

**Delta Secondary School
PAC General Meeting
Minutes – January 19th, 2010**

Attendees

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Terry Ainge (Principal)
Tricia Cowley (Vice-Chair)	Wilma Moir
Jennifer Grady (Treasurer)	Cyndi Smith
Karen McDonell (Secretary)	Debbie Hughes
Muriel Wells (DPAC Rep)	Donna Klatt
Dan Heaman (Emerg Prep)	Sandy McDougall
Karen Russell (SPC Rep)	Karen Taipalus
Shelley Franklin (SPC Rep)	Sandy McDougall
Joan Letendre (Dry Grad)	Crystal Milley
Nadja Duffield	Selinda Lee-Tan

Career Prep & Work Experience Presentation Mr. Graham Harkley (DSS Staff)

Mr. Harkley gave a presentation regarding DSS's Career Prep and Work Experience programs. Program gives students the chance to work within the business community in their area of interest. Very popular program at DSS – 187 students enrolled in the program. This is the largest program for the Delta School District. Students are able to start the program after the completion of Grade 10 (during the summer before Grade 11).

Delta Police Liaison Presentation Constable Sean Doolan

He is the police liaison for all the Ladner schools. He has been with the Delta Police department for 8 years. He liaisons between the Principal and the Delta Police Department as well as speaks to students on various topics. He is also able to give tailored sessions upon request. He will also come to a students home if requested by the parents to speak one-on-one with a student. He also practices Code Yellow and Code Red Emergency drills with schools. After each drill there is a debriefing with the school's administrative staff to improve the process for future drills. The following presentations have been given or soon will be given this year:

- Grade 8 – Drug Seminar
- Grade 9 – Social Network Safety as well as the Odd Squad presentation
- Grade 10 – Drivers Safety
- Grade 11 – Impaired Driving
- Grade 12 – Planning an Open Forum to discuss the role of the Police Liaison within the school district. Use the session to gather feedback from the students. The feedback will be used to improve the program in the future.

Approval of Minutes Approval of minutes from November meeting as presented Joan Letendre & Wilma Moir.

Burning Issues no issues

Principal's Report Terry Ainge

- Personalized learning evolving at DSS
- Grad Transition Interviews – New format this year. Several interviewers will be involved in reviewing each student's Grad Transition Plan on January 27th. Approximately 310 Grade 12 students – 85% have signed up for their 10 minute interview.
- January 31st – sign up for the next round of Parent/Teacher Interviews on February 16th & 17th

- In the fall DSS conducted a Parent Survey to determine the best way to conduct parent/teacher interviews. 263 parents completed the surveys online & via hard copy. Many are happy with the current process; location, dates, time of day. Some parents were dissatisfied with the length of the 4 minute interviews. Strong support shown for the creation of a "Meet the Teacher" event in September. Parents in attendance were also in favour of a "meet the teacher" event along with the distribution of a interim report. Staff committee currently reviewing the results and proposing future enhancements to the process.
- Entered the course planning time. Program planning guide will be available during the last week of January. Course needs to be finalized by the first week of March. Parent Information evenings to be held as follows:
 - Current Grade 7 parents – February 2nd
 - Current Grade 8 parents – February 24th
 - Current Grade 9 parents – February 22nd
 - Current Grade 10 parents – February 23rd
 - Current Grade 11 parents – February 21st
- February 28 to March 4th – for this year's theatre production – all grades involved – Flea in her Ear. Local Grade 7 classes will be invited to a Dress Rehearsal.
- Provincial High School Gymnastic Championships – March 11th to 13th – DSS will be hosting the event this year.
- Delta School District has started a Visioning Project to setting future directions and goals. Staff working together to establish DSS Vision (core values, mission & purpose). This process will be conducted at the following two staff meetings; February 7th and March 7th. Two parents (Debbie Hughes & Muriel Wells) will attend these meetings to represent and inform the PAC of the process and outcome. The District Vision Dinner meeting will be held on January 27th at 4pm to 7pm at Sands High School.

PAC Reports

PAC Chair Report Hilary Cole (see report below)

Treasurer Report Jennifer Grady (see statements below)

- We collected \$4,406 in Pacer Pride Donations this year. It is down from last year
- The Guitar Club has asked to change the specifics of their \$900 purchase to one better quality classical guitar versus the two originally requested.
- Jennifer will check to see if there is a way to purchase technology items through Gaming.

DPAC Report Muriel Wells (see report below)

Dry Grad Report Joan Letendre

- Upcoming fundraising events; smoked salmon, Super Bowl tickets, Meat draw.
- More Grade 11 parents required to volunteer for the various Grad events.
- Raised \$16,400 to-date.
- The New Years Eve dance raised \$7,200.

