different schools?

Doug Sheppard: At this time, yes, teachers are able to move from school to school with all health and safety protocols. It is the TOC responsibility to take all COVID-19 protocol measures and follow health guidelines. If a TOC does not feel comfortable moving to different schools each TOC has a voice to say no.

Fourth DPAC Question:

Lakhvir Brar: Grad Activities: Ways grads/PACS can celebrate?

Doug Sheppard: At this time, hoping to know more come April/May 2021.

Laura Dixon: Need to come together as a community to come up with ideas. (Some ideas will need to get passed by the school board). Examples: a CD with baby photos to current 2021, car parades, fun personal cookies and gift cards.

Break Out Rooms: 8:20pm-8:35pm Break off into our groups and meet with your School Trustee

Feedback from groups:

Nick Kanakos - Ladner Elementary/Delvin Gardens

*The cost of playgrounds, fundraising in the community during COVID-19 with businesses struggling has been difficult.

*Trees have become too large and damaging basketball surface

*Both schools having large student population - French Immersion Schools

*Parent participation dropping



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Daniel Boisvert - Port Guichon/Jarvis Elementary

- *Pick up and drop off has been positive
- *Jarvis has had successful hot lunches - one or two times a month
- * Yo Girl Yo Bro has had some good feedback from parents

Erica Beard - Cougar Canyon/Pinewood Elementary/DSS Secondary

- * Hot lunch going well, fundraising with Neufeld Farms

Laura Dixon - Annieville/Cliff Drive Elementary

- *Mental Health check in of kids
- *Zoom meeting - Parent Teacher, PACS
- *Health checks - less kids and staff getting sick
- *Grade 7 grads - videos/ possibility of picnic come June

Jessie Dosanjh - Pebble Hill Elementary

- * New principals coming and going
- * Busy traffic - crossing can be tricky for students.

Val Windsor- Holly Elementary/Hellings Elementary/Sands Secondary

- *Holly received funding for greenhouse
- *Limited numbers of student bodies in school - students finding less pressure getting to classes
- * Parents really like the convenience of Zoom meetings with teachers
- *Scholarships for sports - no scouts and students not able to play due to COVID-19
- *Long break between some classes are an example; may have gotten math in fall 2020 will not get till 2021/2020; skills will have not been remembered.



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Bruce Reid - South Park Elementary

*A student did not see a difference in learning at the elementary level

*No grade 6/7 camps

*Too many coloured shirt days

*Need more outdoor playgrounds/learning areas.

NEXT MEETING

Next Scheduled Online Meeting: General Meeting, April 19, 2021 at 7:00pm.

For Zoom link, visit <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

ADJOURN 9:09 pm