

Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

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DPAC Special Executive General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2021

Meeting location: Virtual via Zoom Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Lakhvir Brar - Chair (Seaquam)
Kristin Unger - Secretary/Treasurer (Gray)
Lara Wilson - Beach Grove
Jennifer Rak - Brooke
Jennifer lachetta - Devon Garden
Trish Uppal - Burnsview/Sunshine Hills
Sheryl Gray - Sands
Annette Kozicki - Annieville
Chelsea Jokisch - Cliff Drive
Jane Geszler - Cougar Canyon
Bel Chhokar - Pinewood
Kristy Holm - Jarvis
Marne Hopkinson - Richardson

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District Brad Bauman - Assistant Superintendent, Delta School District Val Windsor - School Board Trustee Chairperson Laura Dixon - School Board Trustee

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME 7:02 pm

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

a) 2021/2022 Budget Planning - Doug Sheppard

-the challenge this year is that COVID is impacting the timeline; the budget gets sent in March to the district from the ministry usually and usually passes by the end of April; this year, the provincial budget is delayed; it comes out tomorrow (April 20, 2021); fingers crossed that we'll get a little bit more coming out of tomorrow's budget announcement from the ministry; the timeline was pushed into May; the district has a legal responsibility to pass a budget by the end of June; we are well within that timeline. Just about a month out from the normal timeline.

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-every year, the district begins with budget guidelines; typically. they start with what was the budget last year; the past budget is amended and from that they build next year's budget

- -the ministry of education gave draft budgets to work from, which is all on the ministry website; they always show we are getting more money but every year expenses go up
- -go to the main Delta School Board website and type in 'budget', and all the information will come up
- -what's coming tomorrow: it will give us a heads up about possible trends over the next little while; the district will release a concept budget April 29; from that, they will ask public to come to a Board meeting on May 4 to provide feedback to that draft; then there will be meetings behind the scenes, and then the Board will meet on May 11 and if the budget makes sense, it will pass; but lots can happen in between
- -some districts have announced massive issues/problems with their budget; it's very typical for this time of year; until we see the numbers, it's a challenge to make sense of the numbers so it's really hard to know for sure

b) Vision 2030 - Brad Bauman

- -the district did a lot of temperature checking, hearing back that while there's worries about the pandemic, they know we'll be out of it at some point, so people are cautious but still engaged and aspirational
- -what does 2030 look like? Grads of 2030 are currently in grade 3, and what will the world be like when they graduate?
- -the district pulled together an advisory committee; external facilitators, Board Chair, DTA, CUPE, DPAC, DPVPA, SBO, TFN, Musqueam, DYAC and Communications
- -school staff engagement by invitation: April-June; Zoom session workshops, stakeholder engagement evening online (May), parent survey (May), community survey (May), student survey (May)
- -Vision reveal in the fall, hopefully

c) Anti-Racism Initiative

- -anti racism committee: where it came from and where it's headed?
- -this came out of things that were happening in the news, ie., George Floyd, BLM, indigenous headlines, etc; students want to be seen as agents of change and are embracing social justice -at the end of last year, the district shoulder tapped the curriculum instruction and assessment team to compile a list of resources about racism for teachers
- -http://deltalearns.ca/antiracism/
- -in September, they compiled the district anti-racism committee; it's a great mix of participants; they've created a mandate so far and that will be coming to trustees shortly, along with district procedure; they used the SOGI procedure because work is similar

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-other districts have used the site because it's open source, and have asked for permission to use our resources, which is a kudo to the great work of the team; recently the ministry of education has asked to have permission to use some of Delta's work as well

- -a video on the subject was created by students at Sands Secondary
- -we filled out a grant and at the beginning of April we found out Delta school district received one of the larger grants (\$10,000); to create student teams in every high school; create a video documentary by students for students about racism and its effects and how to combat it; they have a year to finish
- -thisinitiative.com, a great resource to help recognize diversity

DELTA DPAC REGULAR GENERAL MEETING pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Trish Uppal & seconded by Kristy Holm; Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) January 18, 2021

Moved by Trish Uppal & seconded by Jennifer Rak; Approved.

b) February 22, 2021

Moved by Kristy Holm & seconded by Jennifer lachetta; Approved.

CHAIR UPDATE

Board meetings, Vision 2030 meeting; board meetings are a great way to get an update on interesting topics for DPAC; if there are any other topics, please send them to Lakhvir.

Vision 2030: encourage parents to give input, it's a great opportunity

Bob Nath resigned a couple months ago because his child left the district. He was a valuable member and we are sad to lose him, but wish him well.

May is our last meeting, our AGM. May 10, 7pm, via Zoom, AGM and executive committee election. More information will come next week on what positions are available, and the roles and responsibilities. We have a quorum of 16 member schools, so we must have a minimum of 16 member schools at the AGM to proceed with the election.



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VICE CHAIR UPDATE

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaming account: \$6351.27

Org account: \$5205.14

DISTRICT ASSOCIATE TO BCCPAC REPORT

No rep currently

PARENT EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

No rep currently

HOME QUEST AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

No update currently

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) NIL

NEXT MEETING

a) Next Scheduled Online Meeting: Annual General Meeting (AGM), Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00pm

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

ADJOURN 8:22 pm