

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Nelson Board office, GoToMeeting

Attendance:

Parents:

Kendra Mann, DPAC Chair, Rosemont, Trafalgar

Ester Zdebiak, DPAC Treasurer, Mt. Sentinel

Nicole Rhynold, DPAC Secretary, J.V. Humphries

Jenny Henri, DPAC Past Chair, Mt. Sentinel

Lori Thompson, DPAC Member-At-Large, Winlaw

Simon Beresford, Trafalgar

Online:

Jolene Shkooratoff, Brent Kennedy

Debra

Staff and Education Partners:

Nelson:

Jeff Jones, Superintendent SD8

Peter Kozak, CUPE Rep Local 748

Online:

Lenora

1) Welcome/Call to Order: at 6:11 pm

2) Approval of Agenda – Request for SPC Training brought forth by LT –

Added item e)

3) Approval of January 23, 2014 minutes – Approval by consensus

4) District Report

Thank you went out to DPAC for input provided regarding the School Calendar in regards to March Break 2015. All feedback along with the two different scenarios will go before the board.

JVH will receive, as a result of Dan Miles winning a prestigious award, \$20000 worth of Samsung technology and participate in a study to do with technology in education.

A communication process, called ThoughtStream, has been utilized to receive input from different stakeholders groups to make more informed decisions.

The budget is now being set for 2014/2015.

BCTF believes the Ministry, at the time the agreement was written, stripped language from their collective agreement regarding class size and composition and about the formula that is used to staff schools. Court ruling was they agree with BCTF and the districts would have to organize staff schools using the formula from 2002. The Ministry appealed that and also applied for a stay of the position. The stay has been approved, no immediate changes have to be made in the district.

The district is becoming “paperless”. E-newsletter, Twitter and Facebook are all being utilized.

The Policy committee is working on a Sexual Orientation and Identity Policy. They have scanned policies from other districts to use what they feel is the most important.

5) School Report

Winlaw – Just finished their ski program, was a great success. Issues are getting worked through. Spring Fling and other fundraising is in the works. Forecasting their budget to help get them through the year more comfortably. Communication with parents are being improved. During Student-Led Interviews there will be a few parents interviewing other parents asking them what they would like to see happen at there school.

JV Humphries – Victoria McAllister has stepped into Acting Vice-Principal. Have begun forming a Fundraising Committee and to begin writing grants. Parent’s Night Out: Supporting High-Spirited Children with Andy Leathwood is happening on April 29 in Kaslo.

Mount Sentinel – Grad meeting was exciting. The grads are planning a dry grad. There is a Spaghetti Supper/Silent Auction on March 9th. They are also holding a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser, Flower baskets from DIG Garden Center fundraiser, buy chocolate bars at the BC Liquor and portion is donated to local Dry Grad.

Rosemont – Just finished Pink Day and Caring Month. Working on changing their mission statement

Trafalgar – Everything is ticking on, started lunch hour activities, just finished Spirit Week.

Brent Kennedy – Holding a Movie Night.

6) Correspondence and related business

- Redfish letter

7) Discussion Items

a.) Parent letter regarding Trafalgar Reconfiguration – parent came to meeting to speak to a letter he had written regarding the reconfiguration of bringing back Grades 6 & 7 to elementary level. A Facilities reviews will conclude whether or not it is possible. Letter was read aloud. There are several concerns brought forward in this letter. Concerns regarding health of the building, increase number of transitions from school to school, and the lack of supervision. Discussion regarding the different issues Chair provided capacity and projected enrollment figure of each of the feeder schools to Trafalgar. If grades 6 & 7 returned to elementary the schools would all be at or over capacity.

b.) Spring Break schedule 2015 – 668 parent responded to our survey. Most chose #3 option with the runner-up being option #2 being around 100 behind. Emailing lists and Facebook were effective tools in distributing the survey.

c.) ThoughtStream has been an effective way of collecting opinions. Closes Monday. There are 98 completed at this time.

d.) BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM is May 29 to June 1 in Richmond. We have nominated Susan Wilson for the George Matthews Award. DPAC will have 2 or 3 subsidies for attendees.

e.) Request for SPC Training - In the past Susan and Andy Leathwood have presented the School Planning Council on how to do the SPC and both are leaving this year. This is a legislated council at each school with one administration rep, two staff reps and three parent reps and use info such as the school budget, and follow the list of what the SPC must do. Kendra will email Susan and Andy to inquire if they would be willing to run a training session that DPAC could video tape.

Parents' Night Out Events

Deirdre McLaughlin - Nurturing Your Child's Sense of Self Esteem and Body Image, Tuesday February 25th, Mount Sentinel Secondary School, 7-8:30pm.

Supporting Active Children with Andy Leathwood, April 29, 7-8:30pm – JVH Library in Kaslo

9) Committee Reports

DPAC Chair Report -

Education Committee -

Finance Committee has begun the budget process. Draft 4 will be completed March 4 in Kaslo and Draft 3 and Final Reading will be in Nelson. Information is online.

Treasurer : We now have a bank card to view balances online.

Current accounts:

Gaming	\$56.21
Regular	\$3906.26 minus \$20 cheque outstanding
Total:	\$3942.47

9) Adjournment: at 7:29 pm

Committee meeting schedule (Date, locale)

Healthy Lifestyles:

Education:

Facilities & Transportation: April 17, 2014 1pm

Finance: March 4, 2014, 11:00 am Kaslo

Policy: February 28, 2014 , 12:30pm Nelson

Board of Education:

DPAC: No meeting in March

April 24, 2014, 6:00pm, Nelson (7:00 pm Creston)