

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 16, 2010
Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre**

Attendance:

Susan Wilson – DPAC Treasurer
Kendra Mann – DPAC Secretary
Sherri Walsh – Brent Kennedy DPAC Rep
Gerry MacKinnon – LV Rogers DPAC Rep
Jenny Henri – DPAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel DPAC Rep
Retha Marsden – DPAC Vice-Chair, Erickson DPAC Rep
Tiffany Gorham – Canyon/Lister DPAC Rep
Barbara Marini – Erickson Parent

Education Partners:

Jeff Jones – SD#8 Superintendent
Peter Kozak – CUPE Rep
Lenora Trenamen – Trustee
Verna Mayers-Mackenzie - Trustee

Guests:

Louise Poole – Health Promoting School Coordinator

Christmas Party was held between 5:00 and 5:30 pm (PST) with food and door prizes. Lots of fun was had by all 😊

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order at 5:30pm**
- 2. Approval of Agenda by consensus**
- 3. Acceptance of November minutes by consensus**
- 4. District Report**
 - **Louise Poole, Health Promoting School Coordinator -**
 - Eleven school districts applied for funding for a Health Promoting School Coordinator, through Interior Health, with two more coming soon. All coordinators met in Kelowna in October. The position is a part time position intended to create healthy school committees within each school. Comprehensive School health is an approach to school health promotion and has been in effect within a charter in 1986. Health promoting schools –
 - Research shows students have become better learners with less behavioural problems.
 - Friends for Life – help kids learn how to problem solve and turn red thoughts into green thoughts.
 - Social / Physical Environment – playground – trees, breakfast program and bullying.
 - Teaching and Learning – healthy behaviours, hand washing and nutrition.
 - Partnerships and Learning – Freedom Quest, mental health, and MCFD.

- Healthy Schools Policy – Safety, healthy foods and physical activity.
- Comprehensive School Health is: “An integrated approach to health promotion, that gives students numerous opportunities to observe and learn positive health attitudes and behaviours. It aims to reinforce health consistently on many levels and in many ways.”
- **Jeff Jones** – Mel Joy was elected as new Chair at the Board. Verna Myers MacKenzie is Vice Chair.

5. School Reports

- Canyon Lister – Their last PAC meeting only had two parents show up
- Erikson Elementary – had concert last week it was great. Had annual Turkey dinner for students. Kids presented “little red school where the kids are cool” Next PAC meeting is in January. RCMP came in on Dec. 1st with parent help and did the “Child Find” pamphlets.
- Mt. Sentinel – Band performance last night featuring the Grade 7 combo band. Fund raising at the band performance will go towards Stage Band students going to Moscow Idaho to an international jazz festival in February. Tomorrow is skate and swim day and then a much music video dance in the evening.
- Rosemont – Christmas school dance, Christmas concert, bake sale, Pointsettia sale
- Brent Kennedy – Sent out a survey to parents asking for their feedback on spending PAC money, got 5 responses back. The highest thing on the list is a Kitchen and a lunch room. Snowshoes and skis were also on the list. They are starting to sell the Passport to the Kootenays coupon books and are holding a T-shirt Contest. Had a Christmas concert yesterday with an hour of crafts, No bake sale. The choir did 3 songs and then had a sing song.
- Verna – Check the school district website as there’s an update from all the schools in the district in blog format, so everyone will know what’s happening.

6. Correspondence

- a.) Business arising from Correspondence

7. Discussion Items

- a.) BCCPAC – all of our PACs and DPAC are members.
- b.) Facilities Advisory Committees, update – The Slocan Valley met on the 7th and reviewed Jeff’s report to the board. The general feeling is that it’s been a very good process these last few meetings. The “family of schools” concept is a group of schools that feed into a secondary program. If you treat them as families you get away from the “these are my children.”
- c.) NOTICE OF MOTION: DPAC Policies and Procedures Manual. Retha Marsden moved the motion. Sherri seconded the motion. 6 in favor 0 opposed **PASSED**
- d.) Full-Day Kindergarten update – The number of students to teacher ratios their looking for more of daycare ratios 1:8 rather than 1:22 remain flexible for getting kids to go to school. Classes would be 1:16. Tabled to the New Year.
- e.) Library update – Tabled to the New Year

8. Committee Reports

- a.) Treasurer \$3990.00
- b.) Education – meeting is January 10th. Looking at school calendar options.
- c.) Finance – Susan attended on Tuesday. This meeting was to review where we are to date. Once again we face a short fall about \$300,000 due to medical leaves. Senior leadership team decided

not to adjust any staffing. This time they took it out of the supply budget to schools. The next meeting is on January 11th. At the April meeting partner groups will do their presentations to the committee.

- d.) Policy- was at Rosemont School on Monday. Employee recognition feedback was discussed. Discussed Teachers and how to recognize them. National Teacher day is in October and possibly having the district do something. Discussed Retirement and retirement parties. Will be discussing school planning councils at the next meeting. A couple of notice of motions coming up check the DPAC website.

Tabled Items: parent education day, Library update, Full day Kindergarten update.

Adjournment at 7:02pm

Meeting Schedule:

January 27 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Creston

February 24 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Creston

March 31 6:00 pm