

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

June 14, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm (PST)

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:04PM,

We acknowledge, respect, and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.

2) Welcome & Introductions

Natalia Nazaroff - DPAC Chair/MSSS & Elev8 DPAC Rep/DPAC Gov & Policy Rep/Advocacy Coordinator;
Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS & LVR parent/DPAC EdCom Rep; Colleen Bayly - DPAC Rep for Creston HL and Erickson Elem/ DPAC Rep; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Ben Eaton - Director of Instruction, Innovative Learning; Lenora Trenamen - Trustee North/East Shores & Board Chair; Kathy Etheridge - Trustee Creston; Vanessa - ARES DPAC Rep; Candace Pongratz - Blewett DPAC Rep; Meaghan Craven - BK DPAC Rep; Sheri Walsh - Valley Voice (newspaper), observer;

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Natalia; Seconded - Taryn, Opposed- nil

Additions - added travel reimbursement

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Natalia; Seconded - Meaghan; Opposed- nil

5) End of Year Chair Report (School Year, not DPAC year, see full text as separate attachment)

- 2023 has been a challenging year but it is not to overshadow the successes of the year. Thank you to the volunteers that made it happen.
- Acknowledge volunteers for doing the best that they could with any adversities that were faced. Thank you DPAC for being understanding.
- Advocacy 101 and Level 1 training with SD20 was opened up to the BCCPAC Education Committee. Thanks to our district advocates also - have helped many families in our district.
 - BCCPAC AGM resolutions with DyslexiaBC.
 - DPAC participated in school learning tours, pool interviews, budget meetings and strategic planning meetings.
 - Saw a lot of parent concerns that were outside of our reach and mandate and does take time and attention away from focusing on our mandate. Parents may be unsure of the roles of DPAC and PACs as a partner with the school district.
- Thanks to the SD8 Board of Education trustees for attending our meetings. Always valuable to work together as partners
- Special thank you to Superintendent Smillie - a pillar in our educational organization

6) Superintendent's Report - Guest Ben Eaton District and School Learning Plans

- Ending off a very successful year in the school district - finished strategic plan, have a balanced budget and school plans.
- Actively starting to research on the Feeding Futures plan. PACs will be consulted in June. PACs can still fundraise as needed.
- Proud of staff for the support that they provided to the students this year.
- Time is the most valuable thing that anyone can offer and schools would not be what they are without your support, caring and commitment. A big thank you, wish you all a relaxing summer vacation and enjoy the time with your children.
- Director Ben Eaton - Enhancing Student Learning Report presentation - guided by school mission, priorities and values. Aligns with the ministry policy for student success.
 - Current strategic priorities - focus/learn/excel - education outcomes included literacy, numeracy, safe and connected and graduation.
 - The framework is to improve student success and equity outcomes among students.
 - The report is on the school district website and will be submitted to the MOECC as it was approved at the last board meeting.
https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Enhancing%20Student%20Learning%20Report%202022-2023_Final_reduced_3.pdf
 - Variety of reports throughout the year - numeracy, early years, aboriginal education, equity/inclusion/diversity, career development
 - School Learning Tours were also completed in June for various families of schools.

7) Treasurer's Report

- Came in under budget for the BCCPAC AGM, caught a ride with SD20, about \$1700
- Still owe a bunch of cheques and needed new cheques, they are in progress
- Showing report as presented in April meeting

SD8 DPAC Financial Report

Bank Balances as of April 20, 2023

General (Operating) Account: \$10,423.11

Gaming Account: \$3,244.56

February/March 2023 Expenses

\$15.00 Banking fees

Adam Robertson Elementary	pd
Brent Kennedy Elementary	pd
Canyon/Lister Elementary	pd
Crawford Bay Elem-Secondary	pd
Elev8 D.E.S.K.	
Elev8 Homelinks	pd
J V Humphries Elem-Secondary	
Jewett Elementary	pd
Kootenay River Secondary	pd
L V Rogers Secondary	pd
Mount Sentinel Secondary	pd
Rosemont Elementary School	pd
Salmo Secondary	pd
South Nelson Elementary	
Trafalgar Middle School	
Wildflower	pd
Winlaw Elementary School	reissue

8) Correspondence

- None to report that is not in the agenda

9) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC Membership for DPAC and PACs

