

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

Minutes

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

6:00-8:00PM

Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson BC
Videoconferencing to Creston Education Centre, Creston , BC

Welcome and 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.

1. Introductions

Cheryl – BK vice chair, Natalia – BK parent, DESK parent, Raeanne – Redfish, Lorien – DPAC and Hume, Cate Baio – LVR and Wildflower, Jackie Rownton –Hume, Rena – DPAC and Mt Sentinel, Gera – Mt Sentinel, Esther Zdebiak– Mt Sentinel, Christine Perkins - Superintendent, Scott Rothermel – Safe Schools

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Added Resilience, Screenagers, BCCPAC delegates
- Moved by Ester, seconded by RaeAnne

3. Approval of February 28, 2018 minutes (attached).

Ester moved, Raeanne seconded (Cheryl, BK added to Redfish school report.

Raeanne – move that we change the December minutes to say minutes, Cate seconded as amended

4. District Reports presented by Dr. Christine Perkins, Superintendent

- Future news:
 - o Newsletter sent to DPAC – check for this
 - o Erickson – focus on youth
 - o Director of information technology started this week. Meeting with schools. Nick Howald (Fruitvale, Fortis BC). Background in FOIPA and digital security.
 - One year plan
 - New website
 - GSuite summit. 160 educators, very successful
 - o PowWow – Creston
 - o Purchase of the CEC by town of Creston, \$550,000
 - Free rent
 - SD8 committed to partnering for five years
 - o HUB had formal opening at PCSS, medical room staffed by doctors!
 - Mental health center for students (counselling, drug and alcohol, psychology etc)
 - Improving access to services for Rural students
 - Has improved access for many students.
 - TRU nurse researching
 - First month, 48 students accessed, 66 appointments, first day 3 girls received medical attention for the first time in their life. Human rights issue – related to polygamous community students
 - Also do this in Salmon arm, Kelowna, Victoria. Has reduced birth rates, spread of STI etc
 - Two days a week. Physician, nurse, counselling, youth outreach workers
 - February 15th 2018
 - Principal Cobb – spearheaded

- Slokan Valley – Thursday night Slokan valley of schools valley PAC, Trustee Nazaroff, superintendent, 20 parents/grandparents, 5 principals.
 - Answered questions
 - Next one on June 7th at 5:30 at Brent Kennedy
 - Honouring our elders film festival, this Friday in Nelson at the Civic theatre, Friday – May 4th at 10:00.
 - Email gail.higginbottom@sd8.bc.ca to see if there is room
 - District is undergoing an audit. Students registered, what they are taking – related to our funding. September 28th, 2018 is the day they are counting students. If we don't meet this, some funding will be clawed back. May 14th to 18th
 - Neighbouring districts lost funding in this round
 - Homelinks, DESK, DL distributed learning, anything digital
 - All of our principals got educated about this last week. Filtered down to clerical and the information you hand over when you register your child
 - AbEd in the fall
 - Media Release – Kim Morris has resigned from the district, moved to New West for July 2nd.
 - Addressed questions re: grants
 - Winlaw's grant went right to ministry's office. So missed being part of the application ranking process at the district level. WE Graham, Homelinks etc did get in and ranked.
 - Querying the metrics for the innovation. Money from district budgets.
5. Presentation /Discussion – R/Cst. Scott Rothermel, Safe Schools Coordinator
- Contracted quarter time position
 - Gail H.'s husband
 - Middle of Masters in Leadership
 - Emergency procedures. Hold and Secure (external threat) vs Lock Down (internal threat)
 - Has been involved in this before in V. Island school district
 - One set of procedures for the whole district
 - One new thing, PVP run the lock down (used to be RCMP, police).
 - New Definition around hold and secure. Classes resume normal activity, limited movement, exterior doors are locked, placards placed on doors
 - Lock Downs – hiding, locked barricade, quiet
 - Introduced a reporting form for emergency drills (e.g., fire alarm pulled)
 - New letter to parents from schools (re: hold and secure). Definitions etc to parents
 - Erase Bullying program. Level 1 and 2 training (he is a trainer).
 - Level 1 - First one is related to digital bullying, SOGI, etc. School culture and climate
 - Level 2 -Violent Threat risk assessment training. Will do these on students if necessary. Safety trumps privacy, VTRA team dynamics etc.
 - Critical Incident response team being developed
 - He has been part of a team for 10 years
 - Mixed team of different levels
 - Size of team depends on level of the crisis
 - Identify a steering committee
 - Create policy and procedure
 - Erase bullying website. There is a now a reporting tool for SD8. Can be anonymous.
 - Three people see this internally.
 - Mandated by government to respond in 72 hours.
 - Revamping VTRA reporting
 - He is available for class/parent/staff presentations for grades on digital citizenship/sexting/social media

