



BURNSVIEW SECONDARY

École Secondaire I Secondary School PAC 2018/19

Feb 25th 2019 7:03 pm meeting called to order

Attendance: Nadine Inkster, Felicity Hemming, Renee Reid, Weimin Wu, Jennifer Booth, Rassamee Ling, Don Younger and Guest: Val Windsor (School Trustee)

Agenda

1. Welcome!
2. Adoption of Feb 25th 2019 Agenda (Moved by Jennifer Booth; seconded by Renee Reid)
3. Adoption of Minutes after correction of posted date for February meeting (Moved by Renee; seconded by Weimin Wu)

Reports

1. Guest, Val Windsor – School Trustee
 - a. Passionate about vulnerable student populations: eg. ELL program services - lobbying for wider availability to more people in need, but who are not traditionally eligible for funding.
 - b. Member of Indigenous Education committee and Inclusive Education committee.
 - c. Track at North Delta is going to be redeveloped. School Board and City of Delta partnering with a 60 year lease.
 - d. March 15th we will hear the ‘per student’ funding being provided by the government and a budget for Delta School District will be proposed by mid-April.
 - e. Proud of how well our school district is doing.
 - f. Questions & Answers: Don Younger says load of refugee students is increasing as families move from Surrey into our catchment area to benefit from good support services in Delta.
2. Principal’s Message – Don Younger
 - a. Why be concerned about graduation rates? It impacts their futures. Only 3% of job market is available to individuals who do not graduate from high school. Delta has ~ 50 indigenous students graduating each year. There are about 25-30 total aboriginal students enrolled at Burnsview
 - b. Delta is trying to learn from ‘Sea to Sky’ school District to learn what is contributing to their high aboriginal student graduation rates.
 - c. Delta sees a need to improve graduation rates of its students with special needs.

School Events

1. Breaking Down the Walls - Feb. 2019

Most all of our grade 9 through 11 students were involved with approx. 30 leaders from grade 12. We also had 17 staff involved as participants.

Focus on getting to know and understand each other. Students spent the morning being involved in activities to build trust amongst the students then in the afternoon got into deeper issues around troubles they have faced. The afternoon was emotional for many of the

students but reports back repeatedly talk of developing understanding of each other and difficulties that they face.

Common themes are show in responses such as?

“Today I learned a lot about the people around me. We always have a stereotype but today I learned about all of the struggles all of us are dealing with.”

“Is a way to get to know each other. We all have different problems but we can all help each other.”

“The best thing about today was learning about what people are going through and getting to know people I never talked to before”

Next steps for us as a school is looking at ways to continue the connections between students and between students and staff.
Presently meeting as a staff to plan the follow ups.

2. Mental Health Curriculum – Grade 9

Currently 13 staff who have completed the on-line course to be trained to deliver the curriculum. In addition, two of our teachers have attended a 3-day course at UBC based on the curriculum. We found that we are well ahead of other schools in our district and within the lower mainland with the exception of North/West Van.

We will be implementing the program for grade 9 students in May during Mental Health week.

Upcoming:

Drama production at Burnsvew - Momma Mia – March 4 – 8

Report Cards – March 13

Spring Sports – Ultimate Frisbee; Girls Rugby

Spring vacation – March 18 – 29 (not including weekends at either end)

end of Principal's Report

3. PAC Presidents Report -Nadine Inkster
 - a. Nothing to add tonight.
4. Treasurers' Report – Renée Reid (nil to report)
5. DPAC Report – Melanie Bannister (at DPAC meeting tonight notes next time)
6. CPF Report - Weimin Wu (nil to report)
7. DRY GRAD update – Felicity Hemming
 - a. Meeting held last week
 - b. Email address for volunteering if interested: northdeltadrygrad2019@gmail.com
 - c. Ticket sales start in a couple weeks: March 14, April 11, 18 and 25th
 - d. Don requests an announcement that can be read out to notify students
 - e. First aid kit and “health station” suggestion to be taken back to DryGrad.
 - f. Lots of prizes and donations are coming in.
 - g. Plan to meet monthly until start of May, then will meet weekly.
 - h. Event is Friday, May 24th starting around 10:30 pm till May 25th 4:00 am.

8. Emergency Preparedness – no report provided

Business Arising from Past Minutes –

1. Val Windsor coming tonight
2. No response from Fruit and Veggie Program (Don will raise it with the staff to find a teacher sponsor)
3. Waiting on email contact from Colleen regarding Fruit & Veggie Program
4. **We will need a Treasurer and Secretary for next year – Anybody? Elections are held at our May meeting.**

New Business

- Renee suggests we put together a survey for parents to complete to find out what would encourage them to attend PAC meetings.
- Val Windsor suggests we have an opportunity to speak at the annual 'Grade 8' parent and student night.
- Jennifer commends the well run Parent-Teacher conferences that took place last week. Impressed with the student volunteers. Very helpful and good communicators.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday April 23rd, 7:00 pm, Burnsview Library

PAC Meetings 2018/2019

May 28 - AGM