

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

March 16, 2023

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

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:01PM,

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;
Tamara Ziemer - DPAC Vice-Chair/LVR parent/DPAC EdCom Rep; Taryn Stokes - DPAC
Secretary/CBESS&LVR parent/DPAC EdCom Rep; Colleen Bayly - DPAC Rep for Creston HL and Erickson
Elem/DPAC Op&Fin Com Rep; Tyler Rice - Redfish Treasurer/DPAC Op&Fin Com Rep; Kim Morris - BK
DPAC Rep; Lisa Wilkinson - CBESS DPAC Rep; Ben Eaton - Director of Instruction - Innovative Learning;
Tamara Malloff - District Principal Middle/Secondary & Innovative Learning; Deanna Holitzki - Director of
Instruction - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Lenora Trenamen - Trustee North/East Shores & Board Chair;
Mary Jane Blackmore - Trustee Creston Rural South; Julie Bremner - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point; Sharon
Nararoff - Vice Chair Slocan Valley/Bonnington; Laura-Lee Arsenault - CUPE 748 Area Rep Creston;
Vanessa - ARES PAC; Leslie Zarubin - Creston Homelinks; Jessie Coonen - WE Graham PAC Rep; R. Don
Peel - granddaughter at HL Creston; Chris Drysdale - parent at LVR and TF; Kimberly Jones - Principal at
Redfish

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Taryn Stokes; Seconded - Tamara, Opposed- nil

Additions - 3 more correspondence items

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Natalia; Seconded - Colleen; Opposed- nil

5) Superintendent's Report - plus guests Tamara Malloff and Ben Eaton, Numeracy, regrets from Superintendent, Deanna Director Holitzki in her place

- Spring break starting, great time for renewal and getting outside
- Student symposium was on February 22, same day as Pink Shirt Day,
- April activities - run and training for the run
 - District Principal Tamara Malloff and Director of Instruction Ben Eaton - Numeracy Report
 - Goal is to improve numeracy proficiency for ALL learners
 - Key action plan is to being development of a 3 year district numeracy plan
 - Key supports for schools - a District Numeracy Teacher Coordinator, workshops for staff, resources like kits and books, transition meetings between schools, school plans

- Primary plans expand in scope and depth as students progress in the grades
- Middle years practice reasoning mathematically - use multiple strategies to solve problems, SD8 will be introducing an assessment process as there is a provincial assessment in Grade 7 and then not until Grade 10
- Graduation program - the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) is written in grade 10 and heavily relies on literacy and comprehension, and can be written up to 3 times. It is a graduation requirement for the province.
- Schools can get detailed information on areas of numeracy to develop school plans.

6) Treasurer's Report

- Not available. Waiting to send out some cheques.
- Screenshot of last published report below.

DPAC Financial Report 2022-23		
OPERATING STATEMENT		
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - October 1, 2022	12,574.53	
Total Revenue	0.00	
Total Expenses	989.50	
Closing Balance	11,585.03	
GAMING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - October 1, 2022	2266.03	
Total Expenses	157.50	
Total Revenue	0.00	
Closing Balance	2,108.53	
TOTAL (31-Dec-2022)	13,693.56	
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	14.50	7.50
BCCPAC Memberships (13 processed at December 31st)	975.00	150.00
	989.50	157.50

Prepared for DPAC Meeting January 19, 2023, reporting period October 1 to December 31, 2022

7) Correspondence

- Advocacy resolution for BCCPAC AGM - see below. Vancouver DPAC members have been invited to our advocacy training Level 1 as it is a unique program in DPACs.
- Saanich is sending a letter of support in regard to the dyslexia resolutions for the BCCPAC AGM.
- Parent education opportunity request - how to read to kids and do it properly. CBAL does offer literacy programs so they may be able to help us out.
- Email from Wildsight programs that it does not have Columbia Basin Trust funding any more. Can call into CBT zoom meetings coming up for strategic planning.
- Some parents are asking for the DPAC to write a letter of support to the district saying that we need more Educational Assistants in the district. It does not mean there would be more EAs but that the DPAC. Looking for a parent volunteer to propose a letter but then it would need to be agreed on by the PACs before sending.

