

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday April 23, 2009**

**Attendance:**

S. Wilson, DPAC Chair  
G. MacKinnon, DPAC Vice Chair  
K. Mann, DPAC Secretary  
T. Gorham, DPAC rep, Canyon/Lister

**Education Partners:**

Kevin Hergott, CUPE  
Pat Dooley, Superintendent  
Lenora Trenaman, Trustee

Quorum was not present, so K. Mann took notes of discussions.

The Student Transportation Services Review report was presented to the board at the April 21 meeting in Creston. There are eight recommendations:

- Recommendation #1

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

- 2.5 km for Elementary
- 3.0 km for Secondary

- Recommendation #2

It is recommended that the School District: establish and adhere to walk-to-stop limits of 2.5 km, and plan routes based on pick up points located approximately 2.5 km apart (with some discretion for special circumstances)

- Recommendation #3

It is recommended that the School District discontinue out-of-catchment area bus service with some discretion for special circumstances.

- Recommendation #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.

- Recommendation #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. These improvements can be explored and implemented over time.

- Recommendation #6

It is recommended that the School District should continue to pursue additional efficiencies after implementation of initial changes.

- Recommendation #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.

- Recommendation #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.

The Board voted at their April 21 meeting to accept all eight recommendations, in principle and instructed staff to begin a public consultation process to gather feedback from students, parents and the general public.

**District Discussion:** Guest Speaker Pat Dooley

Pat Dooley shared with us the information page and some statistics from the District Coffee Houses. She also answered some questions around the proposed school calendar for next year.

**Meeting Schedule:**

May 18, 6:00 pm

June 18, 5:00 pm – Parent Celebration

\*September 24, 6:00 pm

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

\*Suggested meeting dates for the 2009/2010 school year