



Delta District Parent Advisory Council (Delta DPAC)

C/O Delta School Board

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DPAC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10th, 2017

Meeting location: Delta School Board Office

Meeting time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance:

Keith Punshon - Chair (Devon Gardens/Delview)

Joe Muego – Vice Chair (Beach Grove)

Rassamee Ling- Co-Secretary (Burnsview)

Elaine Owsnett - Treasurer (Pinewood)

Lakhvir Brar – District Representative for BCCPAC (Cougar Canyon)

Jodie Weststrate - Sands

William Xie - Seaquam

Alka Jawanda - Brooke

Diana Thompson - Cliff Drive

Kristin Unger - Gray

Jennifer DenHartogh - Hawthorne

Sol Stevenson - South Park

Nadine Daviss – Sunshine Hills

Bob Nath - Delview/Gibsons

Guests in Attendance:

Doug Sheppard – Superintendent

Laura Dixon - School trustee (Chair)

Meet & Greet - 6:45 pm

Meeting brought to order at: 7:05pm

Welcome & Introductions

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - Doug Sheppard,
Superintendent**

- Neil Stephenson says elementary teachers are piloting a new reporting format. Feedback level was not as extensive as District had hoped.
- Neil will hold a parent feedback forum sometime in May. Would each PAC with students receiving the new reporting template please discuss the



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following at their next PAC meeting, then send a few parents to attend the forum and present the feedback from their parent community:

- What would you like to see communicated about your child's learning on formal report cards?
- What would you like to see communicated about your child's learning on an ongoing basis (not on report cards)?
- How might reporting be beneficial to students?
- How can students be more involved in the process?
- Where has communication about your child's learning been done well?
- What examples(s) do you have where you feel communication has been effective?

BCTF Legal Settlement additional funds require proving that it will be used for improvements in what's being delivered in classrooms (teachers, equipment etc). 'Classroom Enhancement Fund' - we are allocated \$6.8 Million, but \$1.1 million requires us to prove to the Government that there is a need for the funds. Need to tell Government by April 28th how this will be spent.

Delta School District is building a K-7 French Immersion program at Gibson's to accommodate new class size designations for Delta. Overall, Delta needs a few more teachers. We anticipate 27 new teachers (likely 10 for elementary and the remainder in secondary). A key limit will be that only three students with a special designation are allowed per class, so this may lead to creation of additional classes.

International students do not replace BC born students. They are given spots at the Elementary level AFTER all BC student applicants are placed. They do provide a source of extra funding for the District.

Ministry Announcement on Wednesday April 5th: "New website tool for students and parents will track achievements in education"

(www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance).

Browse the website for comparative data (Eg. Completion rates of Delta students compared with provincial average.) 'Be wary of school-to-school comparisons as data collection processes are not standardized.'

Framework for Enhanced Student Learning is being implemented in Delta, and incorporates data review for evaluation of student success.



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Laura Dixon's Report

Board budget meeting date is rescheduled for April 25th. It is a public input night with draft budget available a few days prior (available on the School District website). Big focus will be on new teacher hiring. Questions can be sent by email to the Board even if you can't attend (there is a drop-down menu link for sending emails from the District website).

BCCPAC hosted an 'All Party forum on education' to raise awareness about public education issues.

(See link for video <http://bccpac.bc.ca/news/party-forum-education-watch-now/>)

BC School Trustees Association's campaign is, "Public Education is the Key" Consider attending the all candidates meetings leading up to the provincial election. Start conversations with others about the importance of a solid education for the future generation of citizens in society. Note: Funding issues still exist despite the 'settlement' and new negotiations will take place with the Government for education funding in 2019.

General Business Meeting: Start time 8:40

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Bob Nath & seconded by William Xie; approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Approved by Elaine Owsnett & seconded by Joe Muego

Chairs report - Keith Punshon

Attended a budget consultation night with the School Board members. Concern expressed by one group to 'remember the needs of students first' as a priority over class size limitations. Two new buses are NOT for 'to and from' school transportation, but will replace older buses used currently for transporting students with special needs to and from programs.



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Vice-Chair's report – Joe Muego (nil to report)

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Owsnett \$1000 cheque written to pay Terry Small speaker and \$300 went to a PAC grant applicant. \$2459 still available (\$200/individual PAC, \$300 for two PACS, \$600 for 3 or more PAC's)

Secretary's Report - Rassamee Ling Gave notice that this is her last year to serve as Co-Secretary and asks others to please consider volunteering for this role. (Thank you to those who expressed an interest after the meeting).

BCCPAC Rep report - Lakhvir Brar Annual spring conference & AGM coming up May 5-7, 2017 in Surrey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Laura Dixon will put together a full list of committees and their responsibilities for presentation at our upcoming DPAC AGM

Healthy School's Committee - Laura Dixon

The committee helps disseminate information from community agencies to the school system. Work is ongoing, but will be re-directed by the results of a presentation of materials to the principals.

Aboriginal Advisory Committee - needs a DPAC representative

**Announcement and invitation from Southpark DPAC Rep.

Christine Yu is doing a presentation on May 15th at 7pm at Southpark Elementary. Topic: "Anxiety in Children - coping strategies and more"

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:15 pm

Next meeting May 15th, 2017 at 7:00pm AGM & Social

Location: Delta School District Office, Main Board Room