

**Delta Secondary School  
PAC General Meeting  
Minutes – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Attendees**

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Terry Ainge (Principal)
Tricia Cowley (Vice-Chair)	Nadja Duffield
Jennifer Grady (Treasurer)	Crystal Milley
Karen McDonell (Secretary)	Ginette Beaucage
Muriel Wells (DPAC Rep)	Lynn Crema
Marcia McCafferty (Past-Chair)	Wilma Moir
Karen Russell (SPC Rep)	Kerry Cuthbert
Sandy McDougall	Shelley Franklin
Selinda Lee-Tan	Joan Letendre

**Approval of Agenda** Motion to approve the agenda by Karen McDonell.

**Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve May 2010 minutes by Marcia McCafferty seconded by Jennifer Grady. Motion to approve the September 2010 minutes by Wilma Moir and seconded by Muriel Wells.

**Burning Issues**

**Zero Garbage** – there is an initiative at Port Guichon to add zero garbage to the school environment. The students are to take their garbage home with them. There was a question as to whether that would work in a high school environment. Terry mentioned that it would be challenging to implement this initiative. However, he did mention the Environmental Club has started a further recycling initiative within the school to help reduce the amount of garbage.

**Coaching** – there was no Grade 8 Volleyball coach but this recently has been resolved. It is not the optimal solution as there is a teacher sponsor and student coach.

**Teacher Collaboration Time Presentation** – Terry Ainge

- The collaboration time has been received well.
- The teachers must be meeting in pairs or groups during the hour of collaboration.
- The collaboration sessions are focusing on some aspect of these four questions:
  - What is it we want our students to learn?
  - How are they going to learn it?
  - How do we know they learned it?
  - How do we respond when they do not learn?
- The time is being used for course planning, instructional strategies, school based teams, aligning curriculum amongst subject area teachers, etc.
- Sessions are breaking down silos and encouraging joint instructional strategies.

Terry then facilitated a discussion on collaboration. Attendees all read an article entitled, *“In the Real World: Professional Learning Communities – It’s Not About My Class”*, by Christopher Peal (attached below). Next the pros and cons of collaboration was discussed within small groups. After about 10 minutes, Terry facilitated the sharing of the “take home” points of the article from each group.

Parents wondered if the school was open during the collaboration time on Wednesdays. The school is open and students are welcome to come before the 9:30am class start time. However, the library is not open during each collaborative session. Parents requested that an announcement be made on the Tuesday before the Collaborative Day, to let students know if the library was open on the following morning.

## PAC Reports

### PAC Chair Report      Hilary Cole      (see report below)

- In addition to Hilary's report she mentioned that we have raised about \$4,000 with the Pacer Pride Donation request. Last year we raised about \$7,000. Further donations are still welcome. Parents can contribute at anytime throughout the year.

### DPAC Report              Muriel Wells      (see report below for September meeting)

- Sandra Jones - a liaison for the Delta school district and the municipality – scjones@telus.net – presented a talk about "Active Routes to Schools". She highlighted fitness, improved safety, environmental benefits, reduced costs and community cohesion as benefits of students walking to schools rather than being driven. There are many measures already in place to make school walking commutes more feasible, including crossing guards that are paid for by the municipality and idle-free zone signs for school property provided by the province. Sandra also stressed that any traffic enforcement that is done on and around school property should be done by school administration or police as it gets touchy when parent volunteers take on that role. For more information on active routes to school visit [www.Hastebc.org](http://www.Hastebc.org) .
- Jackie Tokanyk – spokesperson from ICBC also spoke on traffic safety. The safety measures she spoke on were electronic speed signs available to schools for the asking, curriculum packages for bike smarts, an advertisement contest for grade 8-11 students on road safety, and speakers Kevin Brooks and Cheryl Carleton available to talk about how their lack of regard for traffic safety changed their lives due to accidents
- Barbara Coloroso (<http://www.kidsareworthit.com/>) is coming to speak in Delta. November 9<sup>th</sup> at Genesis and November 8<sup>th</sup> in North Delta. Tickets are \$25. We are looking for at least 4 parent volunteers to sell tickets at the November Parent/Teacher interviews. Each parent would do a 1.5 hour shift. Parents can also purchase tickets directly from Muriel Wells. Contact her at [tw8894@telus.net](mailto:tw8894@telus.net).
- Class Size & Composition Report – Garnet Ayres did a presentation on the district class size and composition. Grade 8-12 classes in Delta are average 26.0 students whereas the ministry requires that the average be 28.0 or less. Classes may exceed 30 students only with the teacher's consultation. The number of special needs students per class is normally not to exceed 3 but an unofficial rule is now that it can exceed as long as the class does not exceed 33 students if each special needs student is counted as two students. For example, a class of 28 students which includes 5 special needs students would have an equivalent of 33 students. The district enrolment is now 15,677, down slightly from last year's 15,861. DSS now has 1,374 students, down from two years ago when we had 1,525.

