

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

October 19, 2023

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

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:14PM

Meeting was late due to technical issues with zoom link - thank you to everyone who remained on the line or kept trying to connect

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;
Michelle Sylvest - DPAC Treasurer/Hume DPAC Rep; Lorien Quattrocchi - TF Treasurer; Colleen Bayly - DPAC Rep for Creston HL and Erickson Elem/DPAC Op&Fin Com Rep; Jackie Routien - DPAC rep Trafalgar;
Meaghan Craven - DPAC rep BK; Gelina Berg - ARES DPAC Rep; Deana Postnikoff - MSSS parent; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Tamara Malloff - District Principal Innovative Learning; Murray Shunter - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point; Lisa O'Conner - South Nelson DPAC Rep/HL Nelson parent; Martine Diamond – Wildflower Nelson; Ezekiel Gbenga; Kris Smith; Candace Pongratz - Blewett DPAC Rep; Ola Rogula - Hume parent; Mathilde Armour Piccirilli - Creston Wildflower DPAC rep; Lauren Rethoret - Wildflower DPAC Rep;

3) Adoption of Agenda - moved Treasurer's Report to prior to District Report

Motioned - Natalia; Seconded - Lorien; All in Favour

Blewett Rep will send request for next meeting agenda to include Recycling

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Gelina; Seconded - Meaghan; All in Favour

5) Treasurer's Report

- Fiscal year end is September 30
- Only current expense is BCCPAC membership 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	
Closing Balance	10,446.77
GAMING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance - October 1, 2023	2929.23
Total Revenue	
Total Expenses	
Closing Balance	2,929.23
TOTAL	13,376.00
EXPENSES	
BCCPAC Memberships	150.00
Parent Education	
DPAC Conference	
Admin	
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	150.00

6) Superintendent's Report -

- National Day of Truth & Reconciliation were of note
- September School Planning Day - develop and review school plans for the year
- Strong Start started in September
- Presentation from District Principal of Innovative Learning, Tamara Maloff
 - 2023/2024 Literacy Report - Goal to improve literacy proficiency for all learners
 - FSA results and participations rates were good this year
 - Student learning surveys – student results were positive, results for Indigenous students from our district are higher than provincial averages
 - 2022-2026 Literacy Action Plan – (1) Support K-12 school teams in developing objectives and strategies to support literacy goals, (2) Support elementary staff with the implementation of early learning profile for literacy, (3) Pilot an intermediate to middle years literacy assessment, (4) Develop an intermediate to middle years literacy community of practice to support the strategic plan, (5) Develop K-12 Literacy virtual hub resource, (6) Ensure all learners have access to culturally responsive literacy environments, (7) Facilitate bi-annual and year-end transition planning meetings to ensure successful transitions and improvement in literacy
 - Success stories – Winlaw Elementary, Mt. Sentinel, Salmo Secondary
 - Questions – (1) Why has SD8 not made an effort to follow structured literacy approach and the Science of Reading (ie with decodable readers) and phase out the leveled reader approach?
 - Answer – The district is going to continue to build upon literacy framework and talking about structure literacy approach
 - (2) What are the areas of improvement and has anything been noticed as a result of the pandemic?
 - Answer – The school families are creating classroom profiles/cohort profiles to identify literacy trends.

7) Correspondence

- Letter from Vic Khanna, BCCPAC Director, was attached in the agenda. No action needed but letting parents know that they can join the BCCPAC Facilities Committee.

8) Discussion Items

a) Call AGM for November 16th 5:30 pm PST

- Natalia motioned, Candace seconded, All in Favour
- **After the meeting the AGM time was changed to 6:00PM PST/7:00 PM MST with the regular meeting to follow.**

b) BCCPAC Leadership Summit

- Would share travel with SD20
- Email your interest to Natalia at the DPAC email
- Motion to send up to 2 delegates with a cost of up to \$2500, Made by Natalia, Seconded by Lisa; All in Favour

c) Dyslexia awareness week - Say Dyslexia event

- Natalia attended at the parliament – initiative to ask the Ministry to change their mandates around literacy so that they will enforce Science of Reading

d) School PACs please give your 2023/2024 PAC executive names and contact info to DPAC

e) Letter from lower mainland DPACs regarding **No Space for Hate**, asking for all DPACs to sign.

- So far, the consensus has been that SD8 PACs appreciate the sentiment but feel the wording is misleading, too many issues are mashed up, and have concerns about legal ramifications.
- Will send this into to that DPAC

f) Would we like Mischa Oak, a 2SLGBTQ+ Corporate trainer, to speak to DPAC about inclusive education from that perspective and SOGI-1-2-3 resources

- Natalia made a motion to look into investigate hiring him (cost, what presentation is, and what he offers for parents). Gelina seconded it. Motion is carried.
- Excellent feedback from the school district staff about the training that they had. General inclusive education and give people information to understand inclusion in the school district and how SOGI123 resources look like in the schools.

9) School Reports

- ARES – breakfast program up and running, lunch programs will be once a month rather than weekly, looking at collaborating with other Creston schools for fundraising ideas,
- WILDFLOWER CRESTON – independent learning passion projects that the students will spend the year investigating and becoming “experts” on. Doing cooking with the classroom teacher to make their own healthy hot lunches.
- BLEWETT – working with principal to relieve congestion in parking lot, looking into building a gaga ball pit, putting on Halloween celebrations (fireworks and haunted house), putting a memorial together for a former principal, PAC giving \$200 to each class to use at their discretion

- MSSS – hosting A girls provincial volleyball (games to be played at LVR and Selkirk College), green team is rejuvenating recycling program, sending reps to school leadership summit in Salmo, bringing back the band program (after school course with credit, 2 times/week)
- ELEV8 DESK – funds are growing! We need parents to attend meetings so that the money can be spent
- TRAFALGAR – band kids going to Sunpeaks Festival in the spring (fundraising will be happening), no hot lunches planned, LLEs started late this year, trees on property interfering with power lines
- WILDFLOWER NELSON – cozy corner created in library, participated in a Truth and Reconciliation walk, losing interim principal in December, new principal joining in January
- SOUTH NELSON – hot lunches 3 days/week, funding for feeding vulnerable students has decreased even though identified students has risen (it turns out feeding futures funding for each school has NOT BEEN finalized), planning a coffee/tea social for parents, planning a santa's workshop, selling grocery cards as a fundraiser, planning movie night, apple trees that were attracting bears have been removed
- ERICKSON – trying new fundraising tactics to try to be able to help our with classroom requests: jerky, firewood, and passport to the Kootenays book. Questions linger about the Feeding Futures and how vulnerable students are being identified.
- HOMELINKS – AGM to be held next week. Looking for ways to get new parents involved.

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

Adjourned at 7:37 pm PST, DPAC AGM **November 19th at 5:30pm**. Next regular DPAC meeting at 6 pm following the AGM. Note that Creston/Crawford Bay will be ONE HOUR ahead! **After the meeting the AGM time was changed to 6:00PM PST/7:00PM MST with the regular meeting to follow.**

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