

DSS PAC
General meeting
February 21, 2013

Attendee:

Hilary Cole (Chair)	Donna Klatt
Mike Brigham (Vice-Chair)	Karen Russell
Joan Letendre (Secretary)	Shelly Franklin
Crystal Milley (Emergency planning)	Kelly Robinson
Cyndi Smith (DPAC)	Sandy McDougall
Karen McDonnell (Communications)	

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.

4. PAC reports

Chair report – Hilary Cole:

PAC elections. Take place in May. Nominations will be accepted for the next three meetings.

Hilary will not be running, neither will Trish or Joan.

Budget meeting to be proposed in May and voted on in September; perhaps will move budget meeting to April and invite new parents to May meeting and give school tour while budget discussion finalized.

March meeting is cancelled.

Treasurer report – (Trish Cowley):

Report attached

Dry Grad (Sandra Nass):

Report attached, other fundraisers in process.

Still looking for volunteers for Dry Grad night. Need people for the community centre.

Dry Grad rep will need to send email to Terry or Heather to request email out to parents for volunteers

DPAC – Cyndi Smith:

Meeting on Monday. Many speakers attended.

Delta Youth advisory committee had speakers meet and discuss our vision, grad requirements etc

Neil Stephenson; Delta learns website. PAC could sign up, forum for discussion. Karen will join our PAC. All kids have access through their student numbers. Canadian servers. Good privacy settings.

Huge potential for storage of learning for kids. Lots of possibilities going forward.

Student and counsellor also had discussion on sexual minorities. Working on a policy.

District operating budget discussed. Looking at being in a breakeven position versus shortfall we had last year.

Emergency prep meeting coming up for all reps. To be held at Delta Manor. Email to follow.

Different schools host meetings, asking us to host a meeting in April. Request Principal or Vice come to the meeting. April 22, 2013. Only need to provide coffee and water. Terry will handle.

Communications – Karen McDonnell

No report

Emergency Preparedness – Crystal Milley

Met with Heather and Steve Smordin, Manager Facilities for the School District. Shelves already installed. Everything to be moved from old bin to new bin. No more food to be purchased. Do not store plastic water bottles. Problem with water condensation in the bins. Heather will go shopping with Crystal to purchase items required from the list.

Top priority should be for rescue supplies. Want to be done before the end of the school year. Suggest check out bin at Ladner Elementary, they have a very well stocked bin, best in district.

There is a first aid committee and all classrooms have been stocked so we do not need to provide for the classrooms.

5. **Principals report** –Terry Ainge
Report Attached
6. **New Business/updates - none**
7. **Next meeting April 17, 2013**
Meeting adjourned

GAMING SUMMARY - DSS DRY GRAD COMMITTEE FUNDRAISERS

LICENSE #	EVENT	DATE	REVENUE	REPORT FILED	Notes	Location
#50572	50/50 Pub Night	20-Jan-13	\$80.00		2000 tickets, 10 for \$5 /50% draw	5499 Ladner Trunk Rd
#49938	Meat Draw	Dec 22, 2012 - Jan 20,	\$ 2,452.75		3 Draws - \$200/draw value	5499 Ladner Trunk Rd
#49936	50/50 New Years	31-Dec-12	\$535.00		1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 15 for \$20	4734-51st Street
#49940	Raffle New Years	31-Dec-12	\$834.79		\$1500 value prizes; 1 for \$5	4734-51st Street
#48869	Chocolate Santa	Nov 20, 2012 - Dec 20,	\$1,701.00		1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 Prize value \$160	4615 51st Street
Total			\$5,603.54			

Delta Secondary School PAC Budget (Gaming Account)

Opening Bank Balance Feb19,2012	\$32,342.70	Year to date Sept12-Sept13
Outstanding cheques (Pac scholarships 2000\$	<u>-\$1,000.00</u>	
Grad deposits owed	-\$584.00	
Total available	\$30,758.70	
Payment on sign	-\$8,000	\$ 8,000.00
Student Awards or recognition	-\$5,000	
Macbooks for library	-\$6,000	
Gr 8 transitions	-\$8,000	\$ 2,693.58
Focus group	-\$1,500	\$ 36.95
Hardship	-\$500	
Safeteen	-\$3,000	
Athletics uniforms and referees etc.	-\$6,000	
Scholarships (2013) *	-\$1,000	*(office has credit of \$500 for us for unused \$\$)
Socials Dept Opera	-\$775	
Aqua van for Biology dept.	-\$1,500	
Gaming event licences *	<u>-\$100</u>	* (this is an in/out expense for grad events)
Total spend	-\$41,375	
Pac general account at TD not budgeted	\$6,064.47	
Pacer Partner Funds	\$3,660.65	*(\$500 to be spent between arts and drama 50/50) (\$2235.00 donated since Sept)

