

DSS PAC

General Meeting
April 18, 2012

Attendees:

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Terry Ainge (Principal)
Mike Brigham (Vice-Chair)	Shelley Franklin
Trish Cowley (Treasurer)	Karen Russell
Karen McDonell (Communications)	Crystal Milley
Philippa Jarecki (Secretary)	
Cyndi Smith (DPAC)	

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with welcome from the Chair.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried.

2. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion: To adopt the minutes of March 14, 2012.

Moved, seconded and carried.

3. Burning Issues

- There is discussion on retroactive progress cards and whether they are going to be produced in Delta. Labour Relations is to make a ruling. (Secretary's note added May 2, 2012: as per the DSS website, the update is as follows: On April 20, 2012, the Labour Relations Board ruled that teachers must complete report cards, providing assessment dating back to the start of the school year. In Delta, report cards will be issued no later than May 4, 2012. For secondary students, report cards will show letter grades and percentages. Report cards may also include additional comments.)
- Parents are encouraged to check out www.LearnNowBC.ca: well organized site for students, parents and educators, organized by subject and topic. Old provincial exams are also available.
- DSS may need parents to help out on June 26 for Commencement. Please watch the school website for notices.

4. PAC Reports

Chair Report – Hilary Cole:

Discussed requests by media for comments on teacher action and volunteering. The PAC agreed that no comments will be provided to the media.

Treasurer Report – Trish Cowley:

- Reviewed 2011/12 budget.

Motion: To take advantage of budget amount remaining and approve the library to buy two more Mac books.

Moved by Karen McDonell, seconded and carried.

- First payment has been made on the digital sign.
- There is a student project to do courtyard improvements on the quadrangle. Delta Youth Support Line (DYSL) donated some funds and work is underway.

DPAC Report – Cyndi Smith:

No report this meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Report – Dan Heaman:

No report this meeting.

Communication – Karen McDonell:

No report this meeting.

Vice-Chair Report – Mike Brigham:

No report this meeting.

5. Principal's Report

All items discussed under Burning Issues.

6. Budget

As this has been an atypical year, budget meetings have not been able to be conducted with teachers. Tricia will be in communication with Terry and will develop a “boilerplate” or “template” budget with the usual and regular budget items to assist in the budgeting process.

7. Elections

- Discussion was held around the PAC positions for the 2012/13 year.
- Cindy agreed to send a message to PAC chairs to ask them to communicate to their parents about getting involved in the DSS PAC.
- Hilary agreed to ask DSS staff to send out an email to DSS parents asking them to think about getting involved in the PAC.

8. Next Meeting

May 16, 2012 at 7pm in the DSS library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by: Philippa Jarecki
PAC Secretary