- It is time to renew BCCPAC memberships
- Natalia motions that DPAC pays the DPAC BCCPAC membership of \$150 for 2023/2024 school year from our gaming account as soon as possible. All in favour, Seconded by Chris
- PACs can now pay for BCCPAC memberships with their gaming accounts but in the past DPAC has paid. Natalia thinks having the PACs register and then get reimbursed is not necessarily any easier/quicker than doing it herself.
- Out of 23 schools there were 6 PACs in SD8 not registered.
- Discussion - generally that the DPAC should pay and give more support to the PACs next year about the value of BCCPAC.
- Natalia motions that the DPAC pays for BCCPAC memberships for district school PAC for the 2023/2024 school year. Colleen seconds. (If a school wants to register themselves they can still send a receipt for reimbursement.) All in favour, none opposed
- Natalia motions to change the mileage subsidy from \$0.45/km to \$0.61/km to reflect today's gas prices. Vanessa and Colleen seconded, all in favour
- Taryn will make the expense report form electronically to put on the website
- The old form had a limit of \$80/trip and says it is only for authorized DPAC travel. Can be used for advocates. It is for a minimum trip of 40km. Recommend it is a \$99 limit and anything over would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Current C&B says that any expense over \$100 needs DPAC approval.
- Budget of \$500 for this year spending for advocacy travel for this year. Seconded by Chris. All in favour.
- Motion to change form to take out a minimum trip - vote now for the skeleton of the form and vote in September. Chris motions to make changes to the DPAC claim form and the new form will be voted on in September. Seconded by Lisa. AIF. Discussion.
- Authorized DPAC travel, no greater than \$99/trip. Add to the form that the mileage is as determined by google maps.

b) Feeding Futures

- There are meetings for each family of schools. Creston is June 22 at 11AM. Slocan Valley is June 22 12:30. Crawford Bay is June 21 at 11AM.
- The Superintendent will ask Director Holitzki to send it to the DPACs.

c) School Learning Tours

- The Slocan Valley of school presentation was wonderful.
- Hope next year DPAC will be invited to attend all of the school family presentations.

10) Committee Reports

- Governance and Policy attended by Natalia - one policy was presented and sent to the board for approval. Some other policies going out for field testing in the fall.
- Education Partners
 - Viewed the Enhancing Student Learning Report (discussed above with link)
 - Principal for Canyon-Lister shared their school plan and street level data. Showed that they use the framework from the district (strategic plan) and then use the framework for their school plan to ensure that it aligns with the district strategic plan.

11) School Reports

- LVR - grad and cavalcade, graffiti, schedules, grade 9 orientation sessions at the end of May, finishing off gaming grant spending, make sure gaming grant application is in for next year!!
- Blewett - AGM on Tuesday, positions are firm for September, will be making a new position for communications and advertising, bought a new popcorn machine from fundraising efforts, planning to kick off first week of September with halloween committee
- ARES - kindergarten class has an incubator so watching baby chicks hatch, recognized parent volunteers, don't have many parents at meetings but have a huge amount of volunteers for events, kindergarten grad and tea, reconciliation walk/run next week, staff appreciation lunch hosted by Grade 7s, end of school celebration
- BK - last meeting talked about successes and looking forward, bingo night, fundraising focus this year was school tshirts, maybe jerseys next year, perhaps a seasonal craft/fall fair next year, rail trail art collaboration, Natalia talked about Feeding Futures and Advocacy
- MSSS - Passport to the Kootenays book is the major fundraiser to fund the bursaries that the PAC awards, FoundryBC gave a presentation, saying goodbye to VP, PAC celebration next week, end of the year Silverwood trip
- Nelson Wildflower - school did a flash mob on Baker today, had wanted Victoria McAllister to stay as Principal,
- DESK - no meeting
- Erickson - fun and games for June, Grade 7s to Silverwood, new principal, looking forward to building community
- HL Creston - apprehension about next principal, no fundraising this year, cohorts are figuring out what they will look like, had a traveling forge that was well attended, unofficial trip to Silverwood with 250 people attending
- CB - has gained Victoria, excited about new principal, losing quite a few teachers but interviews have started, lost a chef for hot lunch, considering a newsletter for the school next year in case the internet quality is hampering communication, PAC is undergoing a huge change with 4 members moving on, many new families at the school, not great turnout with the meeting with the new principal, Grade 4-7 class has been building games to be played at a family day at the end of June, Grad had some fundraisers, 5 graduates, garden is producing well

All executive positions do become available at the AGM and need new committee reps and executives!!

Adjourned at 7:47 pm PST, next DPAC meeting September 14th 2023, at 6:00 pm, DPAC AGM is in October