



**Present:** Mike Roth (Chair), Kaushal Parikh (KP), Mr. Aaron Akune, Sabrina Gill, Meena Ghag, Nancy Baily (Dry Grad rep guest), Mary Swan, Michelle Tabian, Jayshree Gajjar, Jaswinder Rai, Mary Swan

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Mike Roth

**Old Business and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

Motion to approve January 16, 2018 minutes – Sabrina Gill / seconded by Kaushal Parikh

Follow-up from January Minutes – Language Barrier

- Communication in other languages to families (for example, Panjabi)
- A few teachers on staff can speak the language but only one can write → time consuming for teachers but in process of looking into details
- Translation services outside of school is about \$50 for one sided sheet of paper
  - o Turnaround is not overnight
  - o If quick turnaround, additional cost
- Dependent on type of communication
  - o Standing notices vs. in the moment item that needs to be translated and sent out to families
- Communication with families is important for engagement
- Ongoing process

**Administration Report (Mr. Akune)**

PAC Principal's Report – February 2019

- Grade 7 Parent Night
  - o 'Welcome Event' was held prior to the Parent Information Night
  - o Included school scavenger hunt designed by Delta Youth Advisory Council members, as well as snacks and refreshments
- Snowball Dance
  - o About 140 Grade 11/12 students
  - o Included dance, pizza, refreshments
  - o Higher ticket sales closer to the date of the dance
- Pancake Breakfast (Grade 8s and their families)
  - o Not well attended
  - o May consider having earlier in the school year next time
- Athletics
  - o Tail end of basketball season
  - o Hosted by Grade 8 Boys and Grade 8 Girls Tournaments
  - o Grade 8 and 9 Boys – District Champions
  - o Senior Boys Fraser Valley Championships set to begin
- Partnerships with Feeder Elementary Schools
  - o Connecting with our community
  - o A couple of Grade 12 students are organizing lunchtime recreation program twice a week at McCloskey
  - o Senior Boys Basketball Team has started to organize basketball sessions for Grade 7s at Hellings each Wednesday morning
  - o A couple of senior Art students are in the process of organizing a mural project at Jarvis
  - o French students set up some French 'games' for students at Richardson



- Youth Seeking Change students read to students at Richardson each day during Flex Time
- Basketball Academy
  - New academy program proposed for 2019-20
  - Grades 8-12, boys and girls
  - Starting in September, registration has begun and ongoing
  - To be run out of Richmond Oval
  - District to coordinate bus transportation for ND and Delview (school pick up at 8 am)
  - Academy would run 9 am – 11 am and then attend afternoon classes
  - About \$3000 per student (fees cover transportation, outside coaching, teacher coordinator)
  - Some bursaries available
  - Missed classes will be built into their schedule (linear classes will be easier to make up, will need to get creative with some grades and classes) → waiting to see what the uptake is
    - If there is a high interest, may need to look at overall school planning
- Grade 8-11 Course Planning Night
  - February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm
  - Counsellors will share course and program opportunities for 2019-20
  - Grad requirements changing
- Anne of Green Gables
  - Matinees February 27 – March 1
  - Evening shows March 6 – 8 (start at 7 pm, may purchase tickets through website at [NDSS Anne of Green Gables](#))
- Grade 9 Immunizations
  - March 9
- Interim Reports
  - Posted March 8
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
  - March 14

#### Other

- Graduation Rates
  - District rates tracking for grades 8-12
  - 3% of the jobs/workforce, are being filled by those with less than a high school education
  - 77% of the jobs are expected to require post-secondary education
    - 36% with a bachelor's/graduate degree
    - 41% apprentice certificate
  - 20% vocation specific training
  - Therefore, high school diploma is important
  - 2002-2018 completion dates for Delta residents has been steadily increasing
  - District and school priority: Indigenous education and inclusive learning (special program, learning challenges)
  - 6 year dogwood completion rate
    - Provincial average is 89%
    - School district 37 average is 96% → making steady gains
  - All districts have work to do and lots of opportunity to learn from each other
- Vancouver Neufeld Conference 2019 – Press Pause and Play
  - Open to educators and parents
  - Building relationships and connections with adults and children
  - Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond



- For more information, please visit [Vancouver Neufeld Conference 2019](#)

**Committee Reports**

**Chair (Mike Roth)**

- Notification to approve PAC scholarship at the end of the year – Mike will follow-up

**Treasurer (Mike Roth)**

- Gaming Grant account has \$622.42
- Community Service account has \$1620.72

**DPAC (Mike Roth)**

- Last meeting was meet the trustee night
- Broke into working groups to discuss issues that affect PACs in schools
- Two themes:
  - Kids vaping in and around schools
  - Differences between elementary school PACs and secondary school PACs

**Dry Grad (Nancy Baily and Kaushal Parikh)**

- Grade 12 Dinner and Dance May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Red carpet at the school, dinner, dance and then dry grad at North Delta Recreation Centre at 11/11:30 pm until 5 am
- Entertainment, slides, DJ, food and prizes
- 75-80% of grads attend (combined with Sands, Burnsvie, Delview and North Delta) (Seaquam independent)
- Weekly ticket sales beginning the week of March 11
  - One day a week at ND
  - Need three volunteers to sell tickets – Meena, Mike, Michelle (Nancy from Sands has contact information)
  - If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, connect with Nancy via email at [nbaily@dccnet.com](mailto:nbaily@dccnet.com)
- Promotion of dry grad to ND grad council and in turn encourage fellow students to attend
- Tickets are \$45 the first week of sales and then prices go up as the weeks go by (\$50 and \$55)
- All personal belongings and cell phones are checked in at the door prior to entering grad dry festivities
- Photographer hired for the night to capture moments
- Looking into getting prizes and gifts within budget

**Correspondences**

- Nothing to report

**New Business**

Electronic Communication (Mr. Akune)

- App and Emails
  - Positive feedback from PAC members present at meeting
  - Thank you Mr. Akune for the regular communication

Flex Time

- 40 minutes in between first and second class



- Students choose which teacher's class they will attend, need to register via Student Connect
- Older grades have a little more flexibility
- Student Connect network is in Winnipeg
- More Delta schools are using this electronic sign up and flex time across schools is within a few minutes of each other
- Students are attempting to sign up in the moment, so unable to sign up due to network overload
- Students encouraged to sign up in advance

Athletic Track

- Ministry of Education was to share final decision at the end of January
- Funded through three different sources – provincial government, school and municipal
- Work is progressing along

**Adjournment at 8:38 pm**

**Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm**