



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2021

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Lakhvir Brar - Acting Chair (Seaquam)
Kristin Unger - Secretary/Treasurer (Gray)
Trish Uppal - Sunshine Hills
Tia Litz - Port Guichon/DSS
Stephanie Davis - Ladner Elementary
Rebecca Lee - Pebble Hill/SDSS
Lara Wilson - Beach Grove
Chelsea Jokisch - Cliff Drive
Kerri Deane - DSS
Jane Geszler - Cougar Canyon
Lana Vijay - Brooke
Sarabjit Minhas - Hellings
Kristy Holm - Jarvis
Jennifer Rak - Brooke
Sheryl Gray - Sands
Julia Mellish - Holly
Bel Chokkar - Pinewood
Varinder Khaira - Devon Gardens
Crystal Robinson - Chalmers

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
Val Windsor - Chairperson, School Board Trustee
Laura Dixon - Vice-Chairperson, School Board Trustee
Bruce Reid - School Board Trustee

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME 7:02 pm



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

a) Overview of the Ministry of Education Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Policy.

School District long term planning and parent engagement

FESL - we've had different attempts to do this going back over the years, and different accreditation teams come and look at it; most districts set goals of improvement to drive the work; our framework is a little bit unique, we do a few things differently

Nine districts have piloted this new framework so far; we used to be focused around the goals educationally in the district but it encompasses more now, including all of the operational goals of the district that support student learning

1. Improve education outcomes for all students
2. Focus on the education citizen
3. Enable through capacity building, strategic planning, coordination implementation and reporting

It's a blend of accountability and responsibility; all districts are asked to develop or update a multi-year plan and make sure schools within the district are aligned with it; they will create the enhancing student learning report (Sept 2021) to review and report on the progress of the strategic plan

We will engage in a Vision 2030 process this spring to re-evaluate our goals.

Creative Tension Model: focuses on the concept of creating a gap between a powerful vision and our current reality and then bridging that gap; if the gap is too large, tension can result in burnout, stress, failure; if it's too small, it results in stability where there is little change.

In 2018 we created our current FESL, and the four educational goals of the FESL; it was a three-year set of goals; some may be maintained, some may be slightly altered, some may drop off; it came from two places, from the Vision and from schools (connectedness, reading, assessment, graduation)

All this will be tied in with operational plans, updating and determining how the work of HR, Communications, Facilities, Finance, Info tech fits into this new plan; making sure the staff is a mirror of the community might be an example of HR inclusion



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Parental Engagement in the FESL process: PACs will have opportunities to engage with their school; DPAC will provide input and feedback to the superintendent and Board; district committees with parent/community members will also guide the direction and there will be an annual review to the Board

A lot of this work has been ongoing, and will not be a significant shift. It's a fairly stable period for the current government and we will be able to work with and alongside them to improve student learning in future years.

b) Question Period

Lakhvir Brar: Can you expand upon timelines for parental engagement process?

Brad and Nancy are working with a consultant, and should have information in the next week or so. But the Vision process will hopefully be completed by June, with most of that in April and May

Bel Chhokar: Having staff be more reflective of our community: is that also the plan for leadership?

It would be through the entire system, yes.

Lakhvir Brar: Would this be surveys, for parent engagement? Will it vary school by school? How will the process be developed at the school level?

In 2011, we created a process that was able to be done fairly consistently across schools but allowed for some flexibility. We hope to do that even more consistently because of having to deal with Zoom, etc. We start from experiences of greatness and positivity and build on those. Look at what has gone well, and then build on that. We want people to have more of those experiences. Build from strengths.

DELTA DPAC REGULAR GENERAL MEETING 7:31 pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Kristin Unger & seconded by Trish Uppal; Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) November 16, 2020

Moved by Lara Wilson & seconded by Tia Litz; Approved.



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INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR UPDATE

Lakhvir attended a few different meetings.

Nov 20 and 21, BCCPAC, Zoom format; there were presentations from the Ministry but no senior level ministry staff there this year; more informative in nature, but in a state of flux pending the announcement of a new minister of education which has been announced now; with a brand new minister it's good to get insight into some of the key topics; truth and reconciliation work, mental health and anti-racism,

All presentations are published on the BCCPAC website.

Jan 12, 2021 Board Meeting: Yo Bro Yo Girl initiative, they are a group that works with districts across the lower mainland to keep kids off the street and out of gangs; they work with at risk youth to empower them and are part of a more broad initiative at the district level (www.ybyq.ca)

Prepare for upcoming meetings: we are hoping for thoughts and input on how we want to structure the Meet the Trustees meeting coming up. It would be useful to bring some information, and be prepared to talk about what is going well and what could be improved at your schools; we can do chat rooms within Zoom as well

Any other general topics you'd like to see be covered at the meetings? Maybe pose the question to your PAC executives.

We had our AGM in November, and with it our elections. There are still two positions that are vacant and hoping for volunteers to put their name forward: Parent Ed and BCCPAC Rep

deltadpac@gmail.com for any questions or to volunteer

VICE CHAIR UPDATE

Nil



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Update

Org Account: \$5,186.03

Gaming Account: \$6,309.18

\$200 will be going out of the Gaming Account to Sunshine Hills Elementary PAC for a parent ed event with Saleema Noon.

PARENT EDUCATION UPDATE

Nil

BCCPAC UPDATE

Nil

HOME QUEST AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Shawna and Lana

Lana: the goal of the group is to help support HQ families with transition and learning quality, with understanding and flexibility; there's been only one meeting at this point and it was with the main members of the HQ group and the administration of HQ on Jan 7, 2021; a lot of changes came into play right before the meeting

-normally HQ has about 90 students; now they are at 850 students; flexibility still seems to be available to come and go within HQ

-around spring break, HQ will send out surveys to see who will be staying

-HQ was able to successfully hire a new staff; inclusive learning teachers and EAs, support staff have been hired within the past couple of weeks; they are running an active list of families that haven't been in contact, who might be struggling, who might not feel comfortable to reach out, and HQ is reaching out

-Shawna and Lana are going to be running some support programs/evening classes to provide support to families

homequest@deltasd.bc.ca for questions or support



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (November 16, 2020)

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Question Period

No questions.

NEXT MEETING

Next Scheduled Online Meeting: General Meeting, Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Special Guests: Delta School District Board of Trustees

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

ADJOURN 8:26 pm