

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:00-8:00PM

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

1. Introductions/Present
 - a. Parents: Natalia (BK and Desk) and Cheryl (BK?) – Brent Kennedy, Esther & Joanne – Mt. Sentinel, Nikki – Winlaw, Raeanne and Tyler – Redfish, Cate – LVR/Wildflower, Martha – LVR
 - b. Guests: Christine Perkins – Superintendent, Ben Eaton – Director of Independent Learning Services and Shayla Richards – School Psychologist
2. Adoption of Agenda – Raeanne / Cate 2nd
3. Approval of December 13, 2017 minutes postponed until April meeting
4. District Reports presented by Dr. Christine Perkins, Superintendent
 - a. Report forwarded to DPAC mailing list
 - b. JV Humphries student Jesalyn Tremblay achieved major scholarship – well done!
 - c. Trafalgar principal Carol-Ann Leidloff receives one of 'Canada's Outstanding Principal' recognitions
 - d. Staffing planning onward with some Principal/VP moves
 - i. Brent Cross, VP of LVR is retiring with no named successor
 - e. Programs moving:
 - i. Creston Homelinks and Wildflower moved to old board offices at CSS
 - ii. DESK Nelson – grades 10-12 out of Central School and into two room ins commerce block at LVR
 - iii. DESK grades K-9 in Hume
 - iv. Wildflower/Reach shuffling in Central w. District offices to move to 3rd floor of Central with Johnstone Road closing and for sale
 - v. Aboriginal library to remain in new plan
 - vi. All on facilities plan on website
 - f. Grade rates vs. completion rates – Nelson Star retraction with clarification
 - i. District not accepting numbers
 - ii. Looking for clerical numbers, international students etc.
 - iii. Bountiful students identify as Aboriginal
 - g. Crisis Drill discussion re: 3 fire drills, EQ drill, 3x Lockdown/Hold & Secure drills
 - i. Scott Rothermel, Safe Schools co-ordinator, is best resource
 1. Married to Gail Higgenbottom
 - ii. We will have him at the April DPAC meeting
 - h. Bus Schedule query from parent – address to Director Bruce McLean or Janet Wall who is in charge of transportation
 - i. New Curriculum discussion – expectations of teachers and parents, ie. what do kids do during the exam week that is no more?
 - j. Christine requests, as much as possible, for questions to be called in or emailed prior to meetings so she can come prepared with answers.
 - i. Also for other committees/ reps like Finance.

5. Presentation /Discussion – Ben Eaton, Director of Independent Learning Services and Shayla Richards, School Psychologist
 - a. Review of roles in District
 - i. Professional development and support
 - ii. Consultations
 - iii. Assessments
 - b. Website review
 - i. Learning disability / challenge
 - ii. Art therapy
 - iii. Traumatic events
 - c. Q regarding assessment wait lists – ask the school involved
 - d. discussion regarding how staff are trained / professional development so they can get past their own triggers in order to support the kids and not label or make assumptions about students
 - e. discussion regarding focus on trauma-informed practice
 - f. discussion regarding parents utilising own 'extended medical benefits' coverage to pursue testing and assessments at private facilities
 - g. discussion regarding wait lists for assessment and how the district is catching up on those assessments by employing extra staff and private clinicians
 - h. Thank you so much to our presenters! Much appreciated.

6. School Reports
 - a. Winlaw – running 50/50 draw fundraiser, also raffle for \$300 Dig gift certificate and second prize is a load of manure (much DPAC interest in joining)
 - b. LVR – Liz Emeril did a parent education night on Making Sense of Adolescence (Gordon Nuefeld) where 55 parents attended! Also looking at cellphone use / policy.
 - c. Hume – playground grants written, just waiting to hear. Ice Cream Social in May, Junk Sale in June.
 - d. Redfish – Girl's Group lunchtime success, My Tween & Me parent programming, Red Mountain Trip on 5th & 6th March, Talent Show upcoming, plus swimming... Received a \$5,000 grant from RDCK for new slide ☺
 - e. Mount Sentinel – beat Trail boys basketball team, moved to AA. Dig hanging basket fundraiser, grad party at St. Mary's Hall at Selkirk.
 - f. Redfish PAC is sponsoring teachers using a math app called Dreambox which maybe we'd get a
 - g.
 - h. bulk buy deal on if more PACs signed on? Discussed re: other math apps also used like Math Seeds. PACs should see which schools are using it or if more want to.

7. Correspondence – none to note.

8. Discussion Items:
 - a. Nominations for DPAC secretary – no candidates presented
 - b. Redfish K-7 initiative letter of support – without significant opposition from stakeholders, agreed Lorien to write a letter of support (Martha, Cheryl 2nd)
 - c. Parent education ideas
 - a. Cate is going to organize a screening of Resilience at the Civic – DPAC approved budget up to \$500 to facilitate this cost (Esther / Raeanne 2nd)
 - b. Could a list of movies available from the district be sent to the individual PACs for their consideration?

- d. Co-learning – request to Christine to open up District learning/speakers/experts to parents as well?
- e. Playgrounds – could a list of grants be made available from Michele Mungal’s office?
- f. Talking Tables event went well, PAC and DPAC appreciated the invite
- g. BCCPAC AGM is May 4-5, 2018 and we get two reps – Natalia and Esther interested; anyone else?
- h. In March, could

9. Treasurer’s Report – provided by Nikki

- a. Balances of \$5,318.85 in main account; \$1,311.10 in gaming account

10. District Committee Reports

- a. Finance – Tyler reported they are querying where the \$850K for ‘innovation’ is coming from in the budget and what are the metrics for success? Tyler meeting with Christine shortly to discuss.
- b. Education
- c. Policy – please have all PACs ask their principals about the trust fund in budget review – should be reviewed twice yearly.
- d. Healthy Schools – reviewed in District Report
- e. BCPAC – Kendra

11. DPAC Meeting & Presentation Schedule: February 28th, March – none, April 25th, May 23rd, June – none (social only)

- a. Ideas for presentations?
 - i. Judith Fearing, Public Health Nurse focusing on sexual health
 - ii. Liz Amerol on making sense of adolescence
 - iii. Deirdre McLaughlin – body image and media

12. Adjourn – next meeting April 25th, 2018 at 6pm