8) Discussion Items

a) District communication protocol

- Is usually covered in advocacy training.
- Is a flowchart for resolving complaints or concerns depending on where the complaint or concern is.
- Generally matters will be taken care of and resolved well before it needs to get to the board.
- Emphasis on relying on advocates to help parents out navigating the process.

b) Dyslexia resolutions for BCCPAC AGM and support letter from Vancouver DPAC- see agenda

- There are some wording changes but the intention of the resolution is still the same so no vote is needed.
- Has not yet been added to the online AGM booklet.

c) Support letters for North Vancouver and for Vancouver on resolutions - do we want to reciprocate and write support letters?

d) BCCPAC AGM - Motion to pay for 2 DPAC executives to attend May 5-7 on our DPAC's behalf from gaming account and chequing account by Natalia, up to \$2500 to cover accommodation, travel and registration.

- Some gaming money can be used for the BCCPAC AGM but not all gaming money can be used.
- AGM is open to DPAC executives first and then to DPAC reps. One person from our district will need to speak to our motions.
- Motioned by Natalia, seconded by Jessie, All in Favour, Motion has Passed
- Natalia will reach out to the DPAC Execs and then the DPAC Reps. There is a discount to take a new person.

e) Advocacy training level 1 April 17th at 6:30 pm - motion by Natalia to allocate \$100 more if needed. Misspoken last motion for funding and it is actually up to \$500 (Castlegar might share the session and payment with us). Motion has passed.

9) School Reports

- In April meetings PACs should be reviewing the BCCPAC AGM resolutions and identifying voting instructions if asking DPAC to proxy.
- DPAC used to have all the PAC C&Bs (Constitution & Bylaws) on file but that went missing with the board office move, so the DPAC will be asking each school. BC Gaming needs a copy, as well as the district, if a school updates their C&B
- Desk - no change
- MSSS - fundraising for grade 12 bursaries with Passport to Kootenays book at the Taghum Shell
- Crawford Bay - Quebec exchange program, students now in Quebec and reciprocal visit in April, hot lunch is going well, just finished swimming and ski days
- BK - gaming funds to replace sports jerseys, students voting on redesigning the logo, also creating t-shirts for students/staff
- Erickson - discovered PAC locker and found the constitution and bylaws which need updating, looking for a new school photographer
- Creston HL - blacksmithing in small groups, PAC meeting will be updating constitution and bylaws

- WEG - yard sale in the gym for winter gear, PAC covered some field trip costs - bussing costs more for them being a remote school, question about finance/school spending - Colleen and Tyler are committee reps for finance,
- Vanessa - readathon, SPCA talks on wildlife, Scholastic Book Fair - great fundraiser for the school - kids loved it
- LVR - school fees, gaming grant spring intake, grad/yearbook, Atlas program, vaping in bathroom
- Redfish - basketball, third showing of school play tonight - amazing performance - hats off to the teacher, April is family fun night

10) Committee Updates

- O&F meeting - meeting March 14, next O&F meeting is in April
- KLTF highlighted that there are more students than budgeted, SD tries not to overestimate numbers and has for the last few years underestimated students. It is a continuous improvement process and will be looking at this.
- Number of students with unique needs is expected to go up and so this will result in higher funding. It will inform the discussion that the board has. Colleen is happy to write a draft letter about EA funding.
- There is more substitute teacher spend but it could be contributed to COVID.
- Public engagement for the budget is ongoing now
- <https://engage.sd8.bc.ca/2023-2024-budget>

Thank you from Trustee Nazaroff to the parents for being here and representing the parents

11) Adjourned at 8:00 pm PST, next DPAC meeting April 20th 2023, at 6:00 pm,