### Treasurer Report      Jennifer Grady      (see statements below)

- There was a motion to pay \$196 for the PAC Chair and Vice Chair to attend a workshop entitled "*Conducting Effective Meetings with Robert's Rules of Order*" made by Marcia and seconded by Joan Letendre. The vote was carried.

### Dry Grad Report              Kerry Cuthbert      (see reports below)

- There is a meeting at the school for parents interested in participating in Dry Grad on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Joan Letendre will be the Dry Grad representative for the PAC.
- Dry Grad committee expects to maintain strong communication with the PAC throughout the year.
- Dry Grad committee has sent a request to grad parents for a \$100 donation.
- The DSS website is being updated with Dry Grad information on a regular basis.

**SPC Report**                    nothing to report

**Emergency Prep Report**        Dan Heaman was not able to attend but submitted the report below

- The 2010 meeting of the Delta Senior Secondary Emergency Preparedness Committee has been scheduled for Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Delta School District Emergency Preparedness Manual states that the committee should be comprised of a mixture of at least one PAC representative, at least one teacher, the Principal and one Vice-Principal. At this meeting we will review the school emergency plan and inventory of the storage container.
- An update from this meeting will be provided at the November PAC meeting.

**Ladner Partners Report**        This group is not functioning for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Principal's Report** – Terry Ainge

- On Friday interim reports will be available for viewing on Parent Connect. No advises will be mailed home this year. Students at risk (< 60%) will receive an interim. Teachers may also produce interim reports to advise parents on students experiencing success in a given course.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	Date	November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
	Location	Library 7:00pm
	Topic	Smart Board Presentation

## DSS PAC Chair Report October 2010

1. Oct 1, 2010 I handed out two \$500 PAC scholarships to Vanessa Egan and Rilee Sharpe.
2. Oct 13, 2010 the Optimist printed my letter regarding the above. It also advertised Yvette Livingston's workshops, which assist parents to assist their children to apply for various scholarships.
3. Thank you to Mr. Ainge for getting the daily announcements back up on the web page. Particularly in their new and improved format, detailing the after school clubs available.
4. Welcome to Kerry Cuthbert – new Dry Grad Chair and to Kerry Marentette as Co-Chair.
5. At the School Board Meeting on Oct 5, 2010 we learned that DSS will apparently be getting solar panels on the rooftop, complete with “realtime monitors” for a classroom, compliments of BC Hydro.
6. The position of Communications Chair is still vacant. Here is a list of the responsibilities from our Constitution (which are to be revised):
  - Shall be responsible for newsletter submission
  - Shall send out parent educational materials & event info
  - Shall check the email account in First Class daily & manage the correspondence
7. DSS Alumni should have a Facebook page available in two weeks.
8. October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 I handed over the \$50 gift certificate from Blackbond Books to Randi Kuckein, the winner of our fundraiser draw, because she donated prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Congratulations Randi and thanks for your support!

