

DSS PAC
General meeting
January 23, 2013

Attendee:

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Kelly Robinson
Mike Brigham (Vice-Chair)	Karen Russell
Tricia Cowley (Treasurer)	Leanne Pryce
Crystal Milley (Emergency planning)	Linda Barrett
Cyndi Smith (DPAC)	Chris Reiter
Karen McDonnell (Communications)	
Joan Letendre (Secretary)	

Meeting Called to order at 7:00

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: To adopt agenda for the meeting
Moved, seconded and carried.

2. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion: To adopt agenda for the meeting
Moved, seconded and carried.

3. Burning issues

No new issues.
Parent request for information on Grad night date change from May to June.
Request that Terry provide update at next meeting.

4. Principals report

Presented by Hilary in Terry's absence, copy of report attached.
Discussion on report:
Course planning - request that Mr. Harkley be invited to speak at next PAC meeting for course planning.
Parent survey – is there another option for personal PIN number for survey?

5. PAC reports

Chair report – Hilary Cole:
Requested feedback on recently held Post secondary evening, general consensus more popular schools needed more space but overall a popular night

Did you know?

Website – daily physical activity page must be completed by kids in Grade 11 and 12 (unless they are taking PE)
Hot topics on PAC page posted by Karen - Twitter Town Hall Meeting info is the latest post.
New Family Day – Stat holiday, same week there is a Pro D day on Friday.
Spring break in March, so PAC meeting will be one week earlier than usual
Question for PAC will we continue 2 scholarships as before? Yes already in budget

Treasurer report - Trish Cowley:
Report attached, this is a short update
Full report will be completed next month

Dry Grad (Sandra Nass):
Report presented by Trish. Copy attached

DPAC – Cyndi Smith:
Report attached.
Addition to report - every two years there is a district Pro D day for all staff and parents are invited. Two courses in AM one in PM. Web address is Deltalearns.ca 17 or 18 pages of courses
Discussion regarding bussing reductions.

Communications – Karen McDonnell
No report

Emergency Preparedness – Crystal Milley
Crystal has gone to the bin to review contents. Has checklist and will attend to updating supplies.
Shelving is available for the bind. Crystal will contact Keith who is the head of the DPAC emergency group.
There is a requirement for first aid kits to be paid for PAC. This is a requirement by the government for PAC to supply the first aid kits one for each classroom. Discussion on this requirement, Crystal will follow up on this with Terry.

6. New Business/updates

Request for volunteer for temporary secretary position as Joan is not available for the next two months. No volunteers at meeting.

7. Next meeting February 20, 2013

Meeting adjourned

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Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews were held on January 16th and 17th. Data suggests that slightly more than 400 families attended for interviews. There was some feeling among staff that the interviews were "less busy" than in previous years. It should be noted that there are approximately 100-200 fewer students than the last time we had PTIs (2010-11). It can also be noted that Parent Connect, interim reports (for all students) and a report card may all contribute to reducing the pressure on the PTI as a means to access information on student progress / achievement.

New Sign

After much anticipation, the new digital sign was installed prior to the Winter Break. Delta School District Maintenance needed to do some work with the electrical and the sign was powered on last week. Sincere appreciation to the DSS PAC, particularly Mike Brigham for all his efforts toward researching the various options and vendors in the early stages of this project. The sign is a great addition to the school!

100 Year Open House

Planning is underway for an Open House to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Delta Secondary School (previously King George High School). Mark your calendar and plan to be in attendance at DSS on Friday, April 12th 6:00pm to 10:00pm. There will be entertainment, displays, memorabilia, souvenirs, and a wine and cheese reception (no host bar) for the adults. Attendees are being asked to RSVP no later than April 5th to deltasecondary@deltasd.bc.ca with their name, grad year (if applicable) and number of guests.

Program Planning

Program Planning season will soon be upon us. There will be a parent information night on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. This evening will be for the parents of students who are currently in grades 8-11. Counselors will explain the course selection process, talk about some of the options, and answer questions.

An information night for parents of students who are currently in grade seven will be held on Thursday, February 21st also at 7:00pm in the theatre.

We encourage parents to work with their students through the course selection process to ensure that students are selecting the courses that are right for them – meaning that they meet their interests and post secondary goals.

