

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2016
Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson

1. Welcome/Call to Order: 6:05

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

Sheri Walsh, LVR, DPAC Chair
Rena Vandembos, Mt Sentinel
Sharon Bloodworth, Canyon-Lister (by phone)

Regrets

Raeanne Gow, Redfish, DPAC Treasurer
Cate Baio, Wildflower, DPAC Secretary
Lori Thompson, Winlaw, DPAC Vice-chair

Education Partners

Jeff Jones, Superintendent
Bill Maslechko, Trustee
Nina Latham, CUPE

2. Parent Volunteer Awards

Wonderful parent volunteer testimonials read and will be posted to the DPAC website.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda adopted as amended to postpone approval of May 26 minutes and resolution regarding Joint Media Campaign funding

4. District Reports

Jeff Jones:

- many public consultation meetings about facilities plan with communities, staff and local government;
- recent Rural Education funding announcement – district heard about it from media, still don't have any information, the board will have to apply for funding, concerned about where the money will come from – will we have to cut from somewhere else to receive it?
- schools very busy right now, Salmo Secondary's grad speaker was a grade 4 student
- grads celebrating
- LVR principal interviews next week, Aboriginal Education district vice-principal position being reposted for three weeks
- a group of students going to Fuzhou China
- expecting 80 international students next year, some students from Japan to PCSS

5. School Reports

CLES: hiring a new VP, posting closing soon, stakeholder input will happen before the end of the year, very busy, grade 7 palooza fun, grade 4-6 going to Pines camp, sports day, kids made presentation to town council around environmental issues – town agreed to have an air, water and soils day; mayor made presentation to school;

MSSS: Silverwood Day June 27, drama presentations, lots of fun stuff going on

LVR: lots of year end wrap up fun events and less fun assessments

6. Correspondence – NIL

7. Discussion & Action Items

- a.) DPAC Update – meetings, meetings, meetings... trying to keep up with media reports, responding to queries and concerns
- b.) Facilities Plan – in the midst of public consultation, staff & local government meetings Sharon – very impressed with professional presentations from staff and public, majority of presentations from partner groups, reps from partner groups
- c.) BCCPAC Conference & AGM – summary of learnings from conference to be posted
- d.) School Conditions – Hot weather, Bathroom fixtures, etc.
 - ambient temp policy pro-forma is in the queue, challenging to find additional funds to address high heat in schools in addition to the extremely high deferred maintenance requirements
 - Nina – ideas for no and low cost actions: turn fans on at appropriate times to circulate cool air, get more blinds, close windows and blinds
 - parent suggestion - could extreme heat days be treated like snow days with school closures?
 - LVR student council came to LVR PAC requesting funds to purchase hand dryers for one bathroom; PAC was upset that students were asked to raise funds for basic hygiene needs; Jeff will seek clarification- students & PACs should not have to raise funds for such things
- e.) Priorities for 2016-2017
Sharon – PAC \$ survey from BCCPAC

Jeff – there is an expectation of indigenization in our curriculum, we have an obligation to ask our aboriginal partners to assist us with this, however we have no funding to pay them for doing this, we're calling on them more and more as resource people and yet there is no financial recognition of their contribution; we receive ab ed funding for programming and have a local education enhancement agreement with LKIB, band pays us to educate their children; ab ed funding is per pupil based on number of students, there are strict rules and it doesn't say we can purchase resources for all students, only for self-identified aboriginal students; note that some staff are taking a Ktunaxa language course

DPAC should raise funding for curriculum indigenization at the BCCPAC level

8. Treasurer's Report

As of May 3:

Gaming account: \$443.29

Regular account: \$5,150.03

(Note that BCCPAC conference and AGM expenses still outstanding)

9. District Committee Reports and Meetings

- a.) Finance & Operations – monitoring current year’s budget, received carbon neutral action report, funds from return of admin savings (\$252,383) will be added to surplus for allocation in the fall
- b.) Policy & Governance – 3 draft policies recommended for the board’s approval (303 Student Registration, 442 Independent Homeschooler, 540 Principal & Vice-principal hiring and placement) – will be advanced to the board
- c.) Education – worked on creative learning environments, cancelled final meeting in June
- d.) Budget Stakeholder Engagement – will reconvene in October or November

Reminders:

School Closure Public Consultation Meetings – June 13-27

**Special Board – School Closure Bylaws 1st & 2nd Reading + Facilities Plan debate
July 5 – SBO, Nelson**

**Special Board – School Closure Bylaws 3rd Reading & Approval of Facilities Plan
July 12 – SBO Nelson**

DPAC Meetings

See you in September!!!