



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

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**DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday November 20, 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  
Davinder Singh -BCCPAC/Delview  
Catharine Russell-Smith - DPAC Parent Ed/Sands  
Rebecca Lee - DPAC Member at Large/South Delta  
Diane Chubb -Neilson Grove  
Krissy Eben -Pinewood  
Jane Swinglehurst -Beach Grove  
Tessa Geldreich -South Park  
Cheri Jeffs -Cliff Drive  
Carrie Elder -DSS  
Lindsay Halliday - Hawthorne  
Tracey Innes -SDSS  
Claudette Wong -Pinewood  
Lucy Merta - Pinewood  
Cameron Murdoch - Brooke  
Angela Parker-Jervis - Sunshine Hills

**Special Guests in Attendance:**

- Doug Sheppard - Superintendent, Delta School District
- Brad Bauman - Assistant Superintendent
- Judy Maranda -Assistant Superintendent
- Brooke Moore -District Principle: Learning Services
- Trevana Spilchen -Delta SOGI Coordinator



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**Call to Order and Welcome:** 7:02pm

- Acknowledgments

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- One amendment for the spelling of Brooke Moore, updated.

Moved by Catharine Russell-Smith & seconded by; Rebecca Lee; Approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 2023 Meeting Minutes

- One amendment for Meeting Minutes - Attendance was missed for Rebecca Lee, updated.

Moved by Tracey Innes & seconded by ; Carrie Elder; Approved

**Meeting Topic: SOGI Presentation by the Delta School District**

(Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity)

- District Slides are available upon request
- District will be working on creating a content video to be distributed at a later date. DPAC Recording will not be shared publicly at this time.

- Jenninifer reviewed the meeting Rules & Guidelines

Brooke Moore acknowledged that Nov 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)  
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### **SOGI**

- Is part of the inclusive learning education in the Delta School District.
- It recognizes the need to provide a safe environment for everyone to learn with their peers and teachers
- It is part of the Human Rights Code, Canadian Human Rights Act, and Canadian Charter of Freedom
- Trevana Spilcen discussed SOGI in the classroom, which means providing a space and opportunity for students to be themselves in a safe space.
- Introduce inclusive language to students and diverse stories to build understanding.
- The social awareness and responsibility for the K-12 system in schools to acknowledge the existence of LGBTQIA2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and Two Spirit)
- Brooke and Trevan addressed questions by the parents about the books and material used for the SOGI curriculum, the training of staff for inclusive learning and the responsibility of the Ministry of Education.

New material will be coming out and they will share it when it is released and DPAC would like to host another meeting to share the new information in the new year.

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

- Doug addressed that the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) is a set of literacy and numeracy questions written by grade 4 and 7 students each year. Every student is encouraged to write the test.
- The results indicate where students may have challenges in reading, writing and numeracy.
- Data is released and ranks the schools.
- Delta schools are at 60% for completing the FSA.
- DPAC has requested the District come and present the results of the FSAs in the spring to better understand how they are used and how they will affect graduating students.



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### CHAIR UPDATE

\* Jennifer will be hosting the second DPAC Safety Committee on January 11 @ 6pm. All Community and School Safety concerns can be discussed. There was zero attendance for the November meeting so there was no update.

- Please email Jennifer if you wish to join: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

\* The DPAC meeting minutes are on the district website and can be google searched. If there is concern for confidentiality, please use first names or initials only.

\* Jennifer wanted to bring to the PACs attention Fundraisers Best Practices. Please be aware that fundraising products can go missing and it is advised to not store products offsite. ie: in homes or garages, ect. It's best to keep items stored at the school in a locked area, such as the PAC storage closet. It is also advised to have only 1 or 2 coordinators responsible for products and have few people assigned to count money together to maintain transparency and accuracy. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer: [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com)

\* Jennifer motioned that money be approved for use for the Capacity Cafe, which is an opportunity for youth to share their thoughts and have adults listen. Jennifer will be meeting with the coordinators to present the dates and budget in January 2024 for approval.

- Moved by Catharine Russell-Smith & seconded by Rebecca Lee; Approved

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaming Account: \$2895.57

General Account: \$4285.56

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

### PARENT EDUCATION UPDATE

- Fundraising spreadsheet available upon request and new items can be added.



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**BCCPAC UPDATE**

- **Please Note the cut off for BCCPAC Voting memberships is December 31st, 2023.**

- Jennifer and Davinder attended the DPAC Leadership Summit on November 17 & 18.
- Davinder informed us the summit was well attended, the Associate Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care Melanie Stewart addressed the summit and the Indigenous presentation was very informative.
- Davinder and Jennifer will be joining BCCPAC Committees and encourage others to participate

**NEXT MEETING**

- January 15, 2024, @7pm
  - Special Presentation by the District Inclusive Learning Team

**ADJOURN 9:05 pm**