



## SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Meeting start time: 6:37 pm

### In attendance:

Deb Gottschalk	Andy Fontana	William Xie	Krista Barrett
Christina Shyong	Kat Maihara	Brian Esau	Helena Esau
Alyxandra Dichl	Erica Tucker	William Cheng	Theresa Wiebe
Carla Marieiro	Dhammika Arachchi	Rangika Fernando	Leona Li

### Minutes from November 27th, 2017

- Approved by Erica Tucker & William Xie

#### 1. Principal's Report – Mr. Mesich

- Christmas Hampers: On behalf of the Seaquam staff, 6 hampers were organized by the office staff to give to our most vulnerable families. Ms. Virk and Ms. Amorelli delivered the hampers. All families were surprised and appreciative of the gesture from the school.
- 6-Year Completion Rate:
  - The Ministry of Education provided some data regarding how the Delta School District was performing compared to provincial and metro district completion rates. The data was compiled from 2012- 2017 for students completing their graduation certification throughout the province. Overall, the completion rates for all Delta students has improved over this time period.
  - Completion rates for Delta in 2017 was 91.2%, while the metro rate was 87.9% and the provincial rate was 84%.
  - Completion rates for Indigenous students in Delta in 2017 was 80.2%, while the metro rate was 64.2% and the provincial rate was 65.9%.
  - Overall, the Delta school district is out performing the provincial and metro rates in having students obtain their graduation certification. There is a gap of 20% between Indigenous students and the rest of the student population that we need to work to address in getting more Indigenous students completing their high school credits.
- Program for International Assessment (PISA):
  - British Columbia students score well on international exams. Last December, we learned that our students outperformed students in all other participating countries in reading results and tied with Singapore on the exams measuring for Collaborative Problem Solving.
  - Pasi Sahlberg, Finnish Educational Researcher, has commented that the Canadian educational system is one of the best in the world, but we do not celebrate our accomplishments to the degree that other countries do.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj

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- Nothing to report – nothing paid out yet

**3. Co-Chairs Report – Julie Barrett / Andy Fontana**

- Nothing to report

**4. D-PAC Report**

- A presentation from Sports for Kids: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/delta/> -- supports kids for registering sports, lots of funds available, need applicants particularly from North Delta;
- Doug Shepherd shared some research results that highlights the excellence of Delta School District's education: student graduation/completion rate above BC and Metro Vancouver;
- BCCPAC Summit report: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/2017-dpac-fall-summit/>  
Student transcript services: <https://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca>
- DPAC still has lots of money: encouraging application for parent education funds

**5. Misc.**

- Athletics report by Kat
- Emergency Preparedness: 2-day seminar in the spring for Emergency Preparedness – Deb Gottschalk would like to attend.
- Ms. Sheraya: will be starting up a Japanese exchange program.

**6. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm**

**7. Next meeting is February 26th, 2018**

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