

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday December 17, 2009

Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre

DPAC Christmas Party – 5:00 – 6:00 pm (6:00 – 7:00 pm Creston)

Susan Wilson - DPAC Past Chair, WEG DPAC Rep

Jenny Henri - DPAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel DPAC Rep

Kendra Mann - Secretary

Sheri Walsh - BK PAC Chair

Retha Marsden - DPAC Vice Chair, Erickson DPAC rep

Mary Devan - Blewett DPAC Rep

Education Partners:

Carol Brown – Executive Assistant SD#8

Larry Link – Head of Transportation

Sherry McIvor – Manager of Human Resources

Andy Leathwood – Director of Student Learning

Bill Maslechko – Trustee

Lenora Trenman – Trustee

Michelle Bennett – CUPE rep

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 5:50pm

2. Approval of Agenda by consensus

3. Acceptance of November 26 by consensus

4. District Report: Larry Brown, updated on Student Transportation Review Recommendation Implementation Plan

- Cameras are being installed on the school buses. Cameras are being added as we buy new buses. A review is in progress at the moment with changes to programs and the changing of stops to meet policy. It will be technology to make us more efficient and lower taxes.
- In the Creston accident the camera picked up oncoming traffic and the speed at which the driver was driving and it was recognized that she was well within the suggested speed.
- Out of Catchment busing – They will inform all parents of the changes happening in the fall. Possibly 2-3 years before implementation.
- Busing will continue to wildflower and education centres but will only have 1 stop for pickup.
- Please see Policy 461 School Choice and Catchment for your individual situation possible changes.
- If parents could return the green sheets for tallying as soon as possible in the spring staff organize routes with that information. RCMP, Larry Brown, Larry Link, and ministry of highways take a look at all stops before stops are made.

- There will be a bus route review done in Creston in hopefully February. There will be a discussion at that time.

15 Passenger Van Discussion – original design was for cargo but have since had seating added to them. A motion has been put forth to change the clause from 9 passengers to 15 passengers to allow groups to use vehicles that hold more than 9 children. The board will discuss this item at the next meeting.

Discussion is tabled until the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

- a.) Business arising from Correspondence

6. Discussion Items

- a.) BCCPAC – Forms have been sent off and most PACs are registered. AGM has been moved up to April 17 & 18. The BCCPAC has had 2 people resign. The resolution packages will be sent out shortly.
- b.) DPAC Vision/Mission statement – tabled until next meeting
- c.) DPAC Budget 2009-10 – still in progress will be presented at next meeting.
- d.) Feedback from DAG cuts to PACs – still being compiled we will have a report for the next meeting.

7. Committee Reports

- a.) Treasurer -

Regular - \$3876.48

Gaming - \$121.83

- b.) DPAC Executive -

- Finance – We are out of funding protection as a district, budget will be finalized in February, there's a list of provincial impacts that Jenny will send out coming soon.
- Board Meeting – Elections were held the new Chair is Bill Maslechko and the vice is Lenora Trenamen. Bob Wright and Annette Hambler are representative and alternate of provincial counselor for BCSTA. BCPSEA representative and alternate are Verna Myers-Mackenzie and Dawn Lang. Presentation by the Nelson and Creston teachers on FSA's they showed a brief video and you can find that on youtube. DPAC hasn't taken a stance on FSA's they have however spoken up to about our children bring home material about FSA's. There was a motion "I hereby move that the board of education for SD#8 be prepared administered and marked by grades 4 and 7 teachers in accordance with government legislation and assessment practices and to work to ensure full student participation in the assessment as per Ministry guidelines. Any staff not willing to participate should be dealt with in accordance to their contract and district Human Resources Policy."

- b.) Education

- c.) Finance

- d.) Healthy Lifestyles

- e.) Policy – Susan attended on Dec. 14th all the draft policies are on the website you can provide feedback through Susan Wilson.

- f.) Presidents Meeting – Susan attended on Dec. 17th they are looking into what activities are available for children on spring break.

Adjournment 8:10 pm

Meeting Schedule:

January 28, 2010 6:00 pm (7:00 pm Creston)

February 25, 2010 6:00 pm (7:00 pm Creston)

March 25, 2010 6:00 pm