

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 16, 2017

Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 7:07pm

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.

- a. In attendance: Parents: Ester Zdebiak (MSSS), Sonja Thoma (WEG), Cate Baio (WF), Sheri Walsh (LVR), Tina Rubaek (LVR), Martha Wilson (LVR), Rena Vandembos (MSSS), Raeanne Gow (Redfish), Erin Johnson (WEG, by phone)
- b. Education Partners: Jeff Jones, Superintendent
- c. Regrets: Sharon Bloodworth (CLES)

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Adopted by consensus

3. Approval of February 23, 2017 Minutes

- a. Approved by consensus

4. District Reports - Superintendent Jones

- a. Student expectations (in regards to District values and goals) - board receives monitoring reports on an annual basis. Report is available on website.
- b. Funding announcements from gov't. 1. Grant for rural districts to attain and retain staff. 2. Previously announced grant to support reduce student fees (approximately \$50/student). Fee schedule in schools will be impacted to some degree. Report of spending will be sent to DPAC, cc'd to ministry. 3. Transportation grant (therefore, no PAC's should be funding transportation for students).
- c. Board approved pilot project for valley schools and Salmo schools for FTE teacher on call to serve these areas.
- d. Teacher recruitment strategies have been amp'ed up to prepare for 17/18 school year.

5. School Reports

- a. **LVR**- Excited about David Hatfield spending a few days working with students on healthy masculinity and relationships as well as an evening community presentation on April 4th. Huge interest in ATLAS this year. New course on interculturalism.
- b. **Mt. Sentinel**- Students just returned from Tech summit in Vancouver
- c. **Redfish**- Winter activities are happening in am, in afternoon they explore an idea (e.g., building traps for the Great Hamster Escape!)
- d. **BK**- Talent show tomorrow
- e. **WEG**- Community outreach initiative for seniors' outreach, partnering with library

6. Correspondence - Nil

7. Discussion Items

- a. DPAC Update
 - i. parent and PAC advocacy requests continue to come in, but service still not widely known by many parents so will resend information to PACs
 - ii. remainder covered in rest of agenda
- b. Parent Education Update
 - i. The Mask You Live In (Cate)
 - 1. Nelson FoS film screening scheduled for April 19th at Trafalgar
 - 2. Raina (Winlaw PAC Chair) is taking on screening for Valley FoS.
 - 3. Tina willing to facilitate conversations for MissRepresentation when we want to take this on.
 - 4. Films located somewhere at SD8 office.
 - ii. David Hatfield (Martha)
 - 1. Poster is created
 - 2. Very interactive presentation
 - 3. Still looking for a car for David to use while he is in Nelson and Creston
 - 4. Help needed in getting the word out.
 - a. **Action-** Cate will send to PAC's
 - b. **Action-** Jeff will send to all parents on April 3rd
 - iii. Substance Use (Sheri)
 - 1. Nelson community fentanyl working group now planning a substance use town hall/educational event with a broad spectrum of participants; Director Fehr will keep DPAC apprised, they are aware that we want to include information about availability of various substances on the street and from dispensaries. No date established at time of meeting.
- c. BCCPAC
 - i. submitted two resolutions
 - ii. sent out invitation for parents to attend spring conference & AGM with responses due by April 5 – **ACTION** – we will need to review and decide via email; Sheri will book 2 double hotel rooms ASAP
 - iii. proxy vote form solicitation needs to begin immediately after spring break, Sheri will send out notice to PACs, but will need volunteer to do follow up
 - iv. DPAC award nominations accepted until April 15 – can nominate any parent who has made significant contribution to their PAC and they will be recognized at the AGM
- d. Superintendent Interviews: Questions & Reps
 - i. schedule – April 5 afternoon – presentations, evening – soiree
 - ii. have to submit names of reps and questions tomorrow
 - iii. Questions were discussed and formulated

- iv. reps – Sheri and one other parent will attend interview (other parent to be determined)
- e. 2017-2018 DPAC executive & district committee rep recruitment
 - i. **Action-** attendee’s of tonight DPAC meeting will report to their respective PAC’s and encourage them to attend a couple meeting and get involved.
 - ii. Parent education on DPAC’s powerful role in the district. How they can take an active role in their child’s education.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. Gaming- \$695.50
- b. Regular- \$5072.40

9. District Committee Reports:

a. Budget Stakeholder

- i. Staff has held off on presentation of zero based budget due to Supreme Court ruling and anticipated government funding announcements
- ii. Goal to align recommendations with other stakeholder values
- iii. Next meeting April 4th

b. Finance

- i. Most of this meeting was focused on the Amended Budget – unallocated remainder (contingency & SpEd Audit).
- ii. All PVP were requested to send in “asks”. Committee recommended the following:
 - 1. Small asks were approved (mostly clerical, library)
 - 2. Two pilot dedicated TOCs – 1 for Salmo, 1 for Slocan Valley
 - 3. IT Audit
 - 4. Plow Truck Replacement in Creston
 - 5. New software for HR/Purchasing/Absence tracking/Financial/Payroll
- iii. **Actually overspent in order to create the Slocan Valley TOC support

c. Education, Policy, Healthy Schools (no meetings since Feb 23)

DPAC Meeting & Presentation Schedule

Thursday, April 27: Four Nations Coalition

Thursday, May 25: Youth Mental Health, IEPs

Thursday, June 8 – **Party!** (Parent Appreciation Awards)

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm