

# North Delta PAC Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2023

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

**In Attendance (via Zoom)**

**Administration:** Sonia Sahota

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5pm

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Motion Ujala, Seconded Joy, Carried

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## **Treasurer Report Ujala**

General account balance – \$1237.83                      Gaming account balance - \$426.65

The general account funds the annual teacher appreciation lunch and a scholarship for a grade 12 student. In the past, the scholarship was funded by the gaming account but provincial rules for the gaming funds have changed. Because of this the PAC will be doing fundraising to fund the scholarship ourselves. So watch for announcements for our fundraising sales!

The gaming account holds funds from the government. These funds are given as a certain dollar value per enrolled student. Last year we had a surplus due to not spending much during COVID. These funds are meant for students and the school and have very strict rules for what it can be spent on. These funds will come around the end of September and will be discussed at the November PAC meeting. So come and see what we are able to support this year!

Ms. Sahota will provide us with the teacher requests for funds this year.

## **Fundraising - Tina (Radhika)**

As previously mentioned, the PAC is now fundraising! We wish to provide a scholarship to a grade 12 student each year. Also, we wish to provide an amazing teacher appreciation meal for all teachers and staff at the end of the year to thank them for all they have done for our kids all year long.

We have some fundraising dates in mind and Ms. Sahota has agreed to find dates that will work for the school calendar. An idea was suggested that maybe we could have a PAC booth at certain student council events as well. Care would be taken to not sell anything that would conflict with or negatively impact the student council sale booths. Inquiries will be made to see if this is possible.

## **Administration Report – S. Sahota**

This year has had a great start and students have been very welcoming.

Ms. Sahota has tried to be out among the students and in the parking lot greeting and welcoming students as she wishes to create a welcoming atmosphere. This also provides an opportunity to address the latecomers in a positive way.

This year's first order of business is to work on the new reporting order of report cards. Teachers are receiving training and support on moving from letter grades to another system of reporting students' progress. This reporting method has already been in place in elementary schools and is now coming to the high school.

Also on the immediate agenda for this year is beautification of the school, inside and out. For example, some of the plans for the outside include fresh paint, more benches at the front door for students and a new trash can. On the inside of the school, fresh paint, more seating in the library and some updated artwork.

With regards to placing posters for advertising anything, all posters must be seen by and initialled by admin before being hung around the school.

This year the enrolment numbers as of today's meeting are:

total - 1334  
Grade 8 – 219  
Grade 9 – 263  
Grade 10 – 273  
Grade 11 – 298  
Grade 12 – 281

The hockey academy numbers are up this year as well.

### **Staffing**

There are a couple vacancies which need to be filled immediately. We need a teacher for the tech area for auto and wood classes. We also need a teacher for Maker space, which involves 3D printing. This matter is being treated with the highest urgency.

### **Budget for School**

This budget is for students and the school building. There is enough money in this account to pay for some of the beautification that has been mentioned already. Also, the school was able to provide some much needed hardware for one of the school programs, Alternate Ed.

There is also another program, the Newcomers program, in which students new to Canada are able to be shown a bit about this country – such as how the bus system works, and seeing some of the fabulous things this province has to offer.

### **Partnership**

This year we will also work on strengthening the partnership between North Delta and our feeder elementary schools. Starting up programs such as homework club or other clubs to help incoming grade 8 students feel more comfortable with their surroundings when arrive on that first day of Grade 8.

## **Upcoming Activities**

Fridays – Husky Pride Fridays – wear Husky shirts, or shirts with the school colours

**Tuesday, September 26** – Grade 12 boat cruise – ticket sales this year are at 190 students. Ticket cost was kept at a low \$100 this year. Costs have gone up significantly this year from the bus to the cruise itself. The deficit the low ticket price creates will be covered by the school budget this year.

**Truth and Reconciliation Day** – Students are working on putting together an assembly.

**Student Council Meeting** – They are working on plans for this years Haunted House –this will be held the week before Halloween. Stay tuned for the exact date.

VITRA – Violence Threat risk assessment – teachers and staff are participating in training for this.

Mrs. Sahota will be continuing with the Husky Pride newsletter for parents. However, this year the newsletter will be monthly instead of weekly. So stay tuned!

More information for students will be placed on the school app and perhaps some on instagram to help keep the students connected.

### **Chair Report** –Mike

Request made to have the school office “advertise” the PAC meetings in the future. An email to parents and perhaps announcements, and a notice on the website. Also, if a zoom connection could be provided for those unable to attend in person.

Also, Mike has talked to the office about updating the PAC page on the website.

### **Correspondence**

Fresh Slice sent a letter offering fundraising sales.

BCCPAC also sent correspondence regarding SOGI

### **PAC members**

For this new year the PAC executive will be

Chairperson – Mike Roth

Co-Chairperson Tina (Radhika) Rana

Treasurer – Ujala Handa

Secretary – Joy Forbes

We need someone to be a Dry Grad representative. This involves going to the planning meetings and bringing information back to our PAC meetings. The Dry Grad is an important part of a number of high schools in the area. It provides an alcohol free, fun filled all-nighter for the grads the night of their dinner. It has been and continues to be a great success and much welcomed by the grades 12’s and their families.

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:05pm

**Next meeting: October 25 2023 at 5 pm.**