



**Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)**

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**DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday Sept 18, 2023**

Location: Main Boardroom - Delta School District Office

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Members In Attendance:**

Jennifer Rak -DPAC Chair/Brooke  
Kelly Bhandal -DPAC Secretary/McCloskey  
Catherine Russell-Smith -Parent Ed/Sands  
Davinder Singh -BCCPAC/Delview  
Rahella Mohammed-Gibson  
Kam Sandur-Gibson  
Claudette Wong -Pinewood  
Julie Herndier -Holly  
Lindsay Halliday -Hawthorne  
Ronnie Nugent -Neilson Grove  
Nicole Kocharek -Ladner  
Carrie Elder -DSS  
Diane Chubb -Neilson Grove  
Cameron Murdoch -Brooke  
Tracey Innes - SDSS  
Tessa Geldreich -South Park  
Bonnie Froh -Port Guichon  
Jane Swingler - Beach Grove  
Stephanie Davis - Ladner

**Guests in Attendance:**

Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District  
Brad Bauman - Assistant Superintendent  
Judy Maranda -Assistant Superintendent

**Call to Order and Welcome:** 7:00 pm



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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Doug Sheppard, Superintendent**

- Would like to hear from parents regarding Report Card language changes.
- Review of Vision 2030 and will be looking for future collaboration with parents for feedback.
- The district student enrollment numbers are up and they are seeing a large diversity in this growth.
- Retention of trained staff is a goal for the district. It is a competitive market for teachers.
- Ministry of Education and Childcare initiative for daycare in schools to be offered, Sunshine Hills was the pilot school and it was successful.
- The district is looking to work together with parents and schools on what goals they are looking to work towards. Would like to see more communication on individual school goals and challenges.
- Grad Program requirements of Indigenous Course required and they are seeing a positive response.
- Parents were asking about how the district is supporting students academically. Doug will prepare some information and data for a future meeting. Strategic Plan will be shared with DPAC minutes
- There is still a focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing across the district, as well as continued communication with Fraser Health on Covid and illnesses.
- District has received 1.7 million in additional funding for struggling families. DPAC has requested information on where the money is going in order to help with additional supports where needed.

### **SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT- Brad Bauman**

- DPAC Safety Committee concerns and ideas were brought to Brad & Judy in September in order to work collaboratively with the community on safety initiatives and presentations
- The District is preparing 4 presentations that they are calling "buckets" in hopes of covering many concerns. "Bucket" Topics are Emergency Preparedness, School Officer Liaison Program, School Response and Drug Awareness.
- School safety apps for teachers was discussed for Lock Down and Hold & Secure situations.
- Emergency preparedness, response with incidents & aftermaths were points of interest and will be discussed further.
- Delta Police Liaison officer program is going strong and DPAC is hoping to invite the liaison officers to a meeting.

- Prevention in gangs and drugs requires support. More details will be shared during the presentations.
- Jenn will be sharing links with minutes on the information discussed.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Sept 2023 Agenda

Moved by Carrie Elder and seconded by Davinder Singh; Approved.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Catherine Russell-Smith and seconded by Julie Herndier ; Approved.

## **CHAIR UPDATE**

- Jenn welcomed everyone to the start to the 2023/2024 session and is excited about all the upcoming meeting topics and initiatives.
- Jenn is working on the DPAC calendar topics which will be available soon.
- School Trustee round table will be in Oct 16th, 2023
- DPAC is looking for members interested in the DPAC Safety Committee. We will be collaborating with Brad Bauman & Judy Maranda on Safety Issues
- Dpac meetings to be hosted in the north and south. Any schools interested in hosting a meeting are asked to email Jenn. Please watch for location announcements with meeting agendas.
- Jenn is looking for topics of interest for future DPAC meetings.

## **VICE CHAIR UPDATE**

Jenn Rak reported on behalf of Lakhvir.

- Emphasis is ongoing to review the Bylaw and Constitution of PACs. DPAC is asking all PACs to review and update.



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- Lakhvir will be doing a presentation at the February 2024 meeting.
- Lakhvir is available to help with questions or concerns regarding Bylaws & Constitutions, she can be reached via email: [deltadpacvicechair@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpacvicechair@gmail.com)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Simran was not available for a detailed report but Jenn was able to provide account balances.

- Gaming Account: \$2895.57
- General Account: \$4440.21
- Parent Education Grant is available for PACs to apply. Applications are available upon request, please email [deltadpacsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpacsecretary@gmail.com)

### PARENT EDUCATION UPDATE

- The fundraising spreadsheet is available and will be shared with minutes.
- If there are any new ideas please advise Jenn Rak or Catherine Russel-Smith. It will be continuously updated with new information.

### BCCPAC UPDATE

- DPAC encourages all schools to become members of BCCPAC and if interested, join one of the committees. Link to BCCPAC will be included in email with minutes.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Landing Pub & Grill fundraising night in Ladner Oct 14 2023, 6-9 pm. Everyone is invited to join.
- Personal & School security concerns at school and during Halloween night. Will be addressed at the DPAC Safety Committee Meeting



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- Challenge for Kids at school and the available support. Jenn has invited the inclusive learning team and will be meeting with them in November. More information to share will be coming.
- DPAC has requested 2 zoom accounts that will be available for PACs to use. Email Jenn for details, [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

**NEXT MEETING**

October 16, 2023 @ 7pm

**ADJOURN 8:59 pm**