

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

Thursday January 28, 2010

Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre

Attendance:

Jenny Henri – DPAC President, Mt. Sentinel DPAC Rep

Kendra Mann – DPAC Secretary

Susan Wilson – DPAC Past President WEG DPAC Rep

Tiffany Gorham - Canyon/Lister DPAC Rep

Retha Marsden - DPAC Vice Chair, Erickson DPAC Rep

Katia Dolan – PAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel

Partners:

Larry Brown Director of Operations

Tom Newell, KLTF Co-President

1.) Welcome/Call to Order at 6:05 pm

2.) Approval of Agenda by consensus

3.) Acceptance of December 17 minutes by consensus

**4.) District Report: Larry Brown, update on Student Transportation Review Recommendations
Implementation Plan**

5% of the school district's budget is spent on busing.

50% of students are bused

Financial Reality: the existing budget has been fixed since 2001 at \$2,333,598 M.

Recommendation #1&2

With the recommendations 10% of students will be impacted by longer walks.

Recommendation #3

10% (over 200) of all students registered to rider are being bussed to schools outside their catchment area.

Recommendation #5

Bell times at some schools may be addint to student costs. Some adjustment of bell times may be made to accommodate some cuts.

Recommendation #7

Partnerships with service providers may be possible to help with this.

Goals :

In catchment kids should be on a bus less than 60 min, at school no earlier than 20 min before bell time and picked up no later than 20 min after school. Buses should remain in catchment whenever possible.

5.) Correspondence

- a.) Business arising from Correspondence

6.) Discussion Items

- a.) BCCPAC

- Motion to put seatbelts on school buses it was referred to safety committee. They have asked for someone from the Kootenay Lake DPAC to sit on this committee. Susan Giles will be asked to be on the safety committee and provide updates.
- AGM in April 16,17 &18

Motion that DPAC supports at least 2 parents up to \$2500.00 made by Susan Wilson seconded by Retha Marsden - carried

- b.) DPAC Vision/Mission statement -

- Proposed revised DPAC Vision/ Mission statement will be sent out in parent reminders.
- DPAC Vision:
 - To enhance parental vision for their children in public education.
- DPAC Mission:
 - DPAC is recognized by the school act to be the officially accountable body of PAC representation in SD#8
 - DPAC increases parental opportunity and capacity to support their children with communication and collaboration to: connect PAC's, district administration, BCCPAC, government and community.
 - DPAC functions in a context of leadership, personal contact, parental education, and advocacy to ensure that public education serves the best interest of students.

- c.) Feedback from DAG cuts to PACs

- Have received a some feedback and Jenny will compile them and present them through reminders.

- d.) Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA)

- Tom Newell - some discussion around FSA's and uses. Resolved to contact papers and send in letters that the DPAC is against the ranking of schools. Possibly also that the papers publish factual information about the FSA's and what their uses are intended to be with the Fraser Institutes Ranking.
- There have been no concerns brought forth from PACs within our district

- e.) 15 Passenger Van – have checked into prices of smaller buses for rent in the area. Will put information through the reminders.

7.) Committee Reports

- a.) Treasurer

Regular - \$3847.48

Gaming - \$121.83

Outstanding cheque to BCCPAC for registrations

- b.) DPAC Executive

- c.) Education Feb. 10th meeting
- d.) Finance Feb 2nd meeting
- e.) Policy Feb 1st meeting

Adjournment at 8:25 pm

Meeting Schedule:

March 25, 2010 6:00 pm

April 22, 2010 6:00 pm

May 27, 2010 6:00 pm

June 17, 2010 5:00 pm – Parent Celebration