**Delta Secondary School PAC  
General account 2010/2011**

**As of October 15, 2010**

Account balance at June 1, 2010 \$ 7,355.61

Revenue: deposit from Dry Grad \$ 1,503.14

Expenses: ck 58 Jennifer Grady- reimb for gift outgoing PAC \$ (45.00)  
ck 59 BCCPAC- membership dues \$ (75.00)  
ck 60 Hilary Cole- wine for wind-up \$ (22.09)  
ck 61 Science computer set up \$ (50.00)

General account balance 10/15/10 \$ 8,666.66

Funds held by School re PAC donations \$ 3,299.57 (I need to confirm this  
**Total funds available Oct 15, 2010** \$ 11,966.23 balance with Joan)

Balance per bank statement at October 15, 2010 \$ 8,666.66  
less outstanding cheques:

\$ 8,666.66

Balance of funds held by school on behalf of PAC \$ 3,299.57  
\$ 11,966.23

**Delta Secondary School PAC**  
**Gaming Account General Ledger 2010/2011**  
**At October 15,2010**

Opening Balance	June 1,2010	\$	9,179.53
Gaming receipt	October 1,2010	\$	29,780.00
Interest income			

Expenses

ck 222	void for Gaming		
ck 223	DSS-reimbu Bhangra, Gr8 orientation, Spanish cl	\$	(414.16)
ck 224	Vanessa Egan- Scholarship 2010	\$	(500.00)
ck 225	Rilee Sharpe - Scholarship 2010	\$	(500.00)

		\$	(1,414.16)
<b>Balance per GL October 15,2010</b>		\$	<u>37,545.37</u>

Balance per bank October 15,2010		\$	38,045.37
less O/S cheques: ck 225		\$	500.00

		\$	(500.00)
<b>Balance per GL October 15,2010</b>		\$	<u>37,545.37</u>

DPAC Notes from September 19, 2010  
By Muriel Wells, DPAC Rep DSS

1. Delta School district superintendent Dianne Turner was the guest speaker. She talked about the district's current achievement contract and vision and the ministry of education's vision for education.

- Ministry's vision for education: **personalized learning** is tailoring education to the student's needs and interests. The parents and student would work with the teacher to plan out independent study projects. Dianne emphasized this point throughout her talk as it is the most dramatic change from the current mode of education. It requires parental engagement, teacher leadership and the right administration. Saltspring Island has a school that is already putting this into practice with classroom instruction for parts of the school day and independent study time, under the supervision of teachers or community mentors, for the rest.
- Academies in Delta also address the issue of meeting students' individual needs and more may be started – possibly fine arts and agricultural.
- Ministry would also like to focus resources on learning needs and spend less on admin costs.
- Using technology in education is very important as it is so prevalent in our kids' lives.
- Motivation is a key factor in students' learning.
- Roland Case of TC<sup>2</sup> talks about critical thinking and collaborative thinking
- Randal Fielding of the Pearson Foundation: Designing Schools for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning

2. BCCPAC membership fees have been raised to \$75 and are due soon.

3. School Planning Councils were discussed and questions were raised about how well they are used.

4. Barbara Coloroso is coming to Delta: Nov 8 NDSS for parents of teens and Nov 9 DSS for parents of elementary children. Tickets will probably be \$20. Joint sponsorship between DPAC and Deltassist.

5. If there is any trouble with posting info on websites please contact Lisa LeBlanc and she'll have the IT department help you, hopefully.

# **IMPORTANT INFO DRY GRAD 2011**

## **What is Dry Grad?**

Dry Grad is an event which provides students with a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation. It is a fully supervised fun event, sponsored by the Parents, where the grads can party with their friends, be entertained and participate in a fun-filled, action-packed night of celebration.

## **When is it?**

Dry Grad takes place after the dinner dance on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It will occur at the Ladner Community Centre and run from midnight until 6:00am May 14<sup>th</sup>. Grads leave the dinner dance around midnight and return to Ladner for a quick clothing change before heading to the Dry Grad Event. The grads must be in the door by a set time and they do not have in/out privileges.

## **Who is organizing this event?**

PARENTS of the graduating class are the primary organizers however they welcome volunteers from the Grade 11 class as well. There are a number of committees who need volunteers and there is definitely a job that suits every parent. Please contact the committee Chair for details: Kerry Cuthbert - email: [kerrycuthbert@dccnet.com](mailto:kerrycuthbert@dccnet.com) or 604-940-0116

## **What does it cost to host the event?**

The expense of holding the Dry Grad event is approximately \$165.00 per grad. The cost to the student for their admission into Dry Grad is between \$10-\$15, which gives them a commemorative T-shirt, a collection DVD of their Grad experience, food, entertainment and \$\$\$ prizes if they stay until 6:00am.

