

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 16, 2011
Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre**

Attendance:

Jenny Henri – DPAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel DPAC Rep
Susan Wilson – DPAC Treasurer
Robin Woodbridge – Trafalgar PAC Chair
Kendra Mann – DPAC Secretary, Rosemont DPAC Rep
Sherri Walsh – Brent Kennedy DPAC Rep
Retha Marsden – Dpac Vice Chair, Erikson
Erin Koorbatoff – Brent Kennedy Elementary

Education Partners:

Jeff Jones - Superintendent
Peter Kozak – CUPE

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 5:54 pm

Thanks to all parents for all your hard working in the district ☺

Extra thanks to Vice-Chair Retha Marsden for her passion and dedication to students in the Kootenay lake School District. All the best with your move to the Okanagan.

2. Approval of Agenda by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes as amended by consensus.

4. District Report - Jeff Jones

- Wildflower principal is Naomi Ross
- District is not laying teachers off due to some teachers transferring. Jeff has attending a number of graduation and retirement parties. Hats off to all.
- Pilot project – math class at JVH being video conferences to Salmo, Crawford Bay and WE Graham.
- Work continues with the family of schools K-12 trajectory. We all work together as a district for all our students.
- CUPE Annual General meeting: Peter Kozak is still our area rep. Rick Corans is President

6. School Reports

- **Rosemont** – Nadine Thompson and Kris Witt designed the garden. It is almost complete with the plants going in today. Family fun night was great - had lots of grade 12 students volunteer. Kids go to Kokanee and Fort Steele.
- **Brent Kennedy** – T-shirts arrived, art starts program, fun day, year end assembly. Dealing with Ground Squirrel issues.

- Mount Sentinel – Grad weekend, 72 grads this year. Silverwood, exams, Grade 6's are coming over next week.
- Erikson – Year end, grade 7 campout, intermediate went down to “Wicked” musical in Spokane. Trips to Fort Steele and a year end assembly.
- **Trafalgar** – Scholastic book fair, dance PAC meeting at the same time. Fine arts night – “rinse the blood off the toga” with Wayne and Shuster. Grade 8's to Spokane for dinner cruise and Silverwood. Grade 6 French Immersion to Penticton, Grade 7 to Glacier National Park, kayak lessons and “Trafalgar has talent.”

7. Correspondence

- Finance and Board package, gaming grant reminders.

8. Discussion Items

- BCCPAC – Early Bird Memberships due by July 1, 2011 you will be entered to win a free fall conference. Membership ends August 31, 2011.
- Trustee Elections Fall 2011.
- PAC Raised Funds – Survey showed more treasurer training is needed as well guidance for use of PAC raised funds. Parent advisory Councils are not just parent fundraising committee. Needs a culture shift to ensure PAC meets the interests of children. PACs should work with principals.
- Family of schools meeting – taking to board meeting on Tuesday to form community engagement committees to discussion the role of parents and engage more people in public education working as partners in public education. Start the meetings in the fall with the goal of achieving more consistency of PACs within Family of Schools. DPAC will assist with family of school meetings and provide parent education to PACs.

9. Committee Reports

- Treasurer’s Report
 - Gaming: \$518.22
 - Regular : \$137.78 – pay for BCCPAC memberships from Gaming.
- Education meeting – Jenny is Rep
- Finance – June 21, 2011
- Policy meeting – just had a mtg. SPC policy is out for testing.
- Healthy Lifestyles – Louise Poole
- Facilities planning – June 17, 2011 – Kendra is DPAC Rep

Parents appointed to committees at Oct. AGM – Suggestion from Retha that DPAC publish annual “Year in Review”

Adjourned 7:40 pm

Meeting Schedule:

September 22, 2011

October 27, AGM