

Neilson Grove PAC Minutes

Date: February 22, 2024
Start time: 6:32pm
End: 7:48pm

Attendees: Diane Chubb, Kristin Schroeder, Niki Kehoe-Madsen (Virtual), Sarah Kresak (virtual), Angela Brain (virtual), Terry Kaplan, Brigitte McRae (Co-chair)

and Principal Jann Kwasnicki

Regrets: Natasha Gray (secretary), Kyla Williams (Chair), Ronnie Nugent (DPAC)

As there is nil quorum for tonight's meeting - no resolutions will be voted on. **This is a discussion.**

- **Welcome and First Nations acknowledgement**
- **Attendees Introductions**
- **Student Representative from Student Council: Student M.**
 - Project - re: code of conduct changed to "vision".
 - emphasis on what to do, engaging, emphasis on making people feel comfortable
 - used pronoun "we"
 - involve playground pals, get input
 - Card project: student led lesson, made cards for community (prior to winter break)
 - Culture day: students encouraged to wear clothes representative of culture + announcements
 - Black History month - assembly and daily announcements about a black canadian
 - Perhaps another spirit day or culture day upcoming!
- **Principal's Report - Jann Kwasnicki:**
 - Student council - redesign code of conduct ("Vision") - bring forward to staff in 2 weeks - final will be in poster form + featured in website.
 - K - 7: school wide assessment of literacy. School goal: build resilience.
 - Changing the words in SOAR (safe, observant, accountable, respectful) - words discussed - simple wording for kids.
 - Belonging theme: check bulletin board. 2 or 3 students describe "belonging" to them.
- **Teacher Report** - nil attends

Deferred - Approval of January PAC meeting minutes.

PAC Role, Program and Subcommittee Updates:

Executive PAC Roles

- Chair and Co- Chair: Kyla Williams (regrets) and Brigitte McRae, Treasurer and Co- Treasurer: Angela Brain and Greg Norton (regrets), Secretary: Natasha Gray

(regrets), Delta District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC): Diane Chubb & Ronnie Nugent (regrets)

CHAIR REPORT:

Spring Fair is ON! Mark your calendars for May 15.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far - things are rolling along well. Food vendors have been secured, raffle items are being collected, inflatables are reserved!

Volunteer spots still available. See sign up link on website.
Next Spring Fair meeting: March 6 7pm Virtual.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CO-TREASURERS: ANGELA BRAIN AND GREG NORTON FEBRUARY 22, 2024

BANK ACCOUNTS

General Bank Account

As of February 22, 2024, the PAC has general funds of **\$31,846** (January 24, 2024 - \$29,126). Since the last report date on January 24, the PAC received **\$5,259** from:
\$5,259 from Munchalunch for the Spring lunch and milk purchases.

Since January 24, 2024 the PAC spent general **\$2,539** on:
\$1,474 on Hot Lunch expenses,
\$950 on Milk purchases,
\$110 on breakfast purchases and PAC meeting expenses, and
\$5 on transaction fees.

We are expecting \$143 from the January bottle drive.

Gaming Bank Account

As of February 22, 2024, the PAC has gaming funds of **\$17,935** (January 24, 2024 - \$17,935). There has been no change since the last PAC meeting.

GAMING FUNDS:

The annual gaming grant funds expires three years after the dates received. Gaming event funds expire one year after the gaming events. Because the funds expire and can only be spent on specified items, gaming funds should be spent first where possible, before using general funds. The funds expire as follows:

**\$5,559 received from the raffle ticket, 50/50 & Spring Fair cakes – expires May 11, 2024 \$296 received 50/50 net proceeds received October 14, 2023 – expires October 14, 2024 \$4,120 received on November 30, 2021 – expires November 30, 2024; and
\$4,000 received September 28, 2022 – expires September 28, 2025
\$3,960 received October 5, 2023 – expires October 5, 2026
\$17,935 gaming funds as of February 22, 2024**

\$236 is payable for sports equipment, **\$75** is payable for reimbursement of annual BCCPAC

fees, and **\$10** is payable for reimbursement of a 50/50 licence.

Up to **\$325** of gaming funds has been approved for the class skating fieldtrips, leaving **\$4,913 that must be spent by May 11, 2024, plus another \$4,416 that must be spent by the Fall of 2024.**

Up to **\$17,000** of gaming funds has been approved for **playground equipment**. If we are unable to spend funds before they expire, **gaming funds are available for other ways to improve the playground (i.e. something new, refresh soccer nets).**

DPAC REPORT (Summary of Feb 12 meeting per PAC DPAC members)

1. YOUTH ACTION TEAM AND YOUTH SERVICE HUB

Below you will find the link to the Youth Service Hub survey, links to register for the Parent/Caregiver workshop on substance education, links from the Superintendent office as well as the link to register for the BCCPAC Town Hall for Advocacy Training.

We had Insp. Kim Campbell from the DPD Liaison Department present on the Youth Action Team and Youth Service Hub. This is a project currently underway that hopes to open a single location (HUB) for youth ages 13-22 where various services will be provided to both youth and families. They are currently seeking parent/caregiver input on what services we are looking for and there was also an email sent out by the district that included a survey for us to complete.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/GkW0FchH0Q> Can we ask Jann about this? I think that parents who have kids in grade 6 and 7 will have a chance to respond to this. I think that other parents would like to have input too as it ultimately is important to all parents raising kids in Delta.

