



Present Ujala Handa, Joy Forbes, Radhika (Tina) Rana, Mike Roth, Ritu Jumani, Nishanthi Ganasekara, Kirsten Hermansh, Sonia Sahota, Kulait Kaur Variah, Dr. Krank

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm by Mike Roth

Administration Report

The new school enrolment number is 1335 students.

Staffing – One of the positions has been filled, we have found a teacher for auto / woodworking. We still need a teacher for the Maker class.

Budget – A financial review of the school’s finances was conducted by district personnel and results will be shared in early December.

Partnerships – We are working with Elementary Schools and had a meeting with staff on October 24th. Also, we have partnered with the Guru Nanak food bank for a Diwali food drive and also the BAM Foundation for a food drive.

We are also partnering with UBC and are supporting student teachers.

Capstone Graduation Requirements – There are various projects coming due in November, December, and February. Please see your teacher for details on what is due and when.

Events

- Fridays Husky Pride for all students and staff – wear Husky gear or black and/or gold
- Nov 8 Diwali celebration lunch (11:35 – 12:20)
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day assembly (9:45am - 10:30am and also 10:50-11:35)

ND Alumni – A 30 year reunion was held on October 21st. We provided banners and vintage jerseys! It was a great evening. Thank you to the Alumni’s who are providing \$1000 towards Dry Grad!



School Priorities – Lates/ attendance, having a welcoming school atmosphere, new reporting order, communication and dress code.

Dress Code – working on developing an appropriate Dress Code. Will be consulting students, staff, teachers and parents. ETA for the policy is Spring 2024.

Question (Radhika (Tina)) – What is the status of bringing back the music program?

The School is still looking into it and having discussions with staff for volunteers. Someone volunteered to teach tabla, but at the moment there was not a lot of interest. However, it is something that is still important to pursue.

PAC Business

Motion to approve minutes from the September meeting – Ujala, seconded by Tina.

Committee Reports

Chair:

Constitution

- plan to update our bylaws. I should have something to distribute at the November meeting and we can discuss for the January meeting

Grant requests

- Nov 8 deadline to receive requests from the Admin; hard deadline Nov 15
- Will set a date later in November to have an executive meeting about allocations before the next meeting

Treasurer:

Gaming Grant

- Grant received \$26, 900

Bank statement

- general - \$1237.84
- gaming - \$27436.66



DPAC:

- Last meeting was Oct 16; next meeting is Nov 20
- Link for further info <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

Dry Grad:

- Call for dry grad volunteers; Please email DryGrad.DeltaNorthEnd@gmail.com if you are interested
- Next meeting - Nov 8 7pm in the Delview library
- They have sent a letter to request Dry Grad funds. It has gone up this year – now \$12 per student

New Business

Fundraiser

- Sonia will provide a calendar of events so we can plan fundraising in December
- Consensus was to try the fundraising sales when school lets out instead of at lunch
- Fundraiser set for Nov 6 – selling samosas after school

Discussion

There was a PreVenture presentation by Dr. Krank, PhD about modifying ways of thinking about drugs. The presentation was well done and contained a lot of great information. The program is used for Grade 8 and they answer a questionnaire and then the program is presented to students whom are invited based on their questionnaires. They have done some research with a grade 10 group to see if the program would be beneficial for older students as well.

At the current time, the leading cause of death for ages 16-24 is opiate overdose so this program is very important. And this is not just downtown on the streets, it is found to happen all over and within homes. There are two ninety minute sessions. They teach coping mechanisms to deal with triggers that lead to taking drugs as a result of trauma, anxiety, depression and even boredom. They also hope to reduce mental health issues.

The goal is to prevent, delay and reduce substance use. There is a trainer, Kirsten, for training personnel with our school district.



They presented 24 workshops last year and hope to have the same number this year. The roll out of the program will be announced.

Correspondence

Adjournment: 6:48pm by Mike

Next PAC Meeting: Originally Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5pm; moved to Tuesday November 28 2023 at 5pm
