

**Delta Secondary School
PAC General Meeting
Minutes – March 14th, 2012**

Attendees

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Terry Ainge (Principal)
Mike Brigham (Vice Chair)	Crystal Milley
Karen McDonell (Communications)	Sandy McDougall
Dan Heaman (Emergency Prep)	
Cyndy Smith (DPAC)	
Karen Russell (SPC)	
Shelley Franklin (SPC)	

Approval of Agenda Approval of agenda – Mike Brigham & Karen Russell.

Approval of Minutes Approval of minutes from February meeting as presented – Crystal Milley & Hilary Cole.

Burning Issues

- Job Action – Discussed Bill 22 and the possibility of Term 2 report cards after Spring Break. No plan to re-schedule Parent/Teacher conferences.

Digital Sign Mike Brigham

- Power has been disconnected from the existing sign
- Mike has been speaking with Facilities staff regarding power requirements of the new sign
- The new sign will have amber lettering
- The school will front the PAC money so the sign can be purchased this year. The PAC will pay for half the sign this year (~\$10,000) then the remainder the following year (if possible through Grant money)
- Mike has received a Sales Agreement contract from Adtronics Signs Ltd. Suggestion to submit the sales agreement to start the process – not a commitment to buy the sign – just the preliminary investigation
- It will take 8 weeks to build the sign once it is ordered – if possible a summer installation
- It was suggested to hand all the current information regarding over to the School District to coordinate and complete.

Motion: A motion was presented by Karen Russell to proceed with the submission of the drawings and sign specifics to the School District Facilities Department to coordinate with the Municipality to attain the permits and possible engineering reports for the sales agreement with Adtronics Signs Ltd. Seconded by Cyndi Smith. Motion carried.

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Principal's Report

Terry Ainge

- Next month's meeting we will talk about budgeting for 2012/2013
- Course requests are mostly complete which allows the school to build a course schedule then the School District will provide the staffing levels to support this Timetable
- DSS will have a decrease of about 80 students in the 2012/2013 school year
- May 11 is the Grad Dinner Dance as well as the Dry Grad – seeking approval for a noon dismissal on that day for safety reasons
- Bill 22 – to end the job action and allow for a 6 month cooling off period as well as assign a Mediator. Following Spring Break there might be an issue with teacher involvement with Scholarship & Commencement activities – may need to ask parents to help. Spring summer teams are also on hold as it is unclear if there will be leagues to play in.

Motion: A motion was raised by Crystal for Terry Ainge to seek approval to dismiss the students at noon on May 11th. Seconded by Cyndi Smith. Motion carried.

PAC Reports

PAC Chair Report Hilary Cole nothing to report at this time

Treasurer Report nothing to report

DPAC Report Cyndi Smith (see report below)

- The schools are to hold off on any large technology purchases as the School District maybe working on a 5 year plan with IBM.

SPC Report nothing to report

Emergency Prep Report Dan Heaman – (see report below)

- Mike Brigham and Terry Ainge will investigate further into the costs involved in getting a new container for the storage of Emergency Prep supplies.
- There is currently about \$6,000 in the Emergency Prep account
- The plan is to buy 200 emergency food bars each year for 4 years to a total of 800 bars. Then on an annual basis 200 new bars will be purchased to replace the oldest food bars. The bars have a shelf life of 5 years.

Motion: Karen Russell raised a motion to proceed with the purchase of 200 emergency food bars. Seconded by Shelley Franklin. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting	Date	April 18 th , 2010
	Location	7:00pm - Library
	Topic	Budgeting

DPAC Meeting

Feb. 20, 2012

- Tonight's meeting was held at Devon Garden Elementary. Devon Garden is an English, French Immersion and Montessori K to 7 school in North Delta.
- Nicola Christ, Director of Finance for Delta School District gave a presentation of the District Amended Operating Budget. Total operating grant from the Ministry of Education is approx. \$123.4 million dollars. With other funding and sources the total revenue dollars in the budget is \$142.8 million. Nearly 90% of these dollars cover teacher/admin salary and benefits. Delta has one of the lowest admin expenses in the province but there is still a shortfall of approx. \$1 million. The shortfall will be covered by funds in the reserve fund; however, Delta cannot continue to do this as there is not much money left in the reserve fund. The new budget for 2012/2013 is currently being developed. April 17th the School Board will approve the new budget. The presentation is posted on the DPAC website for anyone who would like to see it.
- Garnet Ayers spoke tonight about the difficulties in the district with the loss of a teacher and a student. He went over the changes to Code of Conduct. Amendments will be made to the policy on Student Discipline and Conduct to include a line and section regarding bullying/cyber bullying
- The administration has also developed two brochures and a poster that will be distributed to all classrooms.

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- Guest speaker Neil Stephenson. New District Principal for Innovation and Inquiry. He came from the Calgary Science School, a grade 4-9 inquiry-based teaching and learning school. Neil is helping the district to reach its vision by 2020. Teacher Inquiry – as prof. development, to work together collaboratively to try out different teaching practices. Student Inquiry – student engagement leads to learning.
- Doug Sheppard, assistant superintendent spoke about the math curriculum. Says parents should not be worrying about having to help their children with math. That is the teacher's job and students should be able to get extra help from their teachers before or after school. In both Foundations 10 and A&W math last year the district success rate was 90% although overall grades were lower than in past years.
- Emergency Prep event is still on May 5 at the East Delta Hall. There will also be a display set out of what an emergency container should contain. DPAC is advising that the Emergency Prep. person and an administrator from each school attend.

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Emergency Preparedness Report

Recap: October 2011 Food and Water purchase costs from FAST

Water rations	Unit cost	# per day	Cost per day	3 days	Total
250	\$0.38	3	\$1.14	\$3.42	\$855.00
500	\$0.36	3	\$1.08	\$3.24	\$1,620.00
Food rations	Unit cost	# per day	Cost per day	3 days	Total
250	\$8.05	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$2,012.50
500	\$7.95	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$3,975.00

The food ration bars have been approved by Transport Canada to sustain one person for 3 days.

Recap: February 2012 Food and Water Comparison with SDSS and DSS

Food supplies	Current inventory of 750 nutrition bars to feed 750 students for three days. Replace 300 nutrition bars per year at a cost of \$2,100 per year	One time purchase of 20 bars which can last 20 students for three days or 60 students for one day.
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Recommendation for Sustainable Food Supply Inventory

I recommend we build up an inventory of 800 nutrition bars over four years purchasing 200 each year in May of that year. The cost for 200 nutrition bars for May 2012 would be \$1,610. A regularly scheduled purchase for the same amount each year should be sustainable regardless of whether there is a person acting as Emergency Preparedness chair in future years. The two alternatives are either to purchase fewer, which will be less than at least one other senior secondary in Delta, perhaps others, or to purchase more which has short term benefits; however, creates a potential problem several years in the future.

Water supplies will need to be reviewed following meeting DSS staff at the containers. This has not been scheduled yet due to labour disruptions at the school. Hopefully this can be scheduled for April or May.