



# SDSS PAC GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 20th, 2023  
SDSS School Library  
Meeting Time: 7:30 - 8:30PM

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## Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

### **PAC EXEC:**

- Chair - Gwen McMonigal is substitute for (Rebecca Lee - Absent)
- Treasurer - Gwen McMonigal (Present)
- Co-Treasurer - Jane Swinglehurst (Present)
- Secretary: Morgan Dolejsi (Present)
- DPAC Rep: Tracy Innes (Present)
- Members at Large:
  - Communications: Julie Hernandez (Present)
  - Emergency Prep: Doug Schultz (Absent)
  - Emergency Prep: Maureen Magcalas (Present)
  - Staff Appreciation: Sarah Ter Keurs (Absent)
  - Staff Appreciation: Kim Houghton (Present)

### **PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Tanya, Jerry, Sylvie, Amrie, Kim, Julian, Jennifer, Keira & Doug, Charles & Sylvia, Chris, Avery, Lee, Josephine, Christine
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:32PM by Gwen McMonigal**

### **WELCOME!**

- Tsawwassen First Nations acknowledgement
- Introductions of Pac Exec Team
- Adopted the Agenda Tracy Innes & Jane Swinglehurst
- Adopted the minutes: Julie Hernandez and Jane Swinglehurst

## **TREASURER REPORT**

- TWO ACCOUNTS
  - Gaming Account - carryover of \$3800.
  - General Account - \$1500 in the account.
- Grant Money - The Gaming Grant allocates around \$27,000 - \$28,000 for Grants specifically for extracurricular activities that qualify. Applications will be via Google Docs. Links will be sent out and the Deadline is Nov. 15th for submissions. Be sure to spread the word so all groups have a chance to apply .

## **TERRY AINGE, PRINCIPALS UPDATE**

- The school year has started nicely
- Linear Timetable (all year) is new and kids seem to be adapting.
- Lots of new Staff - (16 new) so good to come to the parent teacher night on Oct 21st
- Kevin Delgetti is the New Vice Principle from North Delta
- Lea Massey is new to the Councillor team.
- Pam Cheng is the Career and Post Secondary Advisor and will be doing a parent night the First week of October
- There are 1512 Students this year. Hwy 17 is the cut-off so unfortunately we had to turn back students that were cross boundary. We have way more grade 8 students than anticipated
- Staff: We have 82 Teachers, 35 support staff and 3 teacher positions left to be filled.
- We are a big school that prides ourselves on being caring & inclusive. We want every kid to feel welcome and included.
- School District vision - Diversity, Inclusion, Equity. Also, Mental Health and Well Being
- New Bell Schedule. (With Flex Time & No Flex Time).
- Flex time - Students need to make good decisions on where to spend their flex time to get their work done. Parents need to encourage good use of flex time. Students need to sign up before flex time and can sign up - up to a week in advance. Notifications are sent out for missed flex times.
- Terry asked how the new schedule is going:
- Consensus from the parents is it's been difficult.
- Parent Question: Is there a course on "how to learn"? Proper ways to learn?
- Answer: Terry - teachers are using techniques that are embedding these learning techniques into classes. Also offered are learning hubs and extra sessions during flex time - How to learn sessions that will be circulated.
- The school is also putting together extra learning sessions on executive function and mental health. There are 20 different lessons that will be added to first classes so everyone can learn.
- Be sure to download the My School Day app - for Bell Schedule updates, notifications for daily activities, PA announcements, school newsletter,
- Instagram is used by sports Teams
- Grad - Grade 12 Night is Oct 5th - two part night. (1st part) What the grad year looks like, Dry Grad, etc. & (2nd Part) Pam will do a presentation on scholarships.
- Mon Oct 16th. Post Secondary Education Night

- Question: Ive heard DSS is doing something different with Cell Phones. - Cell Phones are not allowed in any classes? Have you heard this and is this something SDSS can follow?
- Answer: Each Teacher currently controls their own classrooms. It's up to each individual teacher to advise on rules in their class and to address any issues when needed. Maybe wait and see how other schools do and then implement at a later date?
- Question: For a grade 12 student that only has a class in the second semester and is applying to universities - will it be an issue.
- Answer: No, universities will look at grade 11
- Question: Is the Hybrid Timetable going to continue for some classes?
- Answer: Yes for now

## **DPAC UPDATE**

- (Includes all the elementary schools and secondary schools)
- All of Delta is up in attendance numbers, Mostly in grades 5 and up
- This is the first grade 12 year that needs to have an Indigenous course to graduate
- Reporting and Report cards have updated this year
- At a District Level - 4 Zoom Talks covering Emergency Prep, prevention work with School Liaison officers, Emergency response and Psychological response, Prevention and intervention in substance Abuse will be held this year. More information to come on this. Everyone is welcome.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Now that we are in a post covid world - can we do a dance?
- Discussion: More Talk about bringing dances back. Can a sub group be formed to head up dances? Maybe a series of dances so kids can get comfortable. More information to be gathered around dances.
- Are there things that the Pac can get behind?
- Ideas - Parent education, internet safety, drug awareness - (might be covered off by DPAC), how to learn, study skills - how to support you kid at home, parent/teen workshops, Mental Health,
- Does anyone want to take on Fundraising?

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35PM**

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30pm