



SEAQUAM PAC MEETING

October 30th, 2017

Meeting start time: 6:36 pm

In attendance:

Nadine Inkster	Julie Barrett	Helena Esau	Brian Esau
Deb Gottschalk	Michelle Carino	Andy Fontana	Natalie Dusanj
William Xie	Juggi Gill	Krista Barrett	Christina Shyong

Minutes from September 25, 2017

- approved: William Xie and Christina Shyong

1. Principal's Report – Mr. Mesich

- Welcome New Staff
 - Kala Caldecott (English 8 and 11)
 - Chelsea Boivin (French 3 blocks)
 - Biljana Zecevic Jones (Spanish 2 blocks)
 - Hafeez Mian (Counselling)
 - Seaquam Recognition Award
 - Weekly recognition award given to students who have demonstrated positively to their education or the community
 - Teachers nominate students every Friday. We bring the students to the office to recognize their achievement, give the students a \$5.00 voucher to the Cafeteria and publish their names on the Seaquam website with their positive deed.
 - Unlock Your Future Scholarship Presentation
 - Brittany Palmer presented to our grade 12 students on Wednesday, October 25th about how to prepare themselves for applying for scholarships.
 - Student feedback was that the information was valuable and simplified the process for it to be manageable.
 - Athletics:
 - Senior Girls NYC trip
 - Sr. Boys Football team win over SDSS 22-14
 - Grade 10-12 Implementation Update
 - The MOE announced that the grade 10 curriculum will continue to be implemented next year, while the grades 11 and 12 curriculums will be delayed until September 2017
 - Numeracy assessment will be implemented in January 2018 with subsequent sessions in June and August.
 - Literacy assessment will be implemented starting January 2020.
 - School Climate Working Group
 - This committee will be made up of staff and students to look at our physical space and to make suggestions on how to make it more welcoming.
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- Mr. Lum will be investigating looking at making the Library more learning friendly by visiting other libraries across the Lower Mainland and making recommendations on improving this space
- Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichel Partnership
 - Kim's research has focused on the social and emotional learning (SEL) and development of children and adolescents with a particular emphasis on identifying the processes and mechanisms that foster children's positive human qualities such as empathy, altruism, and resiliency. Kim has investigated the effectiveness of classroom-based universal SEL programs—including the Roots of Empathy and MindUp, a program that integrates social and emotional learning and mindfulness-based education. She is currently conducting a scan of the amount and type of training that pre-service teacher education students receive related to SEL in the US and Canada.
 - Scheduling a parent meeting to discuss how to support our children when they are feeling anxious and depressed. She has some very practical applications to help.
- Safer Schools Parent Presentation Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in the Theatre
 - Social Media Awareness and Parenting in the Digital World
- Masterchef and Seaquam Alumni, Trevor Connie, invites students to pop up dining event and works with our Ace-it students for a day.
- Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 1st

2. Treasurer's Report – Natalie Dusanj

- Gaming grant money is delayed. Approx. \$28,000 coming.
 - Regular Account \$5903
 - Gaming Account \$4188
- Letters have been sent out to clubs that would like to receive some of the grant money for their activities.

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

- Nothing to report

4. D-PAC Report

- Parent Education: are we applying for any education seminars? We can get a grant for \$300 for a single school and up to \$600 if we include other schools.
- Trustees will be at our next meeting. Meetings are every 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the School District office.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm
