



Sunshine Hills Parent Advisory Committee

January 25, 2023, Hybrid – Zoom and In-Person in SH Library

Start Time: 7:02 pm

Attendance:

In Person: Erin Elliott, Melanie Funk, Keri Hanlon, Nitika Joshi, Dee Koonar , Amika Reichard, Karen Simpson

Absent:, Joseph Chang, Kim Kautzman

Zoom: Candace Bassi, Braylee de Blicck, Marielle Dixon, Joanne Mancini, Pritpal Sekhon

Special Guest: Jeff from COBS Bread Bakery in the Scott 72 Mall

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Nikki 1st, Dee 2nd
2. **Adoption of November Meeting Minutes:** Dee 1st, Nikki 2nd

Presentation of COBS's Cheque – Jeff from COBS Bread Bakery brought a box of assorted baked goods to the meeting and a cheque for \$68

- COBS 72nd supports at least 10 schools across North Delta, including Sunshine Hills Elementary!
- Just mention the name of our school at the time of your purchase and they will donate a percentage of your purchase to our school. Every little bit helps!
- COBS also does Hot Lunch as well as Baked Goods Fundraisers to support schools in North De Ita

3. Welcome and Introductions – introduce yourself, mention your child's grade and what your favourite snack is

4. **Administration Report – Keri/Karen**

Spirit Wear – flowers for Dee for her hard work!!

- a. Delta Reads, Term 2
 - all elementary schools in Delta will participate, reading 8 selected books. Kids will have a chance to vote on their favourite book, only 1 book will be the Favourite of District 37!

- b. COI/Focus on Math
 - COI – Coordinator of Inquiry Program
 - teachers work in groups to tackle a particular inquiry question
 - 2 different groups meeting on Tuesday afternoons
 1. Math Inquiry Group – focuses on how to increase math skills and engagement using math games in classrooms, very dedicated teachers, exciting presentations
 2. Literacy Group – how to increase skill and enjoyment of reading – will be further explored at Next PAC Meeting March 1.
- c. Pro D Day Friday January 27th and District Literacy Day Feb 17.

Pro D Day Jan 27 – in school

1. Teachers asked to bring a favourite resource they think works well in the classroom
 - subject/resource/grade groups share info on things that work in the classroom
 2. Wellness Workshops put on by teachers incl. yoga, colouring, origami
 - afternoon - the COI groups might get together or other collaborations between teachers might occur
- Feb 17th, District Wide Literacy Day for teachers at Delta Secondary in Ladner
- Almost every teacher in Delta expected to attend, enables District to advance literacy initiatives Delta-wide
 - Educational Assistants will be going to Cougar Canyon Elementary and Seaquam for their own Pro D Day
- d. Clubs: Reading, STEM, STEMastery, Rainbow, Pokémon
 - Pokémon Club on Fridays is by far the most popular club
 - e. Nathan Wilson (Indigenous Cultural Education) assembly Feb 1
 - 2 assemblies, primary and intermediate, about Honouring the Longhouse and Treaty
 - f. Maple Man Returns! for French Immersion Students Feb 21
 - Francophone from Quebec discusses Maple Syrup and French-Canadian Culture
 - g. Seaquam Band Performance Friday January 20th
 - big success, Sunshine Hills kids were a great audience
 - h. Canuck Place Cookie Day Wednesday January 25th
 - 50 cookies left! Out of 700 cookies sold 650 at \$4 ea.

- will offer the remaining cookies for sale Thursday

i. **Parking (new drop and go lane) experiment**

- school has received many emails from residents near the school about U-turns, double parking, parents parking in their driveways and general road congestion
- Keri and Melanie proposed an experiment where the lane by the island where the daycare is becomes a "Kiss and Go" area for parents of older or more independent children to drop their kids off and quickly move on.
- not intended for parents of younger children who wish to park and walk their kids to class

Questions

- Pritpal – said he had spoken with Val Windsor about introducing coding classes concentrating on Artificial Intelligence at Sunshine Hills and was waiting for a response from her

- Pritpal also mentioned lack of band teacher at Sunshine Hills, wondering about the hiring of non-certified teachers who are qualified but not certified

Keri: there is a teacher with a music background who has been acting as a band teacher since school resumed in January

- band teacher positions very difficult to fill, they are itinerant and may have to work at several schools at the same time

- hiring noncertified teachers are a union issue that the District is not interested in addressing yet

- suggestion for Pritpal to attend a Trustee Meeting to express his concerns as no further action is possible at the school level

Social Media Incident and Email that went out January 25th.

- Everything explained to best extent in email, further info withheld to protect privacy of students involved.

- Social Media group chat involving at least 20 students where "inappropriate choices" were made

- solved at the school level with the help of Delta Police

- discussion around privacy versus rumours and how parents can reassure their children without having all the details

- police did not feel there was an imminent threat, must trust their assessment

- kids should tell a trusted adult or teacher if they don't feel safe due to online communication or harassment or if they become aware of a threat against another student

- parents must also monitor young children's online activities and participation in group chats to help them make better choices

PAUSE DUE TO ZOOM MEETING ENDING 7:41 PM.

- Technical difficulties resuming Zoom, general preference for in-person over hybrid format for future PAC Meetings expressed, except in cases of illness or inclement weather.

IN PERSON MEETING RESUMED 7:51 PM.

Discussion of Social Media Incident Continued...see above. Ultimately, there was a silver lining to this situation, which was great conversations with kids.

