



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

October 17th, 2016

Meeting start time: 6:35pm

In attendance:

Christina Shyong
Theresa Wiebe
Natalie Dusanj
Andy Fontana
Krista Barrett
Kat Maihara

Debbie Gottschalk
William Xie
Erica Tucker
Kim Hoogerdyk
Brian/Helen Esau
Patricie Retter Martez

Julie Barrett
Alex Watson, Principal
Jennifer Ruttan
Angela McGeachan
Raminderjit Dhani

1. Agenda – amended and approved.
2. Introductions
3. Principal's Report – Alex Watson
 - Daily announcements can now be found on the website under “parents” tab. You can also find a Clubs list until “students” and “clubs”. We are training our secretary and vice principal on website updates
 - November 28th is our next PAC meeting and we will be talking about the new curriculum.
 - Terry Fox run was on September 29th. We made approx. \$2000!
 - The “White Hatter” came to visit our grade 8's and gave a 2 hour presentation on Social Media. Very good presentation! Will be following up in November with a talk on bullying.
 - Earthquake Drill was cancelled due to rain. Stay tuned for a new date.
 - Club Fair at lunch on October 14th for students – some great clubs this year!
 - Parent Teacher interviews happening soon. Still a few spots open so check on Parent Connect.
 - Pro D days: October 21 & 24.
 - We will have a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 10th with a Canadian Aboriginal focus.
 - IB Program info: Parent info night on November 16th and student info day on November 17th.



- School Cafeteria – subsidized to help run the program – costs a lot of money. It is a teaching kitchen/class. A great opportunity for students. Cafeteria prices went up this year. Food is great!
 - Term 1 ends on November 25th.
4. Co-Chairs Report
- We have updated the PAC page on the website. You can click on our names to contact us.
 - Next meeting we will be voting on the budget.
5. Treasurer’s Report
- We confirmed our gaming money of \$28,220. Will now accept requests from teachers/clubs – these are due back on October 26th.
 - We will have a proposed budget for our next meeting.
6. DPAC Report
- Nothing to report.
7. Emergency Preparedness
- An inventory will be done of our earthquake bin in October.
8. Parent Education
- Possible ideas for future parent education:
 - Drug education – how can we encourage our kids to stay away from drugs/alcohol? Mr. Watson will talk to the counsellors to find out contact names for more info.
 - Could we have the White Hatter come and speak to the parents about social media?
9. Next Meeting - Monday, November 28th, 6:30 pm
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm



DPAC Report

2016-09-19 7pm-9pm at school district office board room

- New Superintendent: Doug Shephard
- Ministry Strategic Plan:
 - @ Modernize education to support student access
 - @ Support student focused learning techniques and pathways for post-secondary, career and life
 - @ Support professional development and continuous learning to enable teachers and educators
 - @ Ensure safe, functional schools and technology that enables learning

Activities:

- @ ensures clear alignment with government priorities
- @ Will guide out work over the next three years
- @ Will ensure our students reaming among the best in the world
- @ Support out modernization agenda

Project schedule

2015/16: trial new k-9 curriculum; developing new k-9 reporting guidelines

2016/17: trial 10-12 curriculum, new k-9 curriculum; trial new provincial exams, trial new "FSA", new k-9 reporting order, develop new 10-12 reporting guidelines

2017/18: new 10-12 curriculum; new provincial exams, new "FSA"; new 10-12 reporting order

Curriculum and assessment changes:

- New this year: communicating student learning pilot (elementary)
- Support for staff and parents



- Graduation program (Gr. 10-12) Drafts: this year
- Graduation Program implementation set for next year
- FSA continue this year with a limited pilot of new format
- Provincial exams: Gr. 10 and 11 exams eliminated; new literacy and numeracy assessment under development

Framework for enhancing student learning draft: vision, district plan, school plans, AEEA

Learning services amalgamation: special programs, educational programs and continuing ed are now under a unified Learning Services Department at District level; greater focus on Learning Services teams supporting school goals.

Updates on aboriginal education: new secondary aboriginal success coordinator...

Vision reflection 2016: feedback on what our school has already achieved