



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

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**DPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday September 23, 2024**

Location: Main Boardroom - Delta School District Office  
&  
Virtual Meeting  
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Members In Attendance:**

Jennifer Rak -DPAC Chair-Delview  
Catherine Russell-Vice Chair-Sands  
Kelly Bhandal -DPAC Secretary-McCloskey  
Vera Mulleady -Annevielle  
Diane Chubb -Neilson Grove  
Ronnie Nugent -Neilson Grove  
Tessa Geldreich -South Park  
Lucy Merta -Pinewood  
Carrie Elder-DSS  
Jane Swinglehurst -Beach Grove  
Bonnie Froh -Port Guichon  
Jennifer Speers -Holly

**Guests in Attendance:**

- Val Windsor -Trustee, Delta School District
- Doug Sheppard -Superintendent, Delta School District
- Brad Bauman -Assistant Superintendent, Delta School District
- Jane McMillan - Assistant Superintendent, Delta School District
- Neil Stephenson -Director Learning Centre, Delta School District
- Alison Roche -President Delta Teachers Association



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

- Acknowledgments

Truth and Reconciliation Day is on Monday September 30, 2024. Schools in our district will be holding events and walking on Friday, September 27th.

### **Special Presentation: Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) -Neil Stephenson**

- The Ministry of Education requires all students in Grade 10 and 12 in BC to take part in FSA an annual assessment of literacy and numeracy.
- It is no longer optional to participate in the FSA for Grades 4 & 7. Exemptions must come from the Ministry of Education. Grade 10 & 12 assessments are reflected on graduation transcripts.
- It is a great indicator to assess where individual students may have challenges in reading, writing and numeracy. It can help assist a student's education plan. It is also used to help with school/district and provincial education planning.
- The main purpose of the assessment is to help The Ministry of Education and School Districts to track students skills and to plan for improvement.
- Results of the students FSA are available to parents and usually come with their report cards.
- There is some tensions surrounding the FSAs and how the information is public. There is some concern over third party companies using the results to rank schools. .

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

- Doug spoke about the Strategic Plan being on track to achieve its long term vision.
- Staffing levels and student enrollment is good in the district.
- Announcement of 6 Prefabricated modular classrooms for Ladner Elementary.
- Cell Phone new safety instructions are going well for the start of the year.
- Ministry of Education announcement for Holocaust education mandatory for Grade 10.
- A new Integrated Child and Youth Team (ICY) was announced to improve mental health and wellness for youth and families in the Delta. More info to follow
- Provincial Election is October 19, 2024 and families are encouraged to vote..



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### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by & Carrie Elder seconded by; Ronnie Nugent; Approved

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ronnie Nugent & seconded by; Diane Chubbs; Approved

### CHAIR UPDATE- Jennifer Rak

- Dpac Zoom accounts are available for Pacs to utilize for meetings. Please send requests to [dpaczoom@gmail.com](mailto:dpaczoom@gmail.com)
- There is an upcoming Capacity Cafe on October 23, 2024. Event details to follow. DPAC approved \$250 last year to sponsor food for the event. Jenn will update cost in the November meeting. There is \$1225.82 remaining in the approved budget to sponsor Parent events with the district.
- Upcoming events and potential parent education session topics:
  - District has a Healthy Eating Presentation planned, Date to be announced.
  - Internet and Social Media Safety session. Jennifer is looking to plan a
- Jennifer presented the New DPAC Banners that will be used at meetings and events to boost parent/caregiver participation. The Dpac Business cards are completed for the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer Position. These were purchased through the District DPAC Account.
- Invitation to a DTA Social/Question & Answer event with executives from the Delta Teachers Association. See below for details shared by Alison Roche
  - **Delta Teachers Association** - President -Alison Roche
    - The Delta Teachers Association is having an open house topic on Conversation about the Education System on Wednesday October 9 @ 7 pm.



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### CHAIR UPDATE CONTINUED- Jennifer Rak

- Jennifer discussed resignations and the emergency elections being held at BCCPAC due to the resignation of 3 executive members. She expressed her concern with the current board and encouraged PACs to maintain their membership to hold them accountable for the money they receive through Government Funding (\$250,000). In order to have a vote and voice at BCCPAC, you have to have a membership.
- Jennifer motioned a nomination for the 2nd Member at Large position for Vera Mulleady.
  - Moved by Jennifer Speers & seconded by; Ronnie Nugent; Approved

### TREASURER'S REPORT- Cameron Murdoc Not in Attendance

Jennifer provided update on the accounts

- Gaming Account: **\$1337.35**
- General Account: **\$3897.80**
  - The cost for the banners was \$815.36 that was paid from the DPAC District Account
  - There is one cheque to be written and sent for \$200.00 for the BCCPAC Membership
  - DPAC is no longer offering Parent Education Grants due to the new rules surrounding Gaming Funds. DPAC is open to ideas and suggestions from PACs for events and presentations. Please email [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com) with ideas or questions.
  - We are still waiting to hear back on this years Gaming Grant application approval.
- **No Other DPAC Executive Updates**
- **New Business**
  - Discussion on upcoming PAC Fundraising Events. Information that can be shared to other PACs is sent in time to [deltadpac@gmail.com](mailto:deltadpac@gmail.com). They can be included in the DPAC update emails.

### NEXT MEETING:

- **Monday October 21, 2024 @ Seaquam Secondary School.**

MEETING ADJOURN      8:50 pm