

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2016
Nelson School Board office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 6:15

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.

Attendance

Parents

Cate Baio, Wildflower, DPAC Secretary
Lori Thompson, Winlaw, DPAC Vice-chair
Sheri Walsh, LVR, DPAC Chair
Rena Vandebos, Mt Sentinel
Raeanne Gow, Redfish, DPAC Treasurer (by phone)

Education Partners

Jeff Jones, Superintendent
Nina Latham, CUPE

2. Approval of Agenda

- approved by consensus

3. Approval of February 25 minutes

- approved by consensus

4. Presentation: Teacher Regulation Branch

Superintendent Jeff Jones

- is part of Ministry of Education, provides operational support to the regulatory structure for the teaching profession
- established in 2012 in conjunction with the Teachers Act
- Standards for educators re: competence and conduct
 - 2 sets
 - Standards for public educators
 - Standards for independent schools educators
- 4 key areas
 - Assessing applicants for certification
 - Evaluating teacher education programs
 - There are 9 programs in the province
 - Ensure graduates meet the Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in BC
 - Issuing teaching certificates
 - Supports upgrading certification, transition requirements from other provinces or nations
 - Enforcing standards for certificate holders
 - Professional conduct:

- Commissioner reviews all reports of investigations
 - Determines if teacher can or cannot maintain certificate
- Complaints may be investigated by district and report submitted to commissioner or commissioner conducts his/her own investigation.
- Education
 - Hosts workshops about standards for educators, geared towards existing and potential teaching certificate holders
- How can parents interact with TRB?
 - Request that council do a presentation for family PACs or DPAC
 - Apply to be a member of the hearing panel pool
 - Register a complaint with the commissioner
 - Through BCCPAC request to be considered to be part of BC Teacher's Council

BC Teacher's Council:

- BC Teachers' Council received its mandate from the *Teachers Act*
- Establishes standards for education, competence and professional conduct required of applicants and educators in BC
- Setting standards for Education program approval standards
- And ensure standards of education programs are being met
- Comprised of 16 elected and appointed members, 15 of whom are voting members:
 - 5 teachers elected by teachers
 - 3 appointments by Minister from nominations by BC Teachers' Federation
 - 7 appointments by Minister from other education partner groups' nominations; note that Jeff Jones is the rep for the BCSSA, Susan Wilson is the new BCCPAC rep

Issues that are investigated:

- Hearing and discipline outcomes along with a wealth of information are on the website at: <https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/Index.aspx>

5. District Reports

- April 27th, Administrative Professionals Day – when we should show even more appreciation than usual for clerical staff
- May 17th Refugee symposium Mt. Sentinel – I Have a Name
- May 6: TMS and LVR present the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra in concert
 - Money raised will go to TMS and LVR band instruments
- April 28 National day of mourning for those who have died or were injured at work
- Creston May 21th, Creston Blossom Festival and parade (SD8 has a float)
- Facilities Plan in progress
- Board approved preliminary budget
 - Anticipated surplus not added to revenue unlike in previous years
 - Allocation of any surplus that results will be discussed at finance committee
 - Committed \$ to early learning K-3 with EA time in those classrooms
 - Curriculum implementation

- Attending to needs of vulnerable learners
- Will continue with student symposia
- 7.5 fte teachers added to staffing
- Further staffing will be added from other funds
- TTOC and part time teachers will be paid to attend the one non-instructional day on the new curriculum
- Continue with \$200k in technology evergreen fund for technology replacement
- Investment in next generation network- faster more reliable internet throughout the district (provincially mandated)
- Budget is based on projection for September made in February
 - Between Feb and April the projected enrollment for September has decreased, but this could change
- Minister of Education Mike Bernier was in Nelson & Creston on Tuesday