I hope you will all have a moment to fill out the form and I am excited to support this program. Other Hubs provide mental health support, safe spaces for youth and residency for those who may be unhoused. There is also potential for the Hub to have doctors, counselors and other health professions.

2.PARENT AND CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

ERASE workshop online for parents and guardians FEB. 28th more info to come

3.SUPERINTENDENT NOTES

Doug has also shared links surrounding the Personal device procedures and upcoming budget meeting. Please note there has been a change in the procedure of the budgeting meeting so if you are interested in attending, please review the handout link below.

Links from the Superintendent's office:

Current Personal Device Procedure: AP145: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/Procedure-145-Use-of-Personal-Communication-Devices.pdf>

Delta School District Accessibility Plan: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/accessibility/>

Delta School District Accessibility Survey: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/accessibility/accessibility-plan-survey/>

Delta School District Barrier Survey: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/accessibility/accessibility-barrier-survey/>

Delta Budget Handout and Survey: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/budget-consultation-process/>

BCCPAC Virtual Town Hall- Advocate Training

This event is the beginning of the work to fulfil resolution 2023.07. The Inclusive Education and Anti-Racism Committees are planning the discussion to seek feedback from membership. Join us to brainstorm and help shape what parent advocacy training might look like!

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Zoom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 27 @ Noon

Link To Register - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-02-town-hall>

5. No March meeting, Happy Spring Break NEXT MEETNG APRIL 8TH COMMUNITY PARTNERS SOCIAL AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

6. Look into getting a movie License from acf.film.com price per student some PAC'S vote it into their yearly budget. Thoughts for Neilson Grove to do this for next year. 400\$ to purchase movie license - 1.80\$ per student on average is budgeted.

7.Report from Doug Shepphard Superintendent

Device Ban from Bell to Bell there will be more information to come.

Even a single text is a super distraction to learning and disrupts thought processes.

This is the year to ensure accessibility for all in Delta schools. Initial planning focus is on each school.

Save the date: April 8th - community partner social. More details to come.

Action: this DPAC report summary will be emailed to Jann.

PAC Programs and Subcommittees

- Hot Lunch Program: Terra Mitchell, Ashley Terpsma and Brigitte McRae, Milk Program: Nicki Kopac and Deb Stewart, Fruit and Vegetable Program: Lorie Seppke, Brooke Playground subcommittee: David Terpsma (main liaison), Kristin Schroeder and Brigitte McRae, Social Media - Courtney Nielsen

Verbal Reports:

- Fruit & Veg: no update- nil subcommittee members in attendance.
- Hot Lunch: Boston Pizza and White spot added.
- Milk Program: no update- nil subcommittee members in attendance.
- Social Media: no update- nil subcommittee members in attendance.

Playground committee updates:

- Monkey bars have been removed. New wood chips added to promote accessibility.
- **Progress update from Jann re: Resolution passed at January PAC, as follows:** "To reallocate 22,000\$ (17000\$ gaming, and up to 5000\$ general funds) to go towards playground replacement - Jann to bring this amount forward to Sukhi for review with approved vendors, who will then in turn review space and offer bid to NG".

Update from Jann: Laura Cole and Darren Duff - met on NG grounds after monkey bars were removed. Due to proximity to retainer wall - cannot be climbable apparatus. Engagement wall / panels could be installed in lieu.

Pending - date TBD vendors to tour site and offer options for:

- 1) minor apparatus - pricing and options
- 2) potential "circuit" (minor apparatus + main playground apparatus) with joint bigger apparatus and pricing for full circuit.

They are aware of funds expiring deadline MAY 2024. Playground subcommittee members are open to be summoned for meetings with short notice.

Deferred Business from prior PAC meeting discussed :

- Principal day in March 15. Dianne has lollipops. Will purchase muffins for teachers. Kyla to help coordinate raffle. Muffins /Donuts for the teachers - no vote required as <300\$. with back up if chosen not present. March 14 draw.
- Speed's Pub Night - March 8 with 50/50 draw. Maximum prize 500\$.

- Field Trip Idea (Dianne): Willy Wonka play led by Studio West at Genesis.
- Joint teams with other elementary schools? At NG we already have full rosters.

Outstanding Discussion - to be continued at next PAC meeting:

- Let's get it spent meeting - Potential first week of April if there is no movement on Playground. Items to be presented and voted on. Ideas for use of gaming funds reviewed tonight: Soccer nets, sporting equipment, outings, gaga ball pit, swimming lessons, dance lessons, drumming, outdoor sound system, projector screen, track banner + polyester t-shirts.

Fundraising ideas for remainder of the year :

- a) Paint Night?
 - b) June bottle drive
 - c) DQ Cards?
 - d) Sports Day Donuts (Pizza / Boston Pizza - delivery set up on Munchalunch?)
 - e) Krispy Kreme on Sports day?
 - Paint Night at Ladner Arts and Crafts - company unable to accommodate at Ladner Arts and Crafts location, but will offer to do it at alternate location - school gym? unclear
- Should we get a www.ngpac.com address? Can add a custom address for free in Google sites. We would have to pay for the domain address.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday April 16, 2024 - 6:30pm

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