



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

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**DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday October 16, 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  
Lakhvir Brar -DPAC Vice Chair/Seaquam  
Diane Chubb -Neilson Grove  
Ronnie Nugent Nielson Grove  
Bonnie Froh -Port Guichon  
Cameron Murdoch -Brooke  
Claudette Wong -Pinewood  
Lucy Merta -Pinewood  
Carrie Elder -DSS  
Julie Herndier -Holly  
Tessa Geldreich -South Park  
Stephanie Davis -Ladner  
Karen Parsons - Burnsview  
Angela Parker-Jervis - Sunshine Hills  
Rebecca Lee - South Delta

**Special Guests in Attendance:**

- Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
- Val Windsor - School Board Trustee Chairperson
- Erica Beard -Trustee
- Nimmi Daula -Trustee
- Ammen Dhillon -Trustee
- Masako Gooch -Trustee
- Joe Muego -Trustee
- Nick Kanakas -Trustee
- Alison Roche -1st Vice President Teachers Association, Delta



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

### **Meeting Topic: School Board Trustee Round Table.**

- Introductions of Board Trustees followed by a one hour round table discussion between parents and trustees.
- Board Trustees summarized their hot topics which included concerns about traffic safety at schools, new report card grading system and students mental health.
- Thank you again to all our Trustees for attending our round table meeting and please see link below for trustee information
  - <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/trustees/>

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

Doug acknowledged the Board Trustees and appreciated them attending the meeting. The Board Trustees are very approachable and their contact information is available on the website <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/trustees/>

There is a report issued every year in BC for annual achievement for students. The report shares data in the district on how the students are progressing globally. Delta students are doing well.

Link: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/Delta-Enhancing-Student-Learning-Report-September-2023.pdf>

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Simran Dhillon & seconded by Carrie Elder; Approved

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 2023 Meeting Minutes

- One amendment for Meeting Minutes - Change from approval of September Minutes to say the month June.

Moved by Stephanie Davis — & seconded by Karen Parson; Approved



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## CHAIR UPDATE

Jennifer is continuing to update future DPAC meeting topics. Looking for topics of interest.

Next meeting for November 20th, DPAC will have a Delta school district representative presenting on SOGI (Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity) The presentation will cover the curriculum and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions. More details will follow. Please email Jennifer for more information: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

DPAC hosted the first Safety Committee meeting via zoom on September 28th and some topics that were discussed included, emergency preparedness, communication building between parents/caregivers/students/teachers & principals, traffic safety, ICBC crosswalk safety as well as a walk/bike safety programs. Halloween safety was also a concern and will be discussed at the next meeting. There was also discussion about bringing community partners in to help with concerns, some suggestions included Delta Fire Department, City Bylaw and Police Liaisons.

- Next Safety Meeting will be on **November 16 from 6-7pm**, via zoom. Please email Jennifer if you wish to join: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

The District Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting was held on October 12th and was attended by Jennifer. Vanessa Heal, the Emergency Preparedness Officer has done a district wide inventory of supplies for each school and will be preparing to distribute new Grab & Go Bags to each classroom. There was also a discussion on supplies necessary for the Office Emergency Kits and she is looking to have consistency between all schools. There will be communication coming from the district covering what supplies are essential and ensuring students & staff have what they need in an emergency scenario.

The district staff are also testing a Signal App that will allow all staff to be notified during an emergency. There will also be more information on external messaging that will be on the district webpage that will be used for updating parents. DPAC will be hosting an information night with the District on Emergency Preparedness, date TBD. More information will be posted on the District page: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/?s=emergency+prepardness>

DPAC Zoom account is now available for PACs to use. To request a date, please email Jennifer: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)



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### **VICE CHAIR UPDATE**

Lakhvir emphasized how important it is to review the Constitution and Bylaw for the PACs for each school. The documentation should be updated and discussed. This is very important as it can eliminate any conflicts that arise. Lakhvir is available for ongoing assistance and will be speaking to DPAC in more depth in February.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gaming Account: **\$2895.57**

General Account: **\$4280.56**

The Parent Education Grant is available and applications are available on request.

We are also looking for ideas on how to spend out gaming funds. Please reach out if you have any ideas: [dpactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dpactreasurer@gmail.com).

This is Simran Dhillon last year as Treasurer therefore if anyone may be interested training will be available. If you are interested, please email Jennifer: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com) or Simran [dpactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dpactreasurer@gmail.com)

### **PARENT EDUCATION UPDATE**

Fundraising spreadsheet available upon request.

### **BCCPAC UPDATE**

Jennifer Rak and Devinder Singh will be attending the DPAC Leadership Summit on November 17 & 18.

Memberships to join BCCPAC and volunteer opportunities can be found on the website.

Link: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php>



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### **MEMBER AT LARGE**

VJ is no longer a member at large therefore if there is any interest in stepping up into this position, please contact Jennifer at [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Question Period

Request for a buddy system for new PACs to reach out to. Jennifer suggested reaching out to here and Catharine, DPAC Parent Education Coordinator. Fundraising spreadsheet available to help new PACs with ideas and getting started. DPAC is always available to any new or existing PAC for support.

Police school liaison officers play a role in each district school. Jennifer is contacting the liaison officers for a roundtable discussion Date TBA.

If there is any specific topic to be discussed at future meetings, please feel free to contact Jennifer and it will be added to the agenda.

### **NEXT MEETING**

November 20, 2023 @7pm

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