

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2012
Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre**

Attendance:

Nelson:

Jenny Henri, DPAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel rep
Kendra Mann, DPAC Vice-Chair, Rosemont rep
Sheri Walsh, DPAC Secretary
Robin Woodbridge, LVR
Ester Zbediak, BK rep

Creston:

Tyson Soroke, Homelinks
Doug Kunzelman, teacher, PCSS

Staff and Education Partners:

Nelson:

Jeff Jones, Superintendent
Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Lorri Fehr, District Principal, Innovative Learning Services

Regrets:

Lenora Trenamen, Trustee
Barb Lindsay, Trustee

1) Welcome/Call to Order: at 6:18 pm

2) Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus

3) Acceptance of January 26 minutes

January 26 draft minutes approved by consensus.

4) District Reports

a) Jeff Jones, Superintendent

- **District Goals & Student Expectations:** The Board adopted district goals that emphasize transparency, relationship building, engagement and collaboration, aligning resources with student needs, program choice, equitable transportation, to support student expectations of academic success, creativity, imagination, citizenship and resiliency.
- **Student Symposia:** The Superintendent is meeting with high school students throughout the district to hear what their thoughts about what has and hasn't gone well with their learning and how they would design education

b) Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer: 2012-2013 Budget Process and Parent Involvement

- Kim delivered an informative powerpoint presentation describing development of the district budget and how parents can contribute. Find the pdf at:
http://www2.sd8.bc.ca/BudgetDevelop20122013/DPACPresentation20122013PreliminaryBudget_20120223.pdf

- Parents and PACs are invited to present their priorities to the Finance Committee on the morning of March 27. Find the invitation and details at:
<http://www2.sd8.bc.ca/BudgetDevelop20122013/BudgetDevelop20122013.htm>
- The Secretary-Treasurer would be pleased to attend PAC meetings

c) Lorri Fehr, District Principal, Innovative Learning Services: District Technology for Learning Plan – Results of Parent Survey and Next Steps

- Lorri delivered an informative presentation describing the themes of the recent technology survey as well as the process for development of the district Technology for Learning Plan. Find the pdf at: <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/Reports/TechnologyReportSummary2012.pdf>

5) School Reports (including effects of BCTF job action)

- **Mt. Sentinel:** inconsistencies in reporting student marks and parent-teacher communications during BCTF job action – while some students received marks either from teachers directly or via parent-teacher email, others apparently received no marks at all. Students from the Quest for Community program gave a presentation to the Board about the personal impact of the program. Successful Pride & Prejudice performance, extra-curricular activities continuing.
- **Rosemont:** Students did not receive marks. Difficulties connecting with specific teachers.
- **LVR:** inconsistencies in reporting student marks – one teacher phoned parent with marks, nothing received from others. Successful Night of Local Talent fundraiser by Global Perspectives 12 class. Extra-curricular activities continuing.
- **Homelinks:** Kids are excited; good communication with teachers; job action does not appear to be affecting teaching; students receiving marks; extra-curricular activities continuing.
- **PCSS:** teacher comment: has had more time to work on curriculum
- **BK:** Upcoming PAC-sponsored events – Rick Scott performance the end of April; Children's Market the end of March; AquaVan in June

6) Correspondence

- Teacher periodical
- Email correspondence with a couple of parents regarding specific situations

Business arising from Correspondence

- Discussion with parents about specific situations

7) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC

- AGM May 25-27; several board positions open; will discuss sending KL DPAC reps at March DPAC meeting

b) Family of Schools' meetings

Salmo: Family of Schools' scheduled for March 7. 15 parents signed up so far.

Kaslo: to be scheduled in the spring

c) BCTF Strike Update (Update from schools in item 5) School Reports)

- Superintendent comments: Some things will be different after the job action has ended because we have learned that we can do some things differently. Note that the BCTF has scheduled a "Day of Action" on Monday, February 27, although we are not yet sure what that will look like.

d) Gordon Neufeld Workshop

- 8 parents have responded to offer for DPAC registration subsidy

Motion: That DPAC spend up to \$1200 to subsidize parent registrations.

Moved: Kendra Second: Ester Carried

- Workshop is 2/3 full; organizers are exploring bursary opportunities; Sheri will approach CBT re DPAC funding for parent registration

8) Committee Reports

a) Treasurer

- Treasurer absent; below are amounts from January 26 meeting:

Gaming account	=	\$ 1,902.74
<u>Regular account</u>	=	<u>\$ 2,477.97</u>
Total	=	\$ 4,380.71

b) Education

- hasn't met yet this year; no teacher representation

c) Finance

- Susan and Jenny attended February 21 meeting
- Much of the information was included in this evening's presentation by Kim Morris
- Next meeting March 27 including budget presentations

d) Policy

- Next meeting Monday, April 2

e) Healthy Lifestyles

- Louise Poole organizing workshops and distributing lots of healthy lifestyles info
- Next meeting, April 18

f) Facilities Planning

- Board approved expanding TOR to incorporate transportation review committee as per DPAC request to reactivate transportation review committee
- next meeting February 28; Kendra to attend

g) Chair's Report

- DPAC met with KL Teachers' Federation, Board of Education and attended Finance Committee
- Jenny is reading about the BCTF job action and negotiations with BCPSEA in preparation for interview on CBC radio tomorrow morning at 07:15

9) Adjournment: at 8:10

DPAC Meeting Schedule

March 29, 2012	6:00 pm	
April 23, 2012	6:00 pm	
May 17, 2012	6:00 pm	
June 21, 2012	5:00 pm	Parent Celebration

Committee Meeting Schedule

Finance: Tuesday, March 27, 1pm
Education: TBA
Policy: Monday, April 2, noon
Healthy Lifestyles: Wednesday, April 18, 4pm
Facilities Planning: Tuesday, February 28, 10am