General Ledger Gaming Account 2012/2013

Opening Balance June1/ \$31,957.81

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chq#</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Jun 1/12	251	-\$ 4,408.11		\$ 27,549.70	Lit kits,school gardening,safeteen
Jun29/12	253	-\$ 10.00		\$27,539.70	gaming license fee
Jul 3/12	252	-\$ 10,994.63		\$ 16,545.07	digital sign gr8 orint. Courtyard improve.
Sept28 /12			\$ 26,940.00	\$ 43,485.07	Gaming deposit
Oct10/12	254	-\$ 500.00		\$ 42,985.07	Nina Gao scholarship June 2012
Oct31/12			\$ 4.16	\$ 42,989.23	credit interest
Nov19/12	256	-\$ 800.00		\$ 42,189.23	gr 8 transitions
Dec11/12			\$ 191.00	\$ 42,380.23	Grad 50/50
Dec27/12	259	-\$ 8,000.00		\$ 34,380.23	Digital sign payment
Dec27/12	258	-\$ 1,180.53		\$ 33,199.70	Gr.8 orientation , focus group
Jan29/12	257	-\$ 500.00		\$ 33,092.70	Rilee Sharpe Pac scholarship Sept 2010
Jan29/12			\$ 393.00	\$ 33,592.70	Grad 50/50
Feb11/12	260	-\$ 750.00		\$ 32,342.70	Gr.8 orientation Santa breakfast

Grad Deposits into Gaming account

License # 48962

Nov 16,2012	\$191.00	50/50 @ Pub night
Jan 29,2013	\$393.00	50/50 @ Hockey night
Total raised	\$584.00	

Gaming Account Cheques written

<u>Date</u>	<u>CH #</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>reason</u>	<u>cashd</u>
June 18,2012	#252	DSS	\$ 10,994.63	Gr 8 orient,school sign , courtyard	Jul 3/12
June 18,2012	#253	Tricia Cowley	\$ 10.00	reimburse gaming fee	Jun 29/12
June25,2012	#254	Nina Gao	\$ 500.00	scholarship	Oct 10/12
June 25,2012	#255	Ben Patterson	\$ 500.00	scholarship	NOT CASHED
Nov 7,2012	#256	DSS	\$ 800.00	Gr 8 transitions	Nov19/12
Dec 11,2012	#257	Rilee Sharpe	\$ 500.00	Re-issue stale dated chq #225 11/28/10	Jan29/13
Dec 19.2012	#258	DSS	\$ 1,180.53	Gr 8 orient. Focus group	Dec 27/12
Dec 19.2012	#259	DSS	\$ 8,000.00	Sign payment	Dec 27/12
Jan 23,2013	#260	DSS	\$ 750.00	Gr 8 Santa Breakfast	Feb11/13

Cheques written General account starting June 1/2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ch #</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cashed</u>
Jun24/12	75	Krispy Kreme	\$68.25	Teacher appreciation	Jul 4/12
Oct 17/12	76	BCCPAC	\$75.00	Membership fee	Nov6/12

General Ledger for General account DSS PAC Fiscal start June 1/2012

Opening balance \$6347.29

		<u>credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Jul 3/12	Chq #73		-\$ 23.51	\$ 6,323.78	thank you gift
Jul 3/12	Chq #74		-\$ 117.60	\$ 6,323.78	snacks for mtgs.
Jul4/12	Chq#75		-\$ 68.25	\$ 6,137.93	teacher appreciation
Oct 31/12	Interest	\$ 1.54		\$ 6,139.47	
Nov 6/12	Chq#76		-\$ 75.00	\$ 6,064.47	BCCPAC membership

PAC Principal's Report – Feb 20, 2013

Grad Dinner/Dance – June 14, 2013

Question: The parents were curious about why the grad was moved to so late in June.

DSS has been using the Hyatt Hotel (on Burrard) for several years. The grad organizers have been happy with the venue and the service. A big advantage in dealing with the Hyatt is that once a date is booked, they guarantee their commitment. Often schools are “canceled” in favor of a major conference or convention. This has happened with other schools that I have been involved with and it is very disruptive. Conferences generate higher revenue than a school grad.

When we booked for this year (last spring), the Hyatt did not have an available Friday in May. As the 14th of June was available we booked it. When we announced the date of the grad, there were a handful of parents who approached me with questions and concerns. The main concerns included: tradition, year end exams. Conversely, with an early May grad, some parents and staff have expressed concerns including: a decline in student motivation in school after the grad.

