

Kootenay Lake District Parents Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 26, 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

Sherry Walsh – Brent Kennedy DPAC Rep

Rachel Chirico – French School District, #93

Trish Dehnel – Canadian Parents for French, French Advisory Council Rep

Education Partners:

Jeff Jones - Superintendent

Larry Brown - Transportation

1. **Call to Order at 6:08 pm** – Congratulations to Susan Wilson for becoming BCCPAC Treasurer

2. **Approval of Agenda by Consensus.**

3. **Approval of Minutes as amended by consensus.**

4. District Report

Transportation, Larry Brown

- Notification of Bus Schedule – Schedule will not be published in local newspapers again this year. A notice will go home with report cards in June alerting parents to the website. There will few changes next year. Preregistration will be available on the website and Parents are encouraged to preregister to help with transition.
- Special needs bus in Creston – there is a 24-passenger bus, purchased by the ministry for use of special needs students during school time. It has been in the district for 6 weeks. Through a retirement within the district the Lead Hand position in Creston went from 6 hrs up to 8 hrs. The extra hours are to be used to drive the special needs bus during school hours to get students to therapeutic activities. Other schools can use the bus at a cost. It is cheaper to run than most buses. Special Needs students outside of the area and other people can use the bus for a cost. The bus has wheelchair access and can take any wheelchair.

Jeff Jones, Superintendent

- So much going on within the district to be proud of. Scholarship presentations at LVR, so proud of our students and our staff and community. The Talent Show at Brent Kennedy, drama performance at Mt. Sentinel School.
- Staffing Changes:
 - LVR principal: Tim Hutton
 - Redfish Principal: Jann Schmidt
 - Wildflower Principal: interviews were held, but principal has not been announced yet
 - Community consultation in Winlaw for Winlaw principal.
- French Immersion Update – parents are hugely disappointed with the decision not to have a third Grade 6 Late French Immersion class. Jeff will contact Mr. Burns and make sure that ALL parents know where they stand on the list. Trafalgar School was asked to contact all parents on the list. Establish a group of people with outside perspective and work with people to perform a program review committee – involve FAC – School district will look at second language opportunities and criteria for admission.
- Community engagement meetings – Jeff is developing terms of reference.

6. School Reports

- **Mt. Sentinel** – Beauty and the Beast musical – \$12.00 adult and \$10.00 student/senior at the Capitol Theatre. June 2, 3, 4 at 7:30 pm with a Saturday matinee
- **Rosemont** – Family Fun Night, movie night, Fort Steele trip for 4/5's, Last step of the school garden is planted. Berry Plants and Community Garden planters are finished.
- **Brent Kennedy** – Talent Show, Very supportive of students, western night, playground leadership training, yoyo show, kitchen – looking into finding funding to build a new one.
- **Trafalgar** – Gr. 8's field trip to Spokane, sent out survey with applications, school dance, PAC meeting at the same time, science fair regional winners went on to provincials and won 1st and 3rd. Tree project over 80 trees have now been planted.
- **French School** – 30 children, 3 teachers, 1- ½ time principal, and 1 TA – Really Sweet School.

7. Correspondence

- Invitation to FAC committee – June 17, 2011 10 am

8. Discussion Items

- a. BCCPAC – Early Bird Memberships – Due Aug.30, 2011 – In by July 1, 2011 you will be entered to win a free fall conference.
- b. School Planning Councils – planning day May 30, 2011
- c. Trustee Elections Fall 2011 – pamphlet is being designed by district
- d. PAC Raised Funds – ongoing: will share results so far at June meeting
- e. Family of schools meeting – meetings will begin in Fall 2011 as terms of reference are currently being prepared.
- f. Parent Engagement, decision making – letters have gone out from Trafalgar PAC.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - Receipts and travel subsidies still being determined from BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM.
- b. Education meeting – Was held on Tuesday May 25. Discussed the implications of Supreme Court ruling on Bill 27/28, school calendar options and District Achievement Contract.
- c. Finance meeting – was held on May 10. Preliminary 2011/12 budget was presented.
- d. Policy meeting – June 13, 2011
- e. Healthy Lifestyles - TBA
- f. Facilities planning – June 17, 2011

Adjourned 8:50 pm

Meeting Schedule:

June 16 5:00 pm – Parent Celebration

September 23, 6:00 pm