## **What is the difference between Dry Grad and Grad Council?**

The grad council raises funds to offset the price of their ticket to the dinner dance at a Vancouver hotel. The dinner/dance is a school function and requires students to meet specific graduation requirements before attending. The Dry Grad raises funds to pay for the Dry Grad event. Both require parent support but the funds are used for two entirely different events. The Dry Grad event is entirely PARENT driven and is NOT a school event.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

As in prior years, we are requesting an up front one-time only cash family contribution of \$100.00 (or whatever you can) to offset the cost and greatly decrease the amount of fundraising required. This would especially be appreciated from families who are unable to contribute their time to the preparation. The contributions may be split into two post-dated cheques for Jan 15, 2011 and February 15, 2011 if preferred. We also welcome donations for greater or lesser amounts.

**Cheques are to be written to "DSS DRY GRAD" and either mailed to Delta Secondary School @ 4615- 51<sup>st</sup> Street , Delta, BC V4K2V8 or dropped off in the box located in the school office.**

# IMPORTANT INFO

## FUNDRAISING- 2011

Please take a moment to give us your input!

Dry Grad has a drop off box in the school office, please return your comments and donations there. You can also mail the information to :

**Dry Grad 2011**  
**c/o Delta Secondary School**  
**4615- 51<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Delta, BC V4K2V8**

1	We would like to support the Dry Grad by making a donation of \$_____ . We have attached a cheque payable to Dry Grad 2011	Yes	No
2	We would like to support the Dry Grad by making a donation with two post-dated cheques, dated Jan 15, 2011 and Feb 15, 2011, Totalling \$_____		
3	We work for, or have contact with a business that may be interested in donating prizes to support the efforts of Dry Grad 2011. Please email or call Denise Johnston – <a href="mailto:mdga@dccnet.com">mdga@dccnet.com</a> or call 604-943-3603		
4	We would like to volunteer our time for a future fundraising event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winery event</li> <li>- Chocolate Santa raffle</li> <li>- New Year's dance</li> </ul>		
5	We would like to be contacted about volunteering for the Dry Grad committee in some other way.		
6	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b> <b>NAME:</b> <b>EMAIL:</b> <b>PHONE:</b>		
7	<b>COMMENTS</b>		

<b>DRY GRAD BUDGET 2011</b>					
	2010	2010		2011	2011
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>					<b>ACTUAL REVENUE</b>
Start Up Monies 2010	\$7,294.51			\$6,002.73	\$6,002.73
New Years Eve Dance	\$7,207.04			\$8,000.00	
Wine Tasting 1	\$560.00			\$500.00	
Wine Tasting 2	\$495.74			\$500.00	
Santa Raffle	\$1,834.00			\$1,100.00	
Corporate Donations	\$4,415.00			\$4,500.00	
BC Liquor Stores	\$3,554.45			\$3,500.00	
Piggy Banks	\$548.56			\$600.00	
Parent Donations	\$25,200.00			\$17,000.00	
Fundraiser 1	\$976.19	SaveOn Wheel 4x		\$800.00	
Fundraiser 2	\$537.00	Salmon sales		\$800.00	
Tshirt /Ticket sales		not recorded		\$2,800.00	
Misc Fundraiser	\$1,025.00	Poker Night		\$1,000.00	
Misc Fundraiser	\$437.00	50/50 Dance		\$500.00	
	\$338.44	Misc			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,422.93</b>			<b>\$ 47,602.73</b>	<b>\$ 6,002.73</b>
<b>PROJECTED SPENDING</b>					<b>ACTUAL SPENDING</b>
Dry Grad T-shirts				\$2,000.00	
Decorating Team				\$ 1,200.00	
NY Eve Dance				\$1,000.00	
Publicity/Correspondence				\$400.00	
Food				\$1,400.00	
Prizes				\$16,000.00	
Red Carpet				\$200.00	
Video/DVD				\$2,500.00	
Security				\$200.00	
Tent Rental				\$2,000.00	
Entertainment				\$ 18,000.00	
Misc Operational Expenses				\$500.00	
Insurance and Taxes				\$345.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$45,745.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Balance</b>				<b>\$ 1,857.73</b>	<b>\$ 6,002.73</b>