

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, Nov 29, 2017 6:00-8:00 PDT  
Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson  
Videoconferencing to Creston Education Centre, Creston**

- Welcome/Call to Order

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.

Nama Arramzaon – WE Graham, Rena Vandenbos – Vice Chair, Marg Wilson – LVR, Tina Rubik – LVR, Nikki Merritt – DPAC Treasurer/ Winlaw, Lorien Quattrocchi – Hume, Patricia Routien – Hume, Tyler Rice – Redfish, Raenne Gow – Redfish, Natalia Nazarov- BK, Desk, Kendra Mann – Rosemont, LVR, and DESK

Ben Eaton- Director of independent learning, Sandy Boscairol- District inclusion support teacher, Christine Perkins – Superintendent

1. Introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda

	Moved	Seconded	Result
Motion to approve the agenda as amended	Tyler Rice	Rena Vandenbos	CARRIED

3. Approval of Oct 25, 2017 Minutes

	Moved	Seconded	Result
Motion to approve the minutes as amended	Nikki Merritt	Tyler Rice	CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion: Ben Eaton – School District #8 Director of Independent Learning
  - Ben has 2 children at wildflower school in grade 5 and one in kindergarten.
  - What does inclusion support services does and who they offer services too.
  - Greatest sense of alignment – helping to create flexible learning environments, supporting health learning environments and a sense of well –being, supporting inclusion for students with special needs.
  - Occupations and physical therapy services – flexible seating options, sensory tools and spaces, ergonomics and accessibility for all student, self-regulation program, support with social skill development
  - Vision screenings and support with functional vision skills, support with development of fine and gross motor skills
  - Vision and Technology Teachers – Supporting accessible learning environments for all students through technology, building capacity for teachers with workshops and mentorship. Promoting and supporting outdoor and travel initiatives for students through project adventure, providing students with tools and skills needed for independent access to the core curriculum.
  - SETBC funding almost 100k over 5 years – this has come in different sets dependant on needs and requests.

- SET BC Capacity building workshops 2016-2017 2 UDL workshop(Nelson and Creston), 2 student technology camps (Nelson and Creston), Online UDL workshops (4 session), Summer Trainings – Salmo elementary school.
- Psychology – working with teachers and inclusion services to promote research-based inclusive classroom strategies, providing workshops for teachers, parents and students on mental health support and strategies, assessing, diagnosing and supporting individual students with cognitive and social-emotional needs.
- Uses the funding for needs based funding.
- Inclusion support teachers – supporting classroom teachers to implement strategies (such as universal design for learning) to include all learners, self-regulation strategies, social skill development, healthy workplace relationship (positive behaviour support and Mandt training) , Assessing students for academic and behaviour needs and helping to create individualize plans (IEPs) supporting school teams to support students with high needs.
- Trauma informed piece is important and me be something for a further DPAC meeting.
- Parents are the child's biggest advocate.

## 5. District Reports

- All of our holiday events that are coming up and will be updated on the website.
- Hearing some radio commercials with little voices – reminder about the change in days this year.
- Involvement and participation in the budget process for next year.
- None of our schools are participating in the Numeracy tests, first round – all are participating in June.
- Grade 10 switches to new curriculum and Grade 11 and 12 get one more year.

## 6. School Reports

Rosemont – Iron level in water, winter concert and poinsettias.

BK – New Principal for 10 weeks, everyone is excited, getting ready for the winter concert and a bingo night.

Redfish – Grocery card fundraiser, Grade 5's are doing poinsettias and purdys, Hot lunch is going really well – 3 days a week. PAC having December meeting as a social gathering.

Hume - .super busy with fundraising, purdys, grocery cards and having an acting principal and concert is coming.

Winlaw – winter concert is coming, stage is condemned, 50/50 raffle

LVR – took in applications for gaming grant, class size and composition discussion, ongoing conversation regarding grade 9 transitions.

Mt. Sentinel – Lost VP to BK, Fundraiser- selling passport to the kootenays, New academy starting next semester – New media arts academy. Jr. Volleyball at provincials last week.

WE Graham – 2 exciting things happen recently, bought a PA system, hot lunch program was struggling- New hot lunch program will start in March with paid people.

Youth Center does a monthly market – for youth it is free to sell their wares, Just need to call the youth center to register.

## 7. Correspondence

## 8. Discussion Items

a. Parent Education – David Hatfield's recent visit, upcoming events?-

Upcoming events – Ben Eaton, Susan Wilson – parent advocacy – how parents can connect.

Stress Management – spring 2018?, Finance – Kim Morris, Shimi Khang – POD

Rob Simpson – resilience film.

b. Redfish proposal

Currently configured for K-5, it's been a constant request to extend to a K-7, putting pressure on the community and the families. Has the support of the staff and parents through a survey.

**Action: Lorien will contact Wildflower and Trafalgar in regards and report back for the January meeting.**

- c. BCCPAC memberships – are we paying? Who will contact PAC's?- Executive will correspond in regards to contact PAC's.
- d. Draft Policy Field – questions regarding policy  
Joanne and Ester – attended the policy meeting. School trust funds, a lot of people may or may not know about. Principals have access to the fun. Was the PAC aware? Is there any recording on how that is being spent?

**ACTION: everyone to report back at next meeting in regards to these accounts.**

- e. DPAC Summit report  
Postponed until December meeting.

#### 9. Treasurer's Report

#### 10. District Committee Reports:

- a. Finance- Zero based will not be done this year or next, looking at doing a multiyear budget this year. No change to the process, road map for the budgeting process was laid out. Parents and PAC's look at the values as that is the foundation for the values.  
Survey Monkey to be sent out to find out PAC's values to assist with the finance discussions.

**Action: Tyler and Eva will assist in creating the survey and send it to the DPAC executive for review and send it out to parents.**

- b. Education-
- c. Policy-
- d. Healthy Schools-

#### 11. DPAC Meeting & Presentation Schedule

Next meeting Wednesday, December 13, 6pm - Christmas Celebration.