- Planning 10 classes
- Low 12
- ProD workshops
- Questions from parents regarding evacuation procedures, communications (especially in the valley), parent education,
 - only group they have trained so far is the PVP
 - Next in priority is CUPE, TOC
 - Information sessions for parents coming too
 - Difficulty in contacting parents in the valley waiting at bus stops
 - Will be going through all the policies related to safety by the end of the year
 - Going through all policies

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6. School Reports

- Mt Sentinel
 - Lock down
 - Academy in Victoria
 - Resilience Screening
 - CBAL wants to support this too
 - VP going to Brent Kennedy
- Wildflower – plans rolling to move down to main floor
 - School visited four nations
 - Will be for next year – moving. Teachers are working very hard on this
 - Extra 37 students
- Hume
 - More grants for the playground \$42,000, Surface \$27,000 alone, will be done by fall
 - Joanne – principal is leaving
 - Ice cream social coming up
- Redfish
 - Redfish is losing their principal to Hume
 - Working on a water theme
 - First day of girls group (Raina Gardner and Raeanne)
 - Golf lessons
 - Working towards K-7
 - Have a letter and survey package to support

Some discussion items:

*Principal moving not communicated well. Why are we the last to know. Most of us learned it in the news.

*Also can PACs have some input into the type of principal is coming in?

Exception was Redfish

Would like a better procedure – roll out so parents don't discover from newspaper

Rena to send these questions to Christine

- Brent Kennedy –
 - Paint night 49 people – \$45/ticket, \$20 for PAC, empty canvas. Very successful. Empty Canvas. Raise around \$1000.
 - April 28th is tabletop day

- Steelworkers Union have put a resolution into their AGM for better management of the crosswalk (speed limit, lights) so now BK PAC is hoping to get more traction with MOT (they have sent letters also)
 - Slide funding approved
 - Staff appreciation dinner?
 - Still don't have drinkable water – maybe by next year
 - Bottled water being supplied
 - Drilled a new well but similar issues
 - LVR via Martha email
 - Organized a panel parenting and in an age of personal digital devices
7. Correspondence – None
8. Discussion Items:
- a. Nominations for DPAC secretary – No one volunteered
 - b. Parent education ideas
 - *Rena to Contact Sheri regarding parent advocacy
 - *Rena to Contact Susan Wilson regarding parent advocacy 101
 - c. BCCPAC Summit – Lorien to talk to Kendra about attending the summit. We are late with registration.
 - Move to send Natalia to DPAC conference and AGM.
 - Lorien will check with Kendra re: airfare and hotel
 - d. Resilience - Successful Parent Education night – 202 attendees.
 - a. Will be showing at Mt Sentinel in May 8th as part of Mental Health week
9. Treasurer's Report – ran out of time
10. District Committee Reports
- a. Finance
 - b. Education
 - c. Policy
 - d. Healthy Schools
 - e. BCCPAC
11. DPAC Meeting & Presentation Schedule: May 23rd, June – none (social only)
12. Adjourn – next meeting May 23rd, 2018 at 6pm

Notes for Next meeting:

- Parent engagement in DPAC
- Moving around DPAC meetings – so we can involve Creston, Kaslo, Salmo etc
- Organize teleconference and videoconference for next meeting.