Dry Grad Report Joan Letendre

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- January 26th is the Grad Hockey game.
- Earl Rempel awaiting payment for the Chocolate Santa from Kerry Cuthbert.

SPC Report nothing to report

Emergency Prep Report Dan Heaman – nothing to report

DSS Alumni Report Hilary Cole

- DSS Alumni Basketball Tournament to take place on February 4th & 5th at DSS.
- DSS Alumni Facebook page has been created.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting	Date	February 23 rd , 2010
	Location	DSS Cafeteria – Staff Dining Room - 7:00pm
	Topic	to be announced

Chair's Report January 2011

2011 is shaping up to be an exciting year in the Delta School District. Many of you may have already read the stories flying around the local media (see attached articles), never mind further afield in the area of education. I'm talking about the disparity of views between Dale Saip, Chair of the Delta School Board and Paul Steer, president of the Delta Teacher's Union, over the topic of giving teachers merit pay for better performing students on standardized tests:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Chairman+backs+call+teacher+merit/4067935/story.html?id=4067935>

This is a highly controversial method of reforming a school system, which has been a topic in the U.S. for quite some time.

What I would like to do in my role as chair, is to provide you with some background resources so you can formulate your own opinions. The discussion around teacher evaluation could seriously affect how your children are going to be taught in the near future. Especially in light of the fact that Kevin Falcon, candidate for the Liberal Party leadership is using this as the platform from which to launch his politics, promising if elected, he will bring in such a practice (see link below).

<http://www.delta-optimist.com/news/Delta+school+board+chair+backs+Falcon+Liberal+leadership+race/4070722/story.html>.

One interesting source I've been following is how the Washington, DC schools have been dealing with teacher evaluation and underperforming students, as reported in the Washington Post newspaper.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/30/AR2009093004729.html>

Also, please take a look at this link in which PBS the public broadcasting service documents how Michelle Rhee reformed the D.C. school system, firing numerous teachers and reforming the teacher evaluation system with a new scale called IMPACT. I would encourage you to also read the attached comments in the blog.

<http://learningmatters.tv/blog/current/michelle-rhee-in-dc-the-series/682/>

Lastly, I would like to suggest we discuss this topic briefly in the upcoming January meeting and decide if it is something we should further explore as a full meeting topic in February. Truly it is a meaty issue and one we, as parents cannot afford to ignore. Also, it will neatly dovetail into the discussion opened by Dianne Turner, District Superintendent in the Optimist, in which she invites parents to join in helping to formulate a Vision for the district, a similar exercise we, as a parent body, greatly benefited from when we wrote our school vision last year.

<http://www.delta-optimist.com/School+system+undergo+changes/4047305/story.html>

Hilary Cole
PAC CHAIR

Delta Secondary School

2010/2011 PAC Gaming Budget - approved April 21,2010

As of May 16,2010

<u>Submitted by</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Spending to date 2010/2011</u>	<u>Date submitted</u>
Library	Two club chairs	\$ 400.00		
Library	World Book Encyclopedia set	\$ 1,000.00		
Grade 8 orientation	Welcom Gr 7, sept bbq, x'mas breakfast, motivational speakers,	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 990.07	sept, nov,dec 2010
PCRS-Kristy Jones	Summer prevention camp	\$ 500.00		
Guitar club	La Patrie Etude Classical guitar (2) and padded cases	\$ 900.00		
Guitar club	5 capos @\$25 ea	\$ 125.00		
Guitar club	7 piece Blue Harmonica Set	\$ 36.00		
Games Club	Set of PRS Remotes and software	\$ 2,152.00		
Auto Club	Controller for electric drag racing truck	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,751.28	Dec 2010
PAC Scholarship	PAC Scholarship	\$ 500.00		
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Athletic teams	Uniform renewal	\$ 2,000.00		
Athletic teams	Tournatmetn acct -tournament entry fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00	Nov 2010
Athletic teams	Referees- paid volleyball and basketball officials	\$ 3,000.00		
Textile Field Trip	Bus transportation to Kwantlan Fashion show and VCC Fashion Shows	\$ 400.00	\$ 412.09	Dec 2010
Jewelery Club	Rolling mill	\$ 1,114.00		
Fine Arts Open House	Printing notices and catering	\$ 320.00		
Counselling Dept	Safeteen	\$ 3,000.00		
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		\$ 24,447.00		
Budget items from 2009/2010				
Fine and performing arts open house 2010	evening showcase event, catering and exhibition	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	Nov-10
Clubs	Duffle bags for IFA	\$ 96.00	\$ 115.79	Sep-10
Scholarship	2 - \$500 scholarship for post secondary education 2009/2010	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Oct-10
Atheletics	provincial championship, entry fees, banquet	\$ 1,000.00		
Atheletics	hardship funds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 315.00	Nov-10
Bhangra Team	Ipod, instrument - bal of funding	\$ 168.00	\$ 135.91	Sep-10
Spanish Club	Karaoke machine and cds-bal of funding	\$ 413.00	\$ 84.40	Sep-10
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		\$ 28,394.00	\$ 6,474.54	

