

## **Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday October 22, 2009**

Nelson Board office, video conferencing to Creston Education Centre

#### **Attendance:**

Kendra Mann, DPAC Secretary

Jenny Henri, Acting DPAC Chair

Retha Marsden, Erikson DPAC Rep

Tiffany Gorham, Canyon/Lister DPAC Rep

Mary Devan, Blewett DPAC Rep

#### **1. Welcome/Call to Order 6:38 pm**

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

#### **3. Acceptance of September minutes**

#### **4. District Report – Andy Leathwood – Changing times in Instruction and Assessment.**

#### **5. Correspondence**

- a.) Letters regarding the DAG cuts from Rosemont and Brent Kennedy.

#### **6. Discussion Items**

- a.) BCCPAC Fall Conference November 12-15<sup>th</sup>
- b.) Ruth Sutton presentation – Saturday November 14, 2009 8:30am-noon cost:\$20.00
- c.) DPAC Vision/Mission statement
- d.) DPAC Budget 2009-10 - \$4000.00 from school district \$1250.00 from gaming fund
- e.) Student Transportation Review Recommendations –

1. *It is recommended that the District modify and adhere to the following walk limits (with some discretion for special circumstances):*

*2.5km for Elementary*

*3.0 km for Secondary*

2. *It is recommended that the School District: establish and adhere to walk-to-stop limits of 2.5 km, and*
  - a. *plan routes based on pick up points located approximately 2.5 km apart (with some discretion for special circumstances)*
  - b. *Examples of special circumstances need to be developed and noted in policy/regulations (i.e. illness with a medical certificate, special needs student, road conditions, special traffic situations, etc.)*
3. *It is recommended that the School District discontinue out-of-catchment area bus service with some discretion for special circumstances.*
4. *It is recommended that the District continue the practice of providing transportation assistance for students in remote areas and in situations where transportation assistance is a viable option due to road conditions.*

*New bus routes should only be considered where a sufficient number of students reside beyond walk limits and road conditions are sufficient for safe operation of a school bus.*

*It is recommended that the District consider discontinuing school bus service and instead provide transportation assistance in remote areas where there are less than eight students.*

*Extension of an existing bus should only be considered if eight or more students reside beyond walk limits to the nearest bus stop. Road conditions and the impact on the existing run schedule are to be considered before approval is given.*

*The payment of transportation assistance should also be considered before approving any request for route extension.*

5. *It is recommended that the School District explore opportunities to optimize bell times with a view to reducing before school and after school waiting time for bus students, decreasing trip duration, and optimizing service delivery within the service area. It is recommended that the School District complete a supplementary review of bus routes in February 2010 and that the District consider an upgrade of the existing transportation software to provide additional tools for managing and auditing the transportation system.*
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7. *It is recommended that the District explore opportunities to provide secondary student transportation services in the Nelson area through a partnership with the Nelson Transit System, and explore opportunities to provide services to students with special needs in the Creston area through a partnership with BC Transit.*
8. *It is recommended that the School District plan to consolidate the responsibilities of the Transportation Coordinators at such time as one of the Coordinator positions becomes vacant.*

First aid and safety what are the trainings of the nelson transit service.

## **7. Committee Reports**

- a.) Treasurer Regular - \$1356.48  
Gaming - \$136.83
- b.) DPAC Executive
- c.) Education – Organize celebration of learning, some schools presenting their growth plan. Discussing 20<sup>th</sup> century learners and what that means and how principals and teachers can support that.
- d.) Finance
- e.) Healthy Lifestyles
- f.) Policy

## **Adjournment at 8:00pm**

### **Meeting Schedule:**

November 26, 6:00 (7:00 pm Creston) - AGM

December 17, 6:00 (7:00 pm Creston) - Christmas Party

January 28, 2010 6:00 (7:00 pm Creston)