

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

October 20, 2022

6:30pm-8:00pm

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:43PM

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 and Introductions, reviewed our code of conduct

Natalia Nazaroff - DPAC Chair/Vice Chair MSS/Elev8 DPAC Rep/Policy rep; Tamara Ziemer - DPAC Vice-Chair & LVR parent; Michelle Sylvest - DPAC Treasurer/Hume DPAC Rep; Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS & LVR parent; Lorien Quattrocchi - Hume PAC Chair; Colleen Bayly - DPAC Rep for Creston HL and Erickson Elem; Corinne Grubba - BK PAC Secretary/co-DPAC Rep; Eden Dupont - parent at LVR/MSSS; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Ben Eaton - Director of Instruction, Innovative Learning; Jann Schmidt - District Principal International Education; Lenora Trenamen - Trustee North/East Shores & Board Chair; Sharon Nararoff - Vice Chair Slocan Valley/Bonnington; Tyler Rice - Redfish Treasurer; Keely Winnitoy - Winlaw PAC Chair; iPhone; Randy Neen; Kevin; Steve Brockley; Vanessa - ARES PAC; Laura; Group 1 - Emily Duggan, Mason Rail, Joe Shaw, Al Shaw, Kyle Strong, Cali Spagis, Terry Daley (private citizen), Chad Williams, Mandy Kelly (from BK and MSSS); iPhone (3); Jack; Catherine Rice; Shayla

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Natalia Nazaroff; Seconded - Tamara Ziemer Opposed- nil

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Michelle Sylvest; Seconded - Colleen Bailey; Opposed- nil

5) Superintendent's Report - plus guests Jan Schmidt & Ben Eaton

- Many activities over the last month, gaining knowledge and learning, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is coming up.
- Reconciliation is about changing our thinking - creating a new way of thinking and being together to be supportive and inclusive of all learners.
- School planning day to adjust school learning plans, fall session focuses school teams so everyone is focused on the school goals to improve learning.

- Strong Starts at all schools (0-5 years old), staffed by qualified early childhood education teachers, stories, music and art.
- Affordability fund has been distributed equitably to schools, principals will be working directly with PACs to review the use of the funds.
- October 21 is a Professional Development Day at the school.
- Question about the report - are there any challenges or struggles that were identified during this period of the report? Were there any challenges during the school planning day?
Superintendent - day to plan for the year ahead, school planning does happen every year so this event is not unusual.

International Education - Jan Schmidt - shared presentation - why have the program - to share cultural awareness and knowledge, commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, immerse diverse culture within schools, biggest population is from Western European countries, also a shout-out for homestays, Questions - staffing resources allocated to program - students are fee paying students so they cover the cost of the program and provide jobs into the schools, 3 staff members are covered with that as program staff members,

6) Treasurer's Report

- Exact same report from agm, \$2.50 for each banking account, working with Natalia to get the BCCPAC membership reimbursements back, looking at digital authorization for banking transactions using a token system,

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DPAC Financial Report FYE 2021-22

OPERATING STATEMENT	
GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance - October 1, 2021	9,459.53
Total Revenue	4,900.00
Total Expenses	1,785.00
Closing Balance	12,574.53
GAMING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance - October 1, 2021	2046.03
Total Expenses	1,780.00
Total Revenue	2,000.00
Closing Balance	2,266.03
TOTAL CASH (30-Sep-2022)	14,840.56

EXPENSES	General	Gaming
Bank Fees	30.00	30.00
Family Education		1600.00
BCCPAC AGM/Conference	105.00	
BCCPAC fees	1,650.00	150.00
	1,785.00	1,780.00

October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022

7) Correspondence

- Dyslexia BC made an announcement that some psychology fees for kids will now be covered by MSP
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/14nbizsXz1Fmffxm_uXcXqUHRvg1j9KrfAX8DB9so3Ik/edit

8) Discussion Items

a) 2 recent parent nights, Youth in Trades and Inclusion

- Will ask Deanna if she can re-run the inclusion session.
- Youth in Trades was fantastic, great to give opportunities for our kids

b) Trustee elections

- Welcomed new trustees in the chair report, 2 new trustees for the Nelson area and 2 new trustees for the Creston area, rest are returning

c) BCCPAC memberships \$75 for PAC's \$150 for DPAC

Motion to pay the DPAC membership for the 2022-2023 school year by Natalia, seconded by Taryn, none opposed

Send a receipt to DPAC and we will reimburse your PAC.

d) BCCPAC leadership summit November 18th-19th 2022

Motion to send 2 DPAC reps to the leadership summit. Taryn Stokes and Natalia Nazaroff
Michelle motion, Lorien seconds, none opposed

e) DPAC zoom license so we can provide zooms for PAC's - motion (DPAC would transfer to the PAC host) it worked really well - Natalia or Kendra set it up and let them into the room, since it was well managed last year Michelle thinks it is worth purchasing again this year, was at least 3-4 pacs that used it regularly, Natalia - motion on the floor to purchase one license, seconder is Colleen, none opposed

9) Committee reports Finance - Rep report by Coleen Bayly

- O&F meeting was for the auditor to say that the external auditor had gone through and had given the district a clean audit report, nothing untowards with the budget process last year, nothing significant that they found, did provide some recommendations and suggestions to help make things smoother next year
- Increase in 38FTE to the school enrolment compared to previous school year
- Ministry has given funding \$175k (one time) for early learning and child-care, DP and director that are already overseeing these programs in the district, Superintendent clarified the funding is to do a "environmental scan" it is not meant to be used for students in the classroom

- Student affordability fund this year which the district surveyed the partner groups. Feedback led to distribute equitably among the schools, plus also considered remoteness between the schools.

10) School Reports

- Hume - Michelle Sylvest - rollout of walking school bus program, to get kids to school when walking,
- HL Creston - biggest turnout in quite awhile, fields trips going, Grade 8 student initiated student council, want to put proposals to the PAC for funding
- BK - Corrine - 2 days ago PAC meeting, also best turnout for awhile, nice to see new faces, first in-person assembly, clubs started back up,
- ARES - Vanessa - new playground grant, lots of parental support and volunteers, breakfast program running, all inclusive for everyone
- MSSS - Natalia - the grads getting ready for luncheons, picture day, making lunch program more sustainable by having it PAC run,
- CBESS - Terry Fox run - worst air quality day, PAC meeting day changed, girls volleyball, hot lunch
- Redfish - emergency PAC meeting called in short notice, Redfish was not included in the superintendent school level update, short a custodian but may be district wide, questions about the staffing ratios (teacher/EA) with higher student populations, long term teacher went on leave but was not communicated in an ideal manner,
- Policy & Process - Concerns should first go to school PAC, the PAC should agree that you want to bring these issues to the DPAC, new Vice-Chair is willing to help the group, welcome to submit agenda topics at a future meeting.

10) Adjourned at 7:41 pm PST, next meeting November 24, 6 pm PST- 7 pm MST