

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 17, 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
Gerry Mackinnon – DESK parent
Glenda Pasutti – Rosemont PAC Chair
Shari Donaldson – Rosemont PAC Treasurer
June Spearman – LVR PAC Treasurer
Robert Eyre – Blewett PAC Chair
Janice Telbulte – Salmo Secondary Parent
Kathie Varney – Mt. Sentinel Parent
Tiffany Gorham - Canyon/Lister DPAC Rep
Retha Marsden - DPAC Vice Chair, Erickson DPAC Rep
Renelle Walker – Canyon PAC chair

Partners:

Lenora Trenamen – Trustee
Pat Dooley – Superintendant
Bill Maslechko – Board Chair
Diane Larcome - Rosemont Principal

- 1.) Welcome/Call to Order at 6:05 pm**
- 2.) Approval of Agenda by consensus**
- 3.) Acceptance of May 27 minutes by consensus**
- 4.) District Report: Pat Dooley**

District Directions –

- 1.) Assessment for Learning
- 2.) Personalizing Learning
- 3.) Inclusion
- 4.) Focused on collaboration with a commitment to action.
 - Budget will be tight. Changes to accounting practices at the district level have seen some cost savings.
 - District Literacy Plan will include CBAL and district staff and will hold meetings in all zones to assess needs.

Bill Maslechko – Budget will come in tight. The Finance Committee has worked very hard to create a balanced budget.

Thank You's and Recognition of outstanding service

- Pat Dooley for 35 years of service.
- Thanks to Elaine Henderson who is retiring for all her dedicated years of service.
- Thanks to Susan Wilson for 15 years with DPAC
- Thanks to Shari Donaldson, Glenda and Larry Pasutti, for all their help with hot lunch and other fundraisers around Rosemont School.
- Jo Buckland for all her hard work with the possible closure of Winlaw Elementary
- Cathy Scott-May for all her hard work on the Trafalgar school grounds plan.
- Jessica Lunn, WE Graham PAC chair for all her help with the possible closure of WE Graham.
- Meadow Creek community for all their support of Jewett Elementary school at the beginning of the school year.
- The four Creston elementary schools, specifically Retha, Tiffany, Renelle and Linda for their work on the "A Night for the Kids" fundraiser for playground equipment in the city park

5.) Correspondence

a.) Business arising from Correspondence

- Steps for students
- Draft pamphlet to help parents resolve complaints was circulated. The final pamphlet will be finalized over the summer and ready for parents in September.

6.) Discussion Items

a.) BCCPAC

- Looking to fill the Treasurer position on the board.
- Constitution and Bylaws still requiring feedback and will hopefully be finalized in the fall.
- Membership forms need to be in by July 26 to be entered for the draw for a free Fall Leadership conference registration.

b.) Student Transportation

- No major bus changes for September. Possible bus changes to West Creston. Memo was sent directly to parents for feedback. Results will be shared by Larry Brown in early July.
- Antenna is broken at ARES and will be fixed before the end of the school year.

c.) Facilities Advisory Committees

- Slocan valley meeting went well. WEG schedule changes include making Fridays a whole school learning day with outdoor, activities and speakers.

- Creston facilities is looking at Creston Ed centre being a community centre with an early education hub.

d.) Draft DPAC Policies Manual

- Draft document was circulated at the meeting. If parents have any comments or questions please contact DPAC. The document will be adopted at the AGM in October.

7.) Committee Reports

a.) Treasurer – travel reimbursements from Spring AGM are yet to arrive. Full Treasurer's report will be presented at the September meeting.

b.) Education – finalized achievement contract and have discussed a balanced school calendar.

c.) Finance – next meeting will be June 29, 2010

d.) Policy – Audrey Mackenzie is our new executive assistant. The board is simplifying the manual and creating Administrative guidelines for topics that don't need to be in policy.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm

Meeting Schedule:

September 23, 6:00 pm

October 28, 6:00 pm – Annual General Meeting