

# North Delta PAC Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022

**In Attendance:** Meena, Tina (Radhika) Rana, Ujala Handa, Joy Forbes, Mike Roth,

**In Attendance (via Zoom)** Raj Bhullar, K.P., Annie, Jassi, Leonce, Sihisha, Sangeeta, Lee ansh, Patricia

**Administration:** Aarone Akune, Ben SCarr

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05 pm by Meena

**Approval of Agenda:** Postponed

**Old Business:** None

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Postponed

Note: only attendees from the previous meeting can approve the minutes

This being the first PAC meeting of the year, there was a brief explanation of what the PAC is and does. PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council, giving parents a voice in the school their child attends. Parents get a say in how the gaming funds from the government are spent and in fact if there is no PAC in place, the high school will not receive the gaming funds. Also, parents will know what events are happening at the school on a regular and timely basis. At the high school level there is usually no fund raising.

**Nominations and Voting** – After voting and discussion over what each position entails, the elected PAC positions for this year are as follows:

Chair	- Meena Ghag
Co-Chair	- Radhika Rana (Tina)
Treasurer	- Ujala Handa
Secretary	- Joy Forbes
DPAC Rep	- Raj Bhullar
Dry Grad	- Kaushal Parikh.
Member at Large.	- Mike Roth

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**Please note** – All parents and guardians of students at the school are automatically members of the PAC with a voice and voting privileges at meetings. Please bring your voice and vote to PAC meetings throughout the year. It is an excellent way to stay informed.

**Administration Report** – A. Akune and B. Scarr

**Current Enrolment** – 1346 This is up 200-250. There are 230 grade 8 students this year, 60 international students and 150-160 students in the hockey academy.

**Startup** – There has been lots to do with additional enrolment being added and these additional students being settled in.

**Health and Safety** – While we do have a much smaller list than the last two years, the administration would like to remind parents to follow the daily health check and use common sense. Also a reminder that hand hygiene is very important.

**Day of Truth and Reconciliation** – There are very exciting activities planned for September 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be an assembly with an Elder joining us to share her nation's and her experiences. History and stories will be shared.

There will be classroom activities as well to teach the children what this day is about. On the following Monday the kids will be asked to write a reflection piece.

**Looking ahead** – Activities are being planned to further education around truth and reconciliation, anti racism and mental health and wellness.

**Individualized Learning Time (ILT)** – This is a 35 minute time between period 1 and 2 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. At this point the kids are directed to certain classes on each day. Eventually the kids will have a choice to direct where they need to go the most on each day. One of the next steps in implementing this is to start a sign up process for the kids to get used to signing up for the class they need / wish to go to for ILT.

**Grad Boat Cruise** – We are looking forward to good weather. The cruise was moved to a week earlier this year in hopes of improving the chances of good weather. There are 290 grads and ticket sales stand at just under 200. Kids need to be dropped off at the school at 3:45pm to board the buses. There will be a screening and security check before boarding. The cruise is from 6-9pm and the buses are expected back at the school by around 10pm.

**Student Drop-off / pick-up** – The top priority for this is safety. Changes have been made, based on recommendations from the Delta Police. Barricades have been added to parking lot to make the area safer for students on foot. While this may slow the process down a few minutes, we would like to reinforce that our top concern is safety. If you do see a problem and feel that it needs to be reported please report to the school and the Delta Police.

**Student fees** – While these are not posted yet, we are working to finalize these numbers. In grades 11 and 12 there are often class changes the first couple of weeks of school and when this is all settled we will be posting these fees. With regards to payment of fees, while we prefer to receive payment electronically through parent connect, we do still accept cash and cheque at the office.

**Information nights** – There will be an information night on September 22, 2022

Delta Hockey Academy Parent Information Night - Thurs, Sept 22 @ 6:30pm

Grade 8 – 12 Parent Information Night – Thurs, Sept 22 @ 7:00pm

Sign in details have been provided in a school wide email. Thank you for attending the PAC meeting tonight. We find that the virtual link allows for more parents to attend.

**Grade 8 retreat** – This is coming for grade 8 students on Wednesday September 28th. You will have seen forms coming home for this.

**Chair Report** –Meena

The general bank account is low and while we normally do not do fundraising at the high school level, we need to do a little bit this year to provide funds for teacher appreciation.

**Treasurer Report** Mike and Ujala

Account balances (as of July 2022) are as follows:

General account - \$1,064.10

Gaming Account - \$11,969.01

The gaming account balance is quite high due to lower spending during COVID. There will be an additional gaming grant in October and between the existing funds and the new grant we will be able to financially benefit many requests throughout the school this year.

As of October 2022, the bank will no longer provide paper statements without a fee of approximately \$5.00 a month. These statements will be accessible online and the Treasurer (Ujala Handa) and Member at large (Mike Roth) will have access to this service. The account will have 2 step verification.

**DPAC Report** – Raj Bhullar

No report Raj will find out what DPAC funds can be used for in hopes of providing parent information.

**Correspondences**

None at this time

**New Business - Fundraising**

- The balance in the general account is very low. This is the account that pays for teacher appreciation at the end of the year. Tina (Radhika) has some great ideas on a fundraiser or two which can be done to bring in enough money to pay for the teacher appreciation lunch. Hot chocolate sales in cold weather or cookies with pictures around Christmas perhaps.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:25pm

**Next meeting: October 18, 2022 at 7 pm.**