



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board
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DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 27, 2023

Location: Main Boardroom - Delta School District Office

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Members In Attendance:

Jennifer Rak -DPAC Chair/Brooke
Simran Dhillon -DPAC Treasurer/Burnsview
Kelly Bhandal -DPAC Secretary/McCloskey
Catherine Russell-Smith -Parent Ed/Sands
Leigh Berglund Karmody -Sunshine Hills
Rebecca Maxwell -Pinewood
Krissy Eiben -Pinewood
Diane Chubb -Neilson Grove
Ian Rolls -Port Guichon
Julia Mellish -Holly
Carrie Elder -DSS
Raheela Mohammed -Gibson
Rebecca Lee -DPAC Member at Large/SDSS
Jane Swinglehurst -Beach Grove
Stephanie Davis -Ladner
Davinder Arora -Delview

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
Val Windsor - School Board Trustee Chairperson
Joe Muego -Trustee
Nick Kanakos - Trustee
Nimmi Daula - Trustee
Masako Gooch - Trustee
Ammen Dhillon - Trustee

Call to Order and Welcome: 7:00 pm



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Doug Sheppard, Superintendent

Doug discussed the procedure and policies of Critical Incidents for Delta schools. The role of staff at schools and how the Delta Police work alongside to resolve incidents safely.

The safety measures information involved for the schools to issue hold and secure for students and staff and the release of children safely to parents was detailed.

The Delta schools have support for staff and students following any incidents that occur. Counselors are available at all schools. Teachers practice safety drills and safety plans in the classroom. Teachers may keep journals to log safety questions and concerns.

- Link to Delta Police Liaison program - <https://deltapolice.ca/communityprograms/schools>

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- **One amendment to move the Superintendents Report to the start of the meeting.**

Moved by Julia Mellish & seconded by Simran Dhillon; Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Catharine Russell-Smith and seconded by Jane Swinglehurst; Approved

BREAKOUT SESSION - 30 mins

The introduction of the School Trustee and their liaison school joined the parents in a round table discussion on current issues affecting the schools. The Trustee gave input for resolutions.

- <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/trustees/>



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CHAIR UPDATE

Jen is looking into the cost of an Owl speaker for Zoom meetings to improve sound quality. She will connect with the District to discuss funding.

Sunshine Hills school has been identified as the location for the Seamless Day Kindergarten pilot program. This program employs certified early childhood educators to provide before and after care in kindergarten classrooms. It is set to run April 1 until June 30 2024.

Parent Education Grants are still Available;

- Individual \$200- (For single PACs)
- Small Group \$300 - (If one additional PAC attends)
- Group PAC \$600 - A minimum of 3 PACs are involved.

*Please note that only the PAC hosting the event will apply for the grant and participating PACs are not obligated to share in the cost of the event unless agreed upon by visiting PAC executives.

Brief discussion on Bingo Machine Purchase. DPAC does not have space for storing large items, but if individual PACs are looking to share in the purchase of items, they can reach out to DPAC to be connected. Possibility of adding locations to rent or borrow could be added to the Parent Ed spreadsheet for next year.

FamilySmart events are available every month hosting online events for parents and caregivers. Workshop topics for March 2023 are Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health.

- <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Jen proposed to change the May Dpac meeting to May 8, 2023. Approved by attending members.

Jen and Vijay will be attending the BCCPAC Parent Education on May 5-7, 2023. Parents are encouraged to register to attend if interested.

- <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>

VICE CHAIR UPDATE

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cheque for Cougar Canyon cleared for \$200.

Gaming Account: \$4782.81

General Account: \$4725.00

PARENT EDUCATION UPDATE

Grants applications are available online. Applications are being accepted and there is opportunity to share with another school.

Catherine has updated the Fundraising Spreadsheet. If there are any new ideas please advise Jen Rak



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BCCPAC UPDATE

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Question Period

There was discussion on if a Bingo machine is available in the district to borrow for PAC's hosting bingo nights.

NEXT MEETING

April 17 2023 @7pm

ADJOURN 8:45 pm