6. School Reports

- LVR
 - April 22, climate change symposium
 - Greater Victoria youth orchestra performing with LVR and TMS bands May 6
 - Testing a blended learning classroom where students who failed a course could re-take only those modules that they failed instead of repeating the entire course
 - Floral fundraiser for dance program
 - Grads fundraising as always
 - New website designed by Tamara Malloff
 - Genesckool Summer Camp opportunity chance for high school students to spend a week in a university lab doing molecular biology
 - Test drive a car at Nelson Ford tomorrow and they will donate \$20 for every car driven to the grad class
- Winlaw
 - April Fools dance (over 100 people). Will make annual event.
 - Attended violin concert at Brent Kennedy
 - Kids running in the am
 - swim/drama ongoing
 - Spring fling coming up – major fundraiser of the year
 - Chicken poop bingo
- Mt. Sentinel
 - Great talent show in March
 - Interact group going Oaxaca México
 - Students to Vancouver for provincial drama festival shortly
 - Spring break there are usually driving accidents
 - Students recommended presentation – graphic car accident scene and victim impact
 - Bee hives are up and running
 - Drama team going to provincials
 - Flower basket fundraiser for grad banquet
- Wildflower
 - Creston class made drums and will be presenting at Focus on Youth

- Middle school class heading to Shakesfest
- Make it move (make cars and make them move without using their hands)
- Krista's class won national water award
- Spanish class had feast
- Egg drop challenge

7. Correspondence - NIL

a) Business arising from correspondence

8. Discussion Items

a.) DPAC Update

- DPAC executive members have been very busy notifying parents about facilities meetings
- providing support to parents providing input into the facilities plan
- also attending committee, board and facilities meetings
- Sheri cannot attend May 3rd meeting. Gate will try to attend.

b.) Facilities Plan

- four groups of parents have made presentations to the board
- Submissions to facilities have been dwindling
- Deadline for submissions is April 30th
- Admin is not taking a draft plan to May 3rd board meeting. It will be developed by trustees during meeting

c.) BCCPAC Resolutions

- reviewed resolutions, support intent of all, advise some amendments to broaden their range to a provincial level
- Kendra Mann is unopposed as secretary
- 2 people are running for V.P.
- Susan has recommended Jen for BCCPAC Chair
- Need to push hard for proxies – Raeanne has taken this on
- Amendments to some resolutions have been recommended

d.) Parent Advocate Training

(i) Update:

- March 10 Susan Wilson trained nine parent volunteers from Slocan Valley, Nelson, Kaslo and Salmo
- Ben Eaton attended the entire session and provided valuable district perspective
- May 11 Susan Wilson will be delivering a Creston session to at least two parent volunteers

(ii) Contract with Susan Wilson to provide parent advocate training and mentoring

Resolved :

That DPAC approve the contract with Susan Wilson to provide parent advocate training between March 1 and May 31, 2016, and up to 30 hours of confidential parent advocate volunteer mentoring until June 30, 2016 for a total of \$500.

Moved by: Rena Vandebos

Second: Raeanne Gow Carried

Resolved:

That by September 1, 2016, DPAC negotiate a new contract with Susan Wilson to provide confidential parent advocate volunteer mentoring from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Moved by: Lori Thompson Second: Rena Vandebos Carried

- e.) Parent Education – Miss Representation and The Mask You Live in screenings
 - Lori has spoken to facilitators but we need a date and to decide on honorarium – **Lori to follow up**
 - **Cate will follow up with Jason re: theatre in Nelson**

- f.) Future agenda items:
 - New curriculum + Parent input into district goal & student expectation monitoring reports – May 26
 - SD8 Intercultural Certificate Program
 - Certificate now offered through the province as a completion certificate (similar to the Dogwood)

9. Treasurer’s Report

Regular Account - Balance \$5,936.23

Gaming Account - Balance \$ 445.75

10. District Committee Reports and Meetings

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| a.) Finance & Operations | May 31 – SSS, Salmo |
| b.) Policy & Governance | June 14 – SBO, Nelson |
| c.) Education | June 28 – WEG, Slocan |
| d.) Budget Stakeholder Engagement | May 17 – WEG, Slocan |
| e.) Student Symposium (F/O + P/G) | May 12, location TBD |
| f.) Healthy Lifestyles | fall |

DPAC Meetings (6pm Pacific Time)

May 26 – New curriculum + parent input into student expectation monitoring reports

June 16 – Parent Celebration!

Adjourned 8:15