5. PAC Budget (Kim and Joseph absent). Numbers to be sent to Amika

6. Teacher Bursary Update – Melanie

- Bursary applications came in with admin and all the applicants, were able to give money to every single application

- process: teachers apply through Gaming and General Accounts, this time for Science and Learning Commons

- Melanie reviewed applications – 75% went to the field trips, 50% to consumables, which are things the kids take home. Parents pay the other 50%

- some funds went to the COI Focus on Math resources, and then a Social Studies e-textbook

- Field trips: 2 Aquarium, Space Centre, Seymour Watershed, Science World – Funded at 75%

- Grouse Mountain fieldtrip was over \$1000 so funded at 50%

- Science - resources, STEM Club and a Plant Unit greenhouse which should last awhile and be accessible by other teachers

- re: Gaming Account, funded board games, kites, puzzles, novels/chess sets/rainbow club, book tournament/author visit, STEM for the library, library beautification, toobaloos and dominoes

Re: General Account, funded whiteboards

\$7,500 in total, \$2,100 through the school

7. DPAC—Nikki

DPAC meeting took place Jan 16th,

Mental Health Initiative Presentation, no copy yet, Nikki will forward

- Mental Health Impact of Covid 19 on Teachers, Students, Admin Staff, Parents
 - Students feeling anxiety, depression, stress, loneliness
 - Some statistics from a 2018 survey by McCreary:
 - 2% of kids said they did not feel safe in school or at home
 - goal is to reduce that number to 0%, silver lining is that more resources exist than ever before, Nikki will request list of resources
 - 15% of Delta students have felt hungry in school – what can we do about it? Apply for funds that are available to help with school lunch programs
 - 28 Students overdosed in BC in 2018
 - 90% felt they had a safe adult – silver lining, only 10% felt that they did not have a safe adult to turn to
 - Delta numbers are better than the provincial numbers, some recognition that districts and schools are also navigating the OD crisis and that OD deaths have skyrocketed over the last year
 - having discussions about sex, mental health, drugs, and alcohol with kids and having support systems in place to help strongly encouraged.
 - parents can discuss dark, dramatic Hollywood depictions of high school versus real life
 - lots of school resources for students to consider: school admin, teachers, counsellors, youth & childcare workers, etc. There are 3 Health Authorities, Delta School District Direct Support Pyramid, Ministry of Child Welfare & Development, Delta Police Advocate Keepers
 - in crisis, call 911.
 - - Jennifer's Update –
 - Career drive for teachers K+
 - 1st week of June is a Hiring Fair for Secondary Students, Career Ed talk will happen at the February DPAC meeting
 - Vice Chair's Update – most of the PACs in Delta have outdated bylaws and constitutions dating back to 2001 – time to review and update as we may be audited
 - new bylaws and constitutions must include Safety & Code of Ethics & Conduct
- Melanie: re: Constitution, we did update SH Constitution as of 2018, 2020, but she will look into the Safety and Code of Ethics and Conduct

Q: What is the ethical standard for non-executive members? Ex. Meeting Etiquette for the general parent. How do we ask a disruptive or intoxicated parent to leave? Whose jurisdiction is it to ask a threatening parent to leave? Admin? Building?

Keri: School administrators can ask disruptive people to leave (In-person).

Nikki: On Zoom, "Remove Participant Option" -- she will double check with Jennifer from DPAC.

8. Spirit Wear- Dee

- Spirit Wear order was bigger than supplier anticipated, supplier ran out of dry blend fabric
- about 30 t shirts are 100% cotton, 3 types of yellow, distributed anyway but will be replaced in the next 2-3 weeks
- some items will be arriving within the next 2 weeks for kids missing items
- need more space and help for distributing items
- MARS – online sales platform, alternative to Munchalunch which would eliminate the need to handle cash, better price point
- lots of colours in logo add cost, but makes for a more attractive garment
- parent have expressed Interested in another sales campaign in Spring
- could possibly coincide with Spring track order of t-shirts, shorts

9. Playground – Amika

- as per instructions last PAC meeting, Amika created a new Playground Committee gmail. Have had between 2-4 respondents, but have not contacted them because she did not know the history of the playground
- Tuesday Jan 24, met with Dawn Silver, a veteran of the previous Playground Committee, who outlined the ups and downs of a long, exhausting process that started in 2012
- funds raised for the front playground wound up being used to replace the back playground, which was considered in worse shape
- parents and kids were consulted and voted on the equipment for the back playground
- many families bought bricks to support the construction of a new front playground, which hasn't happened, these are legacy bricks which we hope to use, even though the kids may have moved on

- Parents and kids no longer involved in choosing playground equipment, only in fundraising – playground equipment is chosen by the District
- Corporate Sponsorship or Taxable Donation route advised over traditional fundraising as over a 10 year period, we never raised more than \$125,000 for a playground now estimated to cost over \$450, 000 to replace
- Currently have \$10,000 in the Playground Fund
- Next step: consult with Kim Kautzman to see what grant monies might be available
- SH is considered a high-income neighbourhood ineligible for the \$165,000 NDP grant we have all read about in the papers.
- touch base with parents who expressed an interest in helping and see if one of them has experience in Corporate Sponsorship or
- setting up a way (GoFundMe Page?) for parents and/or community members to donate towards our playground in exchange for a Tax Refund.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting March 1st, 7:00 PM. Preferably in-person.