

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:00pm-8:00pm

Video Conferencing via Zoom

**Minutes**

1) Call to Order, 6:01PM

*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.*

2) Welcome and Introductions

Natalia Nazaroff - DPAC Chair/Vice Chair MSSS/Elev8 DPAC Rep; Kendra Mann - DPAC co-Vice Chair/ELEV8 PAC Chair; Michelle Sylvest - DPAC Treasurer/Hume PAC Chair; Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS parent; Avairy Meyer - MSSS DPAC Rep; Brandy Kormany - Trafalgar DPAC Rep; Colleen Bayly - Wildflower Creston DPAC rep; Corinne Grubbs - BK PAC Vice Chair; Crystal Stankevich - KRSS Vice Chair & DPAC rep/ARES parent; Eden Dupont; - parent at LVR/MSSS; Garrett Garbula - CBESS DPAC rep; Greg Wanke - PAC Chair ARES; Kristyn McIntosh - LVR PAC Rep; Deanna Holitzki - Director of Instruction/Inclusive Education; Nick Howald - Director of Information Technology; Cody Beebe - Trustee Creston South Rural; Anna - parent at South Nelson

3) Adoption of Agenda

*Motioned - Kendra Mann; Seconded - Taryn Stokes; Opposed- nil*

4) Approval of Minutes

*Motioned - Natalia Nazaroff; Seconded - Kendra Mann; Opposed- nil*

5) Superintendent's Report - Director Holitzki

- Exciting to have spring and more outdoor activities
- This theme for the report this month was curiosity, inquiry and connection.
- Highlights - Andrea Mann - From the Heart presentation; Salmo Secondary - Youth Exploration in Trades; Brent Kennedy - literacy coordinators using sight words; ARES/Wildflower - leprechaun fun; Canyon - late french immersion ongoing; Kaslo - food hub donation of \$4,000; Javier - ongoing complex trauma resources; Scott - zoom digital parenting on sexting (May 3); preliminary budget work - more discussion next week at board meeting on April 26 and then public board meeting on April 27.
- Note - book from FriesenPress referenced [Children and Complex Trauma by Charles Geddes](#)

SD8 Guests: Information Technology Department - Director Nick Howald

- Shared IT update for the department. Highlights include first year of department vision, student laptop pilot (~830 issued), how to take care of laptops, staff is also doing mentorships on IT for students, ensuring media arts labs are functioning,

6) Treasurer's Report

- Not much action since the last meeting, approved expenditures for BCCPAC events, only charges were bank charges. Cheques have just been mailed to PACs for the BCCPAC reimbursement.

7) Correspondence

- Invite to the public budget webinar from SD8.
- Emails about policies being field tested (see details on board website).
- Invite to fill out a budget survey from SD8.
- BCCPAC AGM and parent conference is now on zoom rather than in-person.

8) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC AGM/parent conference changing from in person to online

b) BCCPAC resolutions and proxy voting

- Reviewed candidate bios in brief.
- Reviewed resolutions - 01 inclusive language, 02 language, 03 correcting references, 04 updates for practicality, term length, actual practice, inclusive, 05 clarifying & clarity on proxies, 06 ensures board members have children in the public school system, 07 if board members are charged with a criminal offence, 08 add new Indigenous Director, 09 Peer-to-Peer sexual assault & harassment, 10 policy for peer-to-peer, 11 data collection for peer-to-peer, 12 peer-to-peer to revise Safe & Caring Communities policy, 13 Reaffirm BCCPAC to advocate for increased counselling in schools, 14 disaggregated race-based data
- Resolution details are available on the BCCPAC website - the above notes are very brief notations

c) Dyslexia Seminar

- Part 1 (last Tuesday) and Part 2 Simulation - amazing turnout with 73 registered, not too late for Part 2 on Monday, a 3rd session would be on advocacy for children with dyslexia (Monday April 25th at 6:30)
- Motion to spend an additional \$200 for Part 2 - Natalia motioned, Avairy seconded, all in favour

d) Tending the Fire

- Still working out date and time - finalizing a second date at this point

## 9) School Reports

Deferred to the next meeting. Highlight from DESK - 22 students registered for the garden project. Huge thank you to all the nurseries that participated!!

10) Adjourned at 8:09 pm PST, next meeting May 19, 2022 at 6:00PM

Notes - Operations & Finance Budget meeting ongoing (see correspondence above), Education Committee and Governance&Policy meetings next in May