Satisfaction Surveys

As a part of the annual process to assess schools, the Ministry of Education conducts a satisfaction survey of parents, students, and staff. Satisfaction surveys are part of the annual accountability cycle and provide a common basis for discussing general satisfaction at the provincial, district and school levels. This process invites input that will assist in providing better learning opportunities and higher achievement for our students.

The survey gathers opinions from students, parents, and staff on student achievement, human and social development, and safety. The survey results will be one more piece of information to be used by School Planning Councils (SPCs) as they work to help develop school plans for the upcoming years.

The survey is available on-line to all parents until the end of March, 2013. An envelope, containing a letter with a unique PIN (#) will be sent home to parents with their student(s) during the first week of February and we will encourage all parents to complete the survey at our parent nights and through our regular email and synervoice communications.

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District Emergency Preparedness Update

Presented by Frank Geyer, Director of Facilities

The district Emergency Preparedness manual is currently being revamped. The online version is the most up to date. Schools should be holding 6 fire drills per year, 3 earthquake drills and 1-2 code yellow and red lock down drills. The emergency containers at all schools are being upgraded where needed. The 2013 strategies are to supply racking in all containers.

In the event of a major emergency the main operations center is located at the District Maintenance Facility in Tilbury and if that area is not usable due to something like flooding a second location will be used at Sands Secondary in N.Delta.

More information can be found at <http://facilities.deltasd.bc.ca/deltaprepared/>

DPAC rep on the District Emergency Preparedness Committee is Keith Punchin, I am waiting for his current email address to be sent out.

There is an upcoming meeting for anyone involved or interested about busing students in Delta. The first meeting is Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m. at DSS another meeting will be held Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m. at Burnsvew. Letters were sent out to all parents whose children are bused to school. The purpose of these meetings will be to explore the options available to parents, given a reduction of 47 per cent, or \$728,000, in transportation funding.

The Superintendent's office is looking for 2 parents who are available during the day for input on the upcoming school year calendars. If interested contact Lisa Leblanc the DPAC chair or Garnett Ayers, Deputy Superintendent, Delta School District.

Students from Pebble Hill Traditional Elementary, English Bluff Elementary, Beach Grove Elementary and Gibson Elementary joined students from across the lower mainland in a flashmob at the Vancouver Giants game on January 20 to promote acceptance. Check out the video!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT4qzVWGU8w&feature=player_embedded#!

Treasurers Report

Gaming account balance	\$ 33,199.70
General Account	\$6064.47
Donation account	\$3660.65

Cheques spent in last 2 months

\$1180.53 to DSS for Grade 8 transitions

\$800.00 to DSS for Grade 8 transitions

\$8000 to DSS for Payment on sign

Formal Report will be done for next month.

Apologies,

Trish

Fundraising

This has gone extremely well under the excellent work of Preet Bains and her team. To date this group has raised \$17,426.00 through pub nights, New Years Eve Dance, Corporate donations.

In reviewing the remaining fundraisers:

- Potatoe Sales \$700
- Wine Tastings \$500
- Piggy Banks \$200
- Drive 1 for your community \$3000
- Poker Night \$3000
- Liquor Store donation boxes \$3500
- Port Authority proposal \$5000
- Sherman Photography \$1000
- Grand Raffle \$3000

Total anticipated to come from these \$19,900

On top of this will be more corporate donations and Parent contributions.

Parent Contributions are at \$11,400 so 114 parents out of approx 300 graduating students - next newsletter will send another reminder to parents for this contribution towards dry grad.

Expenses

We have gone through each committee member to request budget amounts and at this time the budget will be approx \$37,000 needed to finish Dry Grad. This will leave approximately \$6000 for next years committee and any additional parent donations or corporate donations can help fund scholarships.

Gaming Licenses acquired to date:

- December 22 - January 20, 2013 Meat Draws
- January 20, 2013 50/50
- Dec 31st Raffle Prizes
- Dec 31st 50/50
- Dec 19th Chocolate Santa Raffle

Overall the Dry Grad is on track to meeting funding requirements to present the graduating students with an excellent evening of entertainment. We can still use more prizes for the Grand Raffle and for the students at Dry Grad, if you have any connections.

Thank you
Sandra Nass – Dry Grad Pac Liason

DSS General PAC Meeting - Sign In Sheet

Date: January 23, 2012

If you wish to receive PAC communications this year, please add your email address to the list below.

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