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

Opening Balance	June 1, 2010	\$ 9,179.53
Gaming receipt	October 1, 2010	\$ 29,780.00
Interest income	Oct bk stmt	\$ 2.31

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)
ck 226	DSS -reimb Fine Art evening, gr 8 basketball fees, banquet, Hardship fund, Gr 8 ori	\$	(1,452.88)
ck 227	DSS-reimb Gr 8 Transitn, auto club and textile fieldtrip	\$	(3,607.50)

		\$ (6,474.54)
Balance per GL Jan 15, 2011		<u><u>\$ 32,487.30</u></u>

Balance per bank Jan 15, 2011		\$ 32,987.30
less O/S cheques: ck 225	\$ 500.00	
		\$ (500.00)
Balance per GL Jan 15, 2011		<u><u>\$ 32,487.30</u></u>

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

As of Jan 15, 2011

Account balance at June 1,2010		\$ 7,355.61
Revenue:		
	deposit from Dry Grad	\$ 1,503.14
	Oct interest income	\$ 1.82
	PST	\$ 789.77
Expenses:		
	ck 58 Jennifer Grady- reimb for gift outgoing PAC	\$ (45.00)
	ck 59 BCCPAC- membership dues	\$ (75.00)
	ck 60 Hilary Cole- staff appreciation	\$ (22.09)
	ck 61 Science computer set up	\$ (50.00)
	ck 62 DSS-cafeteria invoice for 2009/2010	\$ (64.31)
	ck 63 Hilary Cole - postage	\$ (0.60)
	ck 64 Jennifer Grady-postage for gaming application	\$ (10.67)
	ck 65 Hilary Cole- Black Bond gift cert	\$ (50.00)
	ck 66 John Noonan-Robertson Rules	\$ (196.00)
	ck 67 DSS-reimbu Adobe Workshop (Karen Gadowsky	\$ (375.89)
	General account balance 11/15/10	<u>\$ 8,760.78</u>
	Funds held by School re PAC donations	\$ 6,923.16
	Total funds available Jan 15,2011	<u><u>\$ 15,683.94</u></u>
Balance per bank statement at Jan 15,2011		\$ 7,971.01
less outstanding cheques:		
add outstanding deposit	PST rebate	\$ 789.77
		<u>\$ 8,760.78</u>
Balance of funds held by school on behalf of PAC		\$ 6,923.16
		<u><u>\$ 15,683.94</u></u>

DPAC Notes January 17, 2011
By Muriel Wells, DSS DPAC rep

1. Delta School District Visioning Process

Over the next 3 months the district will be going through a process of determining our vision. Each school will be going through the visioning process (each principal will run it in a way that works best for their site), and there is a district-wide event planned for January 27th, from 4pm to 8pm, at Sands Secondary in North Delta, where each school will bring around 10 people. The Principals will each invite several teachers, support staff and parents from their schools.

2. There will be DPAC executive elections in April.

3. There will be a walk/run/roll event in North Delta in memory of Laura Szendrei.. It will be a fundraiser (\$5 admission) to provide a North Delta student with a scholarship. As well, there will be a poster contest to promote the event and speak out against violence. This contest is open to South Delta students too. Prizes for the best posters will be an iPOD for the winning elementary poster and an iPAD for the winning secondary poster.

4. There was a presentation from the committee that reviewed the concept of a balanced school calendar. The conclusion was that there was no quantitative evidence that such a calendar enhanced education or detracted from it, but anecdotal evidence that it would benefit certain students, eg. ESL and youth at risk. The district is open to implementing the concept in a school, elementary being more appropriate, if approached by a school community to do so.

5. Input is being sought on the 2012-2013 calendar. The district would like to move a school closure day from the end of spring break to early December, as was done 3 years ago.

6. DRAFT Guidelines for Principals when Requesting PAC Funding

- Beyond “Basics”
- Support School and District Initiatives
- Student poverty
- Enhancements; cultural events, teacher purchases
- Sustaining previous enhancements
- To be spent on the children we have now
- Promote communication and involvement of parents and community in our schools

7. The Barbara Coloroso presentations were well attended. The Delta DPAC and Deltassist made more than \$1000 each.