

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

November 16, 2023

7:30pm-8:00pm (PST)

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 7:28PM

Meeting was late due to AGM that ran over time.

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

Attendance: Natalia Nazarov - DPAC Chair/MSSS&Elev8 DPAC Rep/DPAC Gov&Policy Rep/Advocacy Coordinator; Michelle Sylvest - DPAC Treasurer/Hume DPAC Rep; Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS&LVR parent/DPAC EdCom Rep; Lorien Quattrocchi - Hume DPAC Rep; Colleen Bayly - DPAC Rep for Creston HL and Erickson Elem/DPAC Op&Fin Com Rep; Jackie Routien - DPAC rep Trafalgar; Chris Goggins - PAC Chair Redfish; Michelle Harris - MSSS PAC Chair; Deana Postnikoff - MSSS parent; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Tamara Malloff - District Principal Innovative Learning; Ben Eaton - Director of Instruction, Innovative Learning; Lisa O'Conner - HL Nelson DPAC Rep; Martine Diamond - Wildflower Nelson Chair; Sheri Pawlyshyn - Salmo PAC Chair/DPAC Rep & Salmo Secondary parent; Kris Smith - parent at LV/TF; Candace Pongratz - Blewett DPAC Rep; Lisa Wilkinson - Crawford Bay School DPAC Rep; Mathilde Armour Piccirilli - Creston Wildflower DPAC Rep; Lauren Rethoret - Wildflower DPAC Rep; Cheri-Ann MacKinlay - CLES DPAC Rep; Breanne Tyler Rice - Redfish Treasurer/DPAC Op&Fin Com Rep; Jaeden Woodland - DPAC Rep Jewett; Nicole Rhynold - DPAC Rep JVH; Lenora Trenamen - Trustee North/East Shores & Board Chair; Julie Bremner - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point; Allan Gribbin - Trustee Creston South Rural; Pamela Hanson - Salmo Secondary Treasurer & DPAC Rep; Megan Malone - Hume DPAC Rep; Dee Anne Nadeau - Hume PAC Chair; Paul - Wildflower parent; Eve; Gbenga Ezekiel - South Nelson parent; Chris Kerr - Director of Operations

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Natalia; Seconded - Lisa; All in Favour

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Lisa W; Seconded - Candace; All in Favour

5) Treasurer's Report

- Fiscal year end is September 30
- Only current expense is BCCPAC memberships for this year
- Have a healthy balance and need to spend some money on parent education

DPAC Financial Report 2023-24

OPERATING STATEMENT		
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - October 1, 2023	10,446.77	
Total Revenue		
Total Expenses	752.50	
Closing Balance	9,694.27	
GAMING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - October 1, 2023	2929.23	
Total Revenue		
Total Expenses	152.50	
Closing Balance	2,776.73	
TOTAL	12,471.00	
EXPENSES		
BCCPAC Memberships	750.00	150.00
Parent Education		
DPAC Conference		
Admin	2.50	2.50
	752.50	152.50

6) Superintendent's Report - plus District Principal Maloff, Director Eaton, & Director Kerr for Recycling

- FSAs complete in elementary schools
- Board meeting earlier in the week celebrated a teacher from WE Graham for being awarded the Prime Minister's award, plus the Bravo award for public engagement with the strategic planning that occurred last year
- Director Chris Kerr from Operations - highlights rather than prepared presentation - commercial recycling and residential recycling are two different aspects. Recycling should be the final step - need to reduce on the front end. Have service agreements with four contractors in the district. Each have their own guidelines for recycling materials but there is a risk of contaminated loads that are directed straight to landfills. Working with Green Teams in the schools. RDCK has also been less amenable to the use of the commercial recycling bins. Community use of waste bins is a challenge - bins have been reduced around Trafalgar as there have been household waste in the bins. Want to support the community after-hours in cleaning up pet waste.
- District Principal Maloff and Director Eaton on Continuous Learning Numeracy Report. Similar to the Literacy Report from the October meeting. Connection to Strategic Plan - Lifelong Learning, Connected, Caring and Inclusive and Culture and Identify - reviewed Numeracy Action Plan 1) Support K-12 school teams in developing objectives and strategies, 2) Support elementary school staff with the implementation of the Early Years Numeracy Profile in grades K-3, 3) Continue implementation of the intermediate to middle years numeracy assessment, 4) Develop both early and int/middle years numeracy communities of practice (demonstration classrooms), 5) Develop a K-12 numeracy virtual hub for resources and to support professional learning, and 6) Facilitate bi-annual and year-end transition planning meetings.
 - Examples of Workplace Math in the TechEd class at Salmo Secondary
 - Parent resources - youcubed - how to support the growth mindset of your student
 - Will share the slide deck
 - Question about what are the challenges and how the school district is addressing them. Meeting the needs of diverse learners is still an opportunity and is site (school) specific.

