

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 29, 2012  
Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre**

**Attendance:**

***Nelson:***

Jenny Henri, DPAC Chair, Mt. Sentinel rep  
Kendra Mann, DPAC Vice-Chair, Rosemont rep  
Susan Wilson, DPAC Treasurer  
Sheri Walsh, DPAC Secretary  
Robin Woodbridge, LVR  
Ester Zbediak, BK rep

***Creston:***

Elizabeth Tarhan, Erickson rep

**Staff and Education Partners:**

***Nelson:***

Jeff Jones, Superintendent  
Peter Kozak, CUPE  
Lenora Trenaman, Trustee

***Creston:***

Becky Blair, CVTA

***Illuminate:***

Mel Joy, Trustee

***Regrets:***

Barb Lindsay, Trustee

**1) Welcome/Call to Order:** at 6:08 pm

**2) Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved by consensus

**3) Acceptance of February 23 minutes**

February 23 draft minutes approved by consensus.

**4) District Reports**

**a) Jeff Jones, Superintendent**

- We are working to determine best processes in place to support teachers with the activities taking place in our schools
- At the student symposia, students were assured that their voices were heard and will be considered in decisions
- Creston Wildflower student application deadline is March 30, will have enough applications to fill one class of 23; see SD8 website for current information
- 61 applications to date for French immersion; application deadline is March 30
- Developing first phase of district branded websites for all schools

**b) Lenora Trenaman, Trustee**

- Trustees will be attending the AGM of the BCSTA in Vancouver at the end of April. The Kootenay Boundary branch of trustees have submitted several resolutions
- Crawford Bay School is conducting a thought stream around education at Crawford Bay School as a small rural school and how to overcome their unique challenges.

**c) Peter Kozak**

- CUPE members are awaiting the resolution of the BCTF labour dispute

**5) School Reports**

- **Mt. Sentinel:** weekly Nelson Public Library service; Summit Academy students are currently on a 4 day trip in the Enterprise Ck area; extra-curricular volleyball commencing; PAC meeting on Monday; website is out of date.
- **Rosemont:** PAC meeting next week; planning Hula Spring Fun Day; silent auction underway with funds raised to support hospital and a family who lost their home in a fire; bird workshop this week and the kids made birdhouses
- **LVR:** the website is kept up to date and parents receive daily school announcement via email; Lots of activities at LVR – here's a sample – LVR has entered the BC Green Games and are eligible to win several cash prizes to be announced in April; grad talent show April 12 at the Capitol with funds raised going to the grad; painted a mural on the portable; ab ed class spent a day at the summit of the Kootenay Summit; Dr. Joel Kailia, MD, holds a drop-in clinic every Thursday afternoon; 20 girls from Quebec are currently visiting; rugby team won tournament; an LVR student has won a bronze Duke of Edinburgh award; one student has qualified to participate in a national week long youth orchestra camp in Ottawa; grade 9-11 students are applying for an expense-paid (exc airfare) summer leadership camp in Beijing; LVR will be hosting the Regional East and West Kootenays Environmental Justice Conference "Local to Global" on April 28 and 29. Whew!
- **Erickson:** PAC meeting on Wed – there will be more to report after that!
- **BK:** PAC meeting on Wed; Children's Market on Saturday from 10-1

**6) Correspondence**

- Fundraising opportunities to review
- Email correspondence with a couple of parents regarding specific situations

**Business arising from Correspondence**

- Discussion with parents about specific situations

**7) Discussion Items****a) BCCPAC**

- AGM May 26 - a full slate of board members are running or acclaimed
- spring conference May 25 & 27 with many speakers and discussion groups

**Motion: that DPAC support two SD8 parents to attend the BCCPAC AGM and spring conference in Coquitlam for a maximum expenditure of \$2,000**

Moved: Susan Second: Robin Carried

- New website should be online by mid-April; also a Facebook page and twitter accounts for all board members
- Susan has been appointed to the BC Rural Education Partners Council and is the ONLY member who is not from the lower mainland; first meeting is April 20

**b) Family of Schools' meetings**

**Salmo:** great turnout for the Family of Schools' meeting on March 7, ~30 parents; excellent

presentations and discussion; learned a great deal about the aspirations of Salmo area families. The Superintendent thanks DPAC for organizing and supporting these meetings.

**Kaslo & Crawford Bay:** will meet together in Balfour. The Superintendent will determine the date and DPAC will organize the meeting.

**Next step:** Administrators in each family of schools will organize community engagement meetings. A “coffee shop tour” is currently being planned for the Slocan Valley.

### c) BCTF Strike Update

- Many parents are wondering about timing and composition of report cards as well as feasibility and supervision of upcoming field trips, extra-curricular activities, and grad ceremonies – awaiting results of BCTF vote April 16-17; parents should look at all sources of information – see the SD8 and DPAC websites for links
- Teachers have returned to playground supervision, however SD8 administrators who were doing supervision have been encouraged to visit schools this week to honour the relationships they developed with children while supervising
- Jeff, Lorri Fehr and Kim Morris will be attending a meeting about Bill 22 next week

### d) DPAC Parent Survey

- Topics could include priorities for parent education for the fall (CBT funding available), priorities for DPAC to pursue
- Will be online and on paper
- Kendra will develop and coordinate – send her ideas – draft to be presented at the April DPAC meeting
- Prizes to be awarded, maybe 1/Family of Schools?

**Motion: DPAC will supply prizes for the parent survey to a maximum of \$250.**

Moved: Susan                      Second: Ester                      Carried

## 8) Committee Reports

### a) Chair

- Attended Family of Schools meeting
- attended Finance Committee and gave DPAC presentation asking for slight budget increase from SD8 to \$5,000 to further support parent engagement and education; identified student need priorities and requested that parents be consulted regarding strategies and resources to support identified student needs (posted on SD8 website)

### b) Treasurer

Gaming account =	\$ 529.76
<u>Regular account =</u>	<u>\$ 2,428.01</u>
Total	= \$ 2,957.77

- Registration fees for 8 parents to attend the Gordon Neufeld workshop has now been paid; these parents are to make presentations about their workshop learnings to their PACs and DPAC

### c) Education

- hasn't met yet this year; hoping to do so

### d) Finance

- DPAC appreciates that the board set goals and asked for submissions to address these
- Stakeholder budget presentations to the finance committee are on the [SD 8 budget site](#)
- Budget shortfall looming

- 2012-2013 budget to be finalized by end of April so that staffing can be confirmed in May and June

**e) Policy**

- Next meeting Monday, April 30

**f) Healthy Lifestyles**

- Louise Poole distributing lots of healthy lifestyles info, some now posted on DPAC website
- Next meeting, April 18

**g) Facilities Planning**

- Will visit all schools in the Nelson area on May 2 to assess needs; will visit Creston area schools later
- Noted that transportation is now part of the mandate of this committee, however have not discussed transportation issues
- So, DPAC will invite Larry Brown to attend April 26 meeting to discuss transportation

**9) Adjournment:** at 7:42

**DPAC Meeting Schedule**

April 26, 2012	6:00 pm	
May 17, 2012	6:00 pm	
June 21, 2012	5:00 pm	Parent Celebration

**Committee Meeting Schedule**

Finance:	April 17, 1pm
Education:	TBA
Policy:	Monday, April 30, noon
Healthy Lifestyles:	Wednesday, April 18, 4pm
Facilities Planning:	May 2