

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Thursday, May 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 6:06

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 Vandembos, Mt Sentinel
Kendra Mann, Rosemont
Sharon Bloodworth, Canyon-Lister (by phone)

Regrets

Raeanne Gow, Redfish, DPAC Treasurer

Education Partners

Lorri Fehr, Director of Innovative Learning

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by consensus

3. Approval of April 21 minutes

Approved by consensus

4. Presentation - New curriculum

Director of Innovative Learning Lorri Fehr

Curriculum Redesign:

- Global world, different way of learning
- Learning outcomes with focus on competencies
- Aboriginal perspective incorporated
- Focus on core literacies (reading, writing, math) remains
- Possibilities...
 - Deeper Learning
 - Flexibility
- Model
 - Understand
 - Big Ideas
 - Do
 - Competencies
 - Skills
 - process

- Know
 - Content learning standards
 - Topics
 - What students will know
- In alignment with SD8 student expectations
- Schools are already addressing core competencies in school goals
- Idea: create questions that parents can ask when going into meeting with teachers in regards to competencies, i.e., what are some questions I could ask my child's teachers about my child's development in the different competency areas for that grade and course?
- More flexible grad program
- More emphasis on community involvement, gaining business knowledge and hands on learning.
- Provincial Exams and Assessments
 - **All info online <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> – families should explore and provide feedback**
 - Science 10, social studies 11 and Language Arts 10 provincial exams will not be replaced with another form of provincial assessment
- This year is K-9 exploration year, next year K-9 will be fully implemented
- Next year is exploration year for 10-12, following year, 2017-2018 full implementation of 10-12
- Parent service line for questions for parents with students in transition years
- Will continue with Dogwood, Bilingual Dogwood and Evergreen Certificate
- Support for teachers:
 - Curriculum non instructional days
 - School based curriculum collaborative projects
 - Curriculum project sharing day
 - Pro-d days
 - Initiatives (math, aboriginal, inquiry, place based, small secondary schools think tank)
- What info are parents looking for?
 - Could provide curriculum info in smaller settings, at schools, before other school event or at parent orientations

5. District Report

Creston/Salmo:

- Healthy Schools Coordinators brought in McCreary Health Survey staff to work with kids 12-19 yrs old; completed mental health survey
- Creston – “Magic School Bus” for pre-school kids
 - Picks up at neighbourhood schools and takes children (and parents) to 3 locations, e.g., library, community complex, family place/Strong Start, where they do activities, listen to stories, etc.
 - Pow Wow May 20th

Nelson

- Redfish kids dug up and burned invasive Scotch broom in in a big bonfire
- Wildflower middle school class Wetlands project planting at Lakeside Duck Bay and developed interpretive signage with several community agency partners
- Hume - performed Jungle Book

Innovative Learning Dept supports staff professional development; recent events, initiatives and support include:

- Leadership Retreat Nipika
- Place Conscious Learning
- Getting kids outside more, e.g., Growing up Wild
- connecting Strong Starts with K teachers
- BC Association of Math Teachers
- scholarship adjudication
- Chromebook pilot project
- support for new curriculum implementation
- Career Ed review
- small secondary school think tank at UBCO – JVH attended this year
- student symposia in Nelson and Creston
- June 15 meeting involving all schools

6. School Reports

Winlaw

- Fundraising for Pines Camp 4/5/6's
- Successful Spring Fling
- Grade 6 grad, supper/movie/sleepover
- Awards Day
- Stacey Solomon brought someone into to teach circus
- Swimming program on Fridays
- Ab Ed festival at WEG
- Collaboration program of garden project
- Demonstration beehive

LVR

- Principal Tim Hutteman is going to Turkey, new principal position posted
- Global perspectives class holding a fundraising dinner for Kenyan village
- Boys rugby in provincials
- Shakesfest- Antony and Cleopatra performed
- Several students were invited to attend Provincial Festival of the Arts in Ft. St. John
- Grad June 10/11
- Rec leadership- Storm Challenge- 6 person team, prizes

Mt.Sentinel

- Won School Spirit Award at Experience Selkirk Day
- drama class went to provincial drama festival

Wildflower

- Krista's class presentation to City Council about toilet bags, will be in e-magazine
- Successful Garden Fest
- Spring Camping
- Year End, Cabaret, school luncheon

- Middle School Movie Night

Rosemont

- Musical- based on Emily Carr and First Nations appreciation of trees

Canyon Lister

- Cook it, try it, like it at Erikson
- Grade 4/5 going to Pines Camp in June
- Grade 7 class has grad dinner in June
- June 10 Interactive day for all grade 7's, survivor challenges, etc. so they can get to know each other before high school

7. Correspondence–NIL

8. Discussion Items

a.) DPAC Update

- 4 delegates attended BCCPAC spring conference and AGM
- Busy going to committee meetings
- providing support and updates to parents re facilities plan via email and on fb page and DPAC website
- completed 2 sessions of parent advocate training & signed training and mentoring contract with Susan Wilson
- Focus on FB page/website
- Hearing lots from Slocan Valley
- Not lots from Nelson

b.) Facilities Plan

- Round of school closure public consultation meetings coming up
- DPAC could hold a teleconference before June 13th
- Hearing lots from Jewett and Slocan Valley re school closures
- Nelson – hearing concerns band, athletics, lifelong learning, etc programs at TMS will be lost.
- Creston has teacher who travels from school to school bringing musical instruments
- Concern for LVR being over capacity with grade 8s added
- Concerns for loss of daycare, strongstart etc. at Rosemont
- Creston parents are talking, being directed to website, hard when no response to emails

c.) BCCPAC Conference & AGM

- 4 Kootenay Lake's resolutions were passed with ease
- Interesting and informative conference – will provide summaries at June meeting
- George Abbott lecture was interesting and philosophical
- AGM had interesting and passionate debate
- next year May 5-7 in Richmond

d.) Parent Advocate Training Update

- Creston 2 parents, 3 more wanted to attend but couldn't

- Susan and Sheri have talked about doing Level 1 and Level 2 training
 - Sheri speaking at PVP meeting about parent advocacy
 - Schools could put email/phone number on PAC page of school websites
 - Set up advocacy email address for parents
 - should develop a new brochure of steps to take if parents have concerns & complaints
 - could ask PVP to include advocacy info in school handbooks
- e.) Parent Education – Miss Representation and The Mask You Live in screenings
- too much going on with facilities plan, school closures and parent advocacy – will schedule in the fall
 - Cate hasn't heard back from Jason yet. Will follow up
 - Potential parent night out- Craig Brumwell 2015 Governor General History Award for Excellence
- f.) Parent Volunteer Awards
- Nominate parents in your school. Will be recognized at June 16th meeting

9. Treasurer's Report – postponed until June 16

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 – CEC, Creston |
| d.) Budget Stakeholder Engagement | ~October |

**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

June 16 – Parent Celebration – Nelson & Creston - starts at 5:30pm

Adjourn: 8:20