Each school learning plan has three specific goals which allows individual schools to determine their own goals.

- Action plan is the 30,000 foot view based on district wide data and is on the website with the results. School learning plans also have the individual school results. District references school plans and vice versa. Numeracy is a growth area and is a big focus.

Motion to extend meeting by 30 minutes made by Natalia and seconded by Lisa, motion passed

7) Correspondence

- A lot but none that needs to be addressed by the DPAC. Can be handled outside of the meetings.
- Suggestion for online forum for connectivity.

8) Discussion Items

a) Addressed by Director Kerr earlier - recycling

b) Link in the agenda, will pay for at least two people in each district to attend an online course. Will look into it - haven't had the resources. Already approved to pay for somehow.

c) Advocacy training - need more advocates - more people are reaching out. Many issues are related to student conduct like suspensions/expulsions/parental rights and are not related to numeracy or literacy. Motion to by Taryn, seconded by Natalia, that the DPAC organizes and pays for advocacy training in a similar format as last year and similar cost to not exceed \$1000. All in favour. SD20 will probably share the costs again.

d) Mischa Oaks no update

e) BCCPAC memberships due -

9) Committee Reports

- Education Partners - review of presentation, activity

10) School Reports

- LVR - grad meetings and PAC meetings. Over 60 showed up for the grad parent meeting and 5 showed up for a PAC meeting. Luckily we found our bylaws and they are worded such that we have quorum! We will be reviewing our bylaws and our primary focus is responding to concerns and ensuring equitable distribution of the gaming grant. So many sports, teams and activities going on. Guitar club, ring making, drama, 24-hour write, provincials,
- WF Creston - lunches continuing weekly, parent teacher interviews/fundraising for phase 2 of the playground is completed, continuing fundraising, setting up for spring fundraiser
- Candace - Blewett - Halloween planning, clubs on for lunch-time, fundraising for Christmas, grocery cards
- Hume - ribbon cutting for new outdoor classroom, hot lunch 4 days a week,

- HL Creston - new and enthusiastic reps this year
- South Nelson - reading group started up, recycling is good and food cyclers in most classrooms, art cards and grocery cards ongoing,
- HL Nelson - tough with 2 PACs in different time zones, meeting weekly at the school,
- CLES - very small, moved meetings to daytime and have more attendees, breakfast program is going, ribbon cutting for new playground, hot lunch hasn't started yet,
- Redfish - recruiting new PAC chair, met with Superintendent and Principal, everything is not perfect, bussing constraints for rural opportunities, LLE and option functionality,
- MSSS - Indigenous students carved canoe paddles out of cedar, drama workshops, parents are accessing Foundry, Grad prep starting - Purdy's order,
- Desk - no report
- CBESS - goal is to try to change community thoughts and feelings about the school, great conversation about how respectful and kind the senior students are, Remembrance Day assembly with student poems, trying to include the community more for lunches and special events, school is supporting the youth and junior youth groups, school spirit days classroom competitions, fall fair was a success and have more parents interested in PAC
- TF (in chat) - first in person/hybrid PAC meeting this last Tuesday. The PAC's focus is literacy & arts this year. Hoping to bring in an author this year. We have a Purdys fundraiser for our school band and planning a winter dance.
- Salmo (in chat) - things have been a nightmare this year. teachers, students and parents are struggling and feeling really let down. letters and calls have been made to every level and agency possible to try to seek resolution.

Adjourned at 8:56 pm PST, DPAC AGM **January**. Note that Creston/Crawford Bay will be ONE HOUR ahead!

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