Ultimately, there are advantages and disadvantages of any date. It was felt that it was more important to know the date in advance and plan accordingly.

Satisfaction Survey

Question: Parents are wondering if we would be emailed a number for the satisfaction survey?

We currently do not have the ability to send the codes via email.

Link Program

Question: Has the Link program been purchased yet?

We are currently considering implementing the Link program at DSS. The program requires teachers to attend training in the US (SE Washington State). We have an excellent student leadership program between our Academic Leadership class, which is a course, and the Student Council and Focus Group which is extra curricular. The Link program would fit well in Academic Leadership but the question becomes, what would we take out of the current program to fit the Link program in?

On March 9th, we are going to the Richmond Student Leadership Conference to see Phil Boyte, who is the founder of Learning for Living and the Link Program. Learning for Living offer an interesting program called Breaking Down the Walls which has had excellent reviews. <http://learningforliving.com> This is a program that may be a good alternative to Link.

Bus Transportation

Question: The parents were wondering how the changes to the bus/transportation will affect DSS students?

The Ministry has made changes to the way that transportation is funded. The District is faced with a shortfall \$600,000 in transportation. There was a public meeting at DSS on January 28th to share financial and numerical data for bus transportation and to generate ideas for how to address the cut in funding.

The District is currently costing out the various options. The Trustees will consider them as a part of the budget process. On April 8th, the Board will issue a press release of their recommendations and on April 16th, there will be a public meeting where parents can give feedback about the Boards recommendations. Following that, the Trustees will decide on the budget which will include the final decisions on changes to bus transportation for next year.

On the District Website, there is a section called Student Transportation under Quicklinks, with further information.

Post Secondary Evening

Parent Comment: While the Post Secondary Evening went well, there needed to have been larger rooms available for the talks of the larger schools, ie. BCIT

We are challenged for large spaces. The largest spaces are the Library, the guitar room, and the theatre. After that, we have classrooms which are comfortable for about 30 people only. We monitor the sessions and liase with the PSI Consortium to build an effective schedule.

Collaboration Time

An update was requested on Collaboration Time at DSS.

What's working:

- Time is valuable
- Cross curricular discussion
- Open organization
- Free to organize new groups
- Great to have a "sounding board" and multiple perspectives
- Professional conversations with colleagues
- Ideas flowing over to other areas
- Ongoing reflection and development with group
- Sharing of resources and ideas
- Inter-school/Intra-district conversations are starting
- Created a safe place for honest (and sometimes difficult) conversations
- Structure is emerging at a natural rate – will only improve collaboration
- Growing connection between PLCs & Pro-D

Challenges:

- Those who bounce around from group to group

- Loose nature or organization
- Contextual start-up issues
- Different needs amongst staff
- maintaining momentum
- Can seem imposed
- Communication of and between groups/staff
- Confusion of purpose
- Varying goals
- too much choice, too organic
- The one-offers – short collab sessions with no significant outcome

Next Level Strategies:

- Collaboration between schools
- Long term sustained focus
- Establishing long term goals and frequently following up on them
- Connection to Inquiry
- Cycle: knowing its improving practice, student engagement, achievement, community, etc
- District Collaborations sessions
- District topic sharing
- Collaboration Committees: Roll-out, mid-point, sharing sessions
- Trained Facilitators

Support Needed:

- Greater definition of Collaboration
- Direction/Facilitation
- Frequent Check-ins
- Attendance monitoring
- Funding
- District workshops
- Cross District initiatives
- Observation
- Collaboration Committee: Function, purpose, models
- Communication Models & Reporting Out: First Class, Blog, Staff meetings?

We are currently collaborating on:

- 1) International program - language acquisition
- 2) Teaching co-ed PE
- 3) Teaching math fundamentals – Math Camp
- 4) Implementing new curriculum in 2nd languages
- 5) School Based Team – counseling, LST, admin
- 6) Social Studies Curriculum
- 7) Personal care, behavior management – Resource Rooms
- 8) Inquiry Based Learning in Science
- 9) Image Grammar "Text" – English Dept
- 10) Multi-media and guitar – Fine Arts

- 11) Inquiry based projects for Social Studies
- 12) Student Behavior Strategies – Resource Rooms
- 13) Continuum of teacher development
- 14) Technology Embedded Learning

Announcements

SPC Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 7:00pm

Josh Drean – Anti-Bullying Presentations

Satisfaction Survey – Bring extras, student surveys

At The Far End of Town – March 5 -8

Course Planning – continuing until March 9

100 Year Open House – April 12th