

Kootenay Lake DPAC Meeting

Thursday May 28, 2009

Nelson School Board Office, video conferencing to Creston Ed. Centre

Present:

S. Wilson – WEG DPAC rep, DPAC Chair
K. Mann – DPAC Secretary
J. Henri – Mt. Sentinel DPAC Rep, DPAC Treasurer
G. Mackinnon – DPAC Vice Chair
S. Donaldson – Rosemont PAC Treasurer
G. Pasutti – Rosemont PAC Chair
C. Heron – LVR PAC Chair

1) Call to order at 7:05 pm

2) Minutes from April 27, 2009 - Approved by consensus

3) Agenda for May 28, 2009 - Approved by consensus

4) Correspondence – see list

5) Discussion Items

a.) Business arising from correspondence

- Central School 100 year anniversary, Saturday May 30, 2009 noon to 4:00 pm

b.) BCCPAC

- Results from the annual general meeting were emailed out. If you didn't receive a copy contact Kendra or Susan and we can forward a copy.
- There's an early bird membership drive, offering a draw for a free Fall Conference Registrations (value \$350) for PACs who submit their membership forms by July 20.

c.) Transportation Services Review

- The eight recommendations from the transportation review, along with all related information, can be found on the school district's web site: www.sd8.bc.ca
- The open houses finish with tonight's in Salmo. Out of Catchment area was a popular question, parents also asked that they be given ample notice before any changes be made.
- DPAC will send a formal letter to the board expressing the collective concerns of parents.

d.) School District Finance Committee

- Spring Break will go from March 8-19 with a potential savings of \$50,000 for the 5 closure days. It was decided not to hold Spring Break later in March for a few reasons: this aligns with Kootenay-Columbia and Cranbrook's Spring Breaks; added

costs to the district for teachers to attend their AGM scheduled during the provincial standard Spring Break; and several provincial tournaments are traditionally held during Spring Break.

- Due to the Government not fully funding the teachers wage and benefits increase, the school district is faced a \$600,000 deficit when beginning the next school year budget process.

e) Parent Celebration

- June 18, 2009 will be the 4th Annual parent celebration. DPAC would like some parent celebration stories with contact information for the person. The evening will be set up as: Dinner at 5:00 pm, regular business meeting at 6:30 pm

MOTION: DPAC spend up to \$635.00 on dinner and gifts for the parent celebration.

J. Henri/K. Mann – Carried

f.) Special Education focus Groups

- The notice was circulated to those present
- The Special Ed review will be going into several communities to discuss the four focus group questions and it's expected this process will take until the Fall to complete.

6) Committee Reports

a) Treasurer report

- \$1714.00 in the regular account
- \$ 635.00 in gaming account

b) Executive report – none this month

Adjournment at 7:45 pm

Meeting Schedule:

June 18, 5:00 pm – Parent Celebration

*September 24, 6:00 pm

*October 22, 6:00 pm – Annual General Meeting

*suggested meeting dates and times for the 2009/10 school year