



Present: Mary Swan, Kaushal Parikh, Becky Palmer, Aleli Perez, Amardeep Saggu, Kuljeet Sehdev, Gurinder Luthra, Monika Sharma, Jaiya Narain, Sandeep Dhillion, Cathy Deck, Jag Law, Joyce Larson, Kathy Larson, Raj Bhullar, Sachin Kumar, Taranjeet Takhar, Rosalind Nair, Arlene Fernandez-Esguerra, Taruna Sehgal, Karandeep Kaur, Monjot Hothi

Administration: Aaron Akune, Kevin Dalgetty, Ben Scarr

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Mike Roth

Introductions

Discussed role of the PAC

- 1) Distribute money from the gaming grant to support student clubs and school activities
- 2) Provide a forum for parents and the Administration to share ideas and information
- 3) Help organize ticket sales and volunteers for the Dry Grad

We meet 8 times a year. This year, we will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for most of the school year (except December and March). We meet at 7pm usually in the conference room.

Unlike elementary school PACs, we don't do any fundraising.

PAC is a way to stay connected with what's going on.

We encourage you to join PAC, if you can. If not, you are always welcome to attend meetings. You can also read the minutes on the NDS website. Mr. Akune's blog is also very informative.

If you would like to join, we have positions available. Time commitment is roughly 25 hours a year, depending on the position.

Raj provided details on PAC activities and elaborated on roles of PAC

Nominations and Voting on PAC Positions (Mike Roth)

- 2019-20 PAC Council
- Chair: Rosalind Nair
- Co-Chair: Raj Bhullar / Michael Roth
- Treasurer: : Raj Bhullar / Michael Roth
- Secretary: Kuljeet Sehdev
- DPAC: unfilled, will review minutes
- Dry Grad: Michael Roth
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Administration Report (Aaron Akune)

- 1) School Enrollment up (1100 approx.) the school is full
- 2) Home Visits – visits to incoming Grade 8 students
 - 200 homes / 100 in person contacts
- 3) Opening assemblies held
- 4) School photos (for student IDs)
- 5) Athletics
 - Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Field Hockey

Coming up:

Delta Youth Advisory Council

- Hosting District gathering Sept 25
- Trustees and District Staff invited

Game of Apps

- Sept 19 – Student meeting
- Sept 23 – Parent meeting
- Gameofapps.org
- Presenting app design courses; 24 week of training; any grade

Cops for Cancer

- Sept 25 – 9am
- Donuts and coffee by donation

Terry Fox Run

- Sept 26 – 10:55am

Grad Boat Cruise

- Oct 1 – 3:30pm depart school / return 9:45pm approx

Photo Retakes

- Oct 3

Interim Reports

- Oct 10
- Posted on Student / Parent Connect

Fee Collection Day

- Oct 17 (moved to later this year)

Parent Teacher Meetings

- Nov 21 and April 23

Seattle Trip for Theatre Kids

- Dec 19



Committee Reports (Mike Roth)

Chair:
None

Treasurer:
Account statements:
Gaming: \$122.65
General: \$1620.79

DPAC: Meeting was held Sept 16. We will have a summary of the minutes at the next meeting.

Discussion

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1) Two important priorities – Literacy and Numeracy

- Grade 10 students will be required to write a literacy exam
- They do not count towards university acceptance
- Working towards making every teacher responsible for literacy

Will there be parent information meetings? How do we prepare our kids?

- Have not seen an assessment yet and there is no benchmark at the moment

Would you have teachers clarify what assessments will look like?

- Encourage professional judgment in assessing to offer feedback directly
- Less marks oriented
- Encourage parents to contact teachers if there are any concerns (note: the teacher’s priority is the classroom); can use Parent Connect to contact them

Feedback mechanism

- School will get a summary of how students do, with a number between 1 and 4

links for more info:

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/grade-10-graduation-literacy-assessment-fact-sheet.pdf>

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/gla-10>

2) Grade 8

This is a big transitional year for students, so it is important to have social and emotional support in place.

Possible actions

- Assembly to explore these issues or sessions to make students realize they are not alone in dealing with these issues
- Send counselors around to each class to talk about these issues
- Avenue for peer mentoring



3) Mental Health Curriculum

- Mental Health literacy
- Educate students and staff
- Goal to provide language to describe mental health states and how to understand and cope with mental health challenges
- Plan to form a committee to roll this out

4) Drop off /parking issues

Many students coming from outside of the North Delta catchment area or coming from out of district are traveling longer distances that require being driven to school.

Both the front and rear parking lots are heavily congested during pickup and drop-off times.

The school is investigating a possible redesign of the front parking lot that would include a drop off area that is separate from parked vehicles.

5) Narcan

- School has a supply in the Medical room
- Training not complete yet

6) Bullying

- Bullying can occur both inside and outside of the school (and online)
- Continue to address; message of being a positive citizen

New Business

Not applicable

Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm