



**Present:** Mary Swan, Mike Roth (Chair), Kaushal Parikh (KP), Mr. Aaron Akune, Sabrina Gill, Robert and Justin Madden, Mr. Kevin Dalgetty, Jagdev Khaira, Kuldeep Khaira, Harminder Rangar, Harpreet Rangar

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mike Roth

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

Motion to approve November 21, 2018 minutes – Sabrina Gill / seconded by Kaushal Parikh

**Administration Report (Mr. Akune)**

PAC Principal’s Report – January 2019

- Warm, welcoming reception from students and staff
- Evident that staff and students have positive relationships with each other
- Semester one ends January 22
- January 23 (1pm) – Numeracy Assessment for Grade 12s who have not completed already
- January 24 (9am) – English 12 Provincial Exam for students enrolled in English 12 in semester one
- January 25 (9am) – Communications 12 Provincial Exam for students enrolled in Communications 12 in semester one

## Implementation for Students During Transition

### Provincial Graduation Assessments

**If I’m currently in Grade 9...**

- In 2018/19 (Grade 9) – No provincial assessment
- In 2019/20 (Grade 10) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment and Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- In 2020/21 (Grade 11) – No provincial assessment
- In 2021/22 (Grade 12) – Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

**If I’m currently in Grade 10...**

- In 2018/19 (Grade 10) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- In 2019/20 (Grade 11) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written)
- In 2020/21 (Grade 12) – Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

**If I’m currently in Grade 11...**

- In 2018/19 (Grade 11) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written)
- In 2019/20 (Grade 12) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written)

**If I’m currently in Grade 12...**

- In 2018/19 (Grade 12) – Language Arts 12 provincial exam
- In 2018/19 (Grade 12) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written and if Math 10 provincial exam not written)

- Enhancing partnerships with feeder elementary schools (Richardson, Hellings, Jarvis and McCloskey)
  - o Counsellors and administration having been visiting Grade 7s
  - o Grade 7 Welcome Event and Information Night – January 24 (Family welcome event will include scavenger hunt throughout the school)
  - o Grade 8 counsellor will lead the information night



- Current Grade 8 families are invited to meet Mr. Akune and provide feedback about transition into high school
- In the process of organizing opportunities for students to volunteer at feeder schools
- Athletics – full complement of teams
  - o Junior Girls hosted tournament last weekend – placed 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Senior Boys finished as winner of the Chancellor Tournament at St. Thomas More last weekend
  - o Grade 8 Girls Tournament – January 25-26
  - o Grade 8 Boys Tournament – February 1-2
- Communicating with families – App, Twitter, Instagram, Husky Highlights Blog
  - o Blog being fine-tuned and almost ready for go live
- Snowball Dance – January 30

Other

- Fentanyl awareness
  - o Newsletter shared a few weeks back about presence of fentanyl in the Delta school population
  - o Reassured that NDSS was not where this concern originated from
  - o Opportunity for parents/caregivers/teachers to have conversations with students around safety and awareness of not picking things up found in the fields (report it) and not taking edibles/drinks from unknown sources
- Track Open House
  - o Last week and well attended
  - o City of Delta will design a 8 lane track with a walking lane, interior grass soccer field (no turf in order to accommodate other sports such as javelin throw)
  - o School District will have a say where washroom facilities are placed (close to school vs. further away from the school building)
  - o City is in favour of proceeding, awaiting Ministry of Education approval
  - o School will have priority use during 8am – 5pm, outer lane for public during these hours
  - o Plan for current four tennis courts – two will be converted to parking, other two will be refurbished, pickle ball court will be installed as well
  - o Anticipated completion for September 2021
- Staffing Changes
  - o Parental feedback re: timing of staffing changes within schools and waiting for end of school year or end of semester
  - o Mr. Akune shared that sometimes changes are not anticipated and in the moment decisions are made for operations and optimal staffing; best decisions are made within limited time parameters
  - o Retirements and leaves are during school breaks, e.g. Christmas break or end of school year (summer)

**Committee Reports**

**Chair**

- New school trustee for NDSS is Jessie Dosanjh
- Have opportunity to invite to PAC meetings, as PAC wants
- All school trustees will be present at next DPAC on January 26

**Treasurer (Mary Swan)**

- Non-gaming account \$1,620.17



- Gaming account \$24,672.01
- Cheque written and provided to Mr. Akune

**DPAC**

- Delta Police – working on education program about cannabis, target audience Grades 4-7
- Track Proposal Update (as above)
- Inclusive learning – how schools can be more inclusive and enhance student learning, four goals:
  - o Goal One – Connectedness
    - All students will have at least two adults in their school who believe that they will be a success in life.
  - o Goal Two – Reading
    - All students in the Delta School District will achieve grade level literacy by grade three, with the first three years of this goal focusing specifically on reading.
  - o Goal Three – Assessment
    - All students will demonstrate an understanding of themselves as learners by being able to answer the ‘Big Three’ questions: What am I learning? How is my learning going? Where to next?
  - o Goal Four – Graduation
    - All students will graduate with dignity, purpose, passion, and options.
  - o *District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2018-2021* may be found on the district website at <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/our-vision/district-framework-enhancing-student-learning/>

**Dry Grad (Kaushal Parikh)**

- No updates at this time
- Next meeting is January 21
- Request for potentially using students to call parents to seek out volunteers for dry grad
- Due to privacy reasons, only adults/parents will be calling out and from the school (school caller ID for professionalism and support of administrative staff as needed during phone calls)

**Correspondences**

- Bank statements as above

**New Business**

Community Engagement (Mr. Akune)

- NDSS is in the middle of community, like a hub
- We have the opportunity to enhance what we have
- How can we engage better with our community of parents/caregivers/partners? How can we improve our interactions with families and the school?
  - o People want to engage but language barrier
  - o Suggestion to have an evening inviting parents/caregivers and have translators present to disseminate information and have open discussion
  - o Morning coffee or evening meet and greet
  - o Written correspondence is all in English at the moment – send home translated materials
  - o Barrier for teachers to get information translated to send home or to have conversations with families who do not speak English



Technology

- ND Parent Connect/ND Huskies app
  - o Feedback that some parents having difficulties with notifications and accessing information
  - o Encouraged to delete and reload as background refresh occurred recently

**Adjournment at 8:14 pm**

**Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**