

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting minutes
Thursday November 25, 2010
Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre

Attendees:

Jenny Henri – Mt. Sentinel DPAC rep, DPAC Chair
Susan Wilson – DPAC Treasurer
Kendra Mann – DPAC Secretary
Retha Marsden – Erickson DPAC rep, DPAC Vice Chair
Robin Woodward – Trafalgar Chair
Sherri Walsh – BK PAC Chair

Staff and Education partners:

Jeff Jones – Superintendent
Peter Kozak – CUPE rep steward

Regrets :

Gerry MacKinnon – LVR DPAC Rep
Lenora Trenaman – Trustee

- **Welcome/Call to Order at 6:10pm**
- **Approval of Agenda by Consensus**
- **Acceptance of October minutes by Consensus**
- **District Report - Superintendent update from board meeting:**
 - Celebrate students and staff in the district
 - Break in at LVR school Saturday night – 21yr old broke in and broke windows and doors and the media lab. Staff was there on Sunday. The invasion wasn't about our students or staff. The districts concern is for the family of the young man.
 - Innovative learning practices working with the board around a new governance model. Trustees will be going into the community for public engagement. This is a 7 yr project to shift culture in the district. New organization in the district with a k-12 spectrum. Having LVR connect with the elementary schools. We need to be in a position to reposition as needed for our students needs.
- **School Reports**
 - **Mt. Sentinel** – New report card format allows for student learning skills to be sharing with parents. Poinsettia order form for the grads is out. PAC may take over Mom's Pantry fundraising (momspantry.ca) Jr. boys volleyball is over.
 - **Trafalgar** – Landscaping project – 90 trees lined up for the spring. Homework club meets a couple of times a week to help struggling students. Parents education sessions during the school dance time on internet security, online research etc.

- **Erickson** – Bobby Boobaloo from Edmonton spent 3 mornings with the students and came up with a school song. “Little red school where the kids are cool” School Christmas concert on Dec. 9 where the students will be officially presenting the song to the parents. Roboticks club at lunch. PAC just purchased a \$400 robot. Kindergym at the school preregister for it. PAC does a turkey lunch for all the kids Dec. 10. School goal is to have all students meeting or exceeding reading requirements.
- **Brent Kennedy** – School Goal is a social responsibility goal. Guiding principles for each classroom and presenting social responsibility goals each week. Had a fall fair. Has set priorities for budget. School T-shirts and started a journalism group and started a newsletter.
- **Rosemont** – Christmas dance, Christmas concert, Christmas movie night, mini orchard is in, more to come in the spring. Brownies and Guides who meet in the school got a grant for more trees. Principal is still on leave. Had a big Destination Imagination meeting next week. Book fair this past week looked like we did well many things were sold out.

- **Correspondence**

- a.) Business arising from Correspondence – FRIENDS parenting workshop Monday November 29th 6:30pm

- **Discussion Items**

- a.) **BCCPAC EGM Report** – George Abbott held a Q&A with DPAC Chairs. Jenny attended that and the Education planner website. Ministry of education is moving towards individualized learning. A very informative group of students from Student Voice spoke about technology and the ethics around technology. The resolutions the table to be voted on were the new revised constitution and bylaws.

- Resolution #1 – Constitution. Some of the discussion included concerns it does not say we “advocate for the child.”

In order to pass we needed 75% of the proxy's present.

126 in favor 69%

57 votes opposed 31%

1 abstained

- Resolution #2 – Bylaws The discussion was surrounding portions of it that still needed some work.

119 in favor 65%

64 opposed 35%

1 abstained

For more information on individual workshops see Kendra or Jenny

- b.) **Student Transportation Flyer** – The updated flyer can be found on the DPAC website. Jeff is sending it to principals and bus drivers and to have it included as part of schools newsletters.

- c.) **Facilities Advisory Committees - update**

Creston and Slocan Valley committee meetings seem to be going well. At the Dec. 7th meeting Slocan valley is going to frame some thoughts and recommendations for the board. Creston

there is some interest from other groups to use the school space. Creston may turn into the Neighborhood of learning.

- d.) **Draft DPAC Policies Manual – NOTICE of MOTION** – DPAC will vote on the manual at the December meeting
- e.) **Christmas Party – December 16, 2010 5pm Nelson 6pm Creston** – light supper followed by our DPAC meeting.
- f.) **School Planning Council Training Session report** – was held Nov. 4, 2010. The power point and session notes will be available on the DPAC web site soon.
- g.) **Library Services Collaboration** – Trafalgar PAC felt the school district should go ahead and enter into collaborative talks with local libraries despite the recent referendum. Jeff will meet with the libraries to ensure library access to all students.
- h.) **"Facebook awareness" and "Sexual Health"** – “A Parents Guide to Facebook” will be posted on the DPAC website. SOLOS is coming in February to Trafalgar to discuss internet safety with students and parents, and there’s a possibility of DPAC hosting a district-wide presentation. More discussion will take place at the December meeting.
- i.) **Trafalgar Project** – We need more community support to show support for the project so that hopefully its passed by the Ministry of Education soon.
- **Committee Reports**
 - a.) Treasurer - still waiting for our annual support from the district. The gaming account supported sending two parents to the BCCPAC Fall Conference.
 - b.) Education – Discussed celebration of learning, personalized learning, and technology.
 - c.) Next Finance Committee meeting Dec. 15, 2010
 - d.) Next Policy Committee meeting Dec. 13, 2010

Adjournment 8:20 pm

Meeting Schedule:

December 16 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Creston - *Christmas Party*

January 27 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Creston

February 24 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Creston