

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday October 14th, 2021

6:30pm-8:00pm

Video conferencing via Zoom

MINUTES

1) Call to Order at 6:53 pm PST *Continuation after DPAC AGM*

We acknowledge, respect, and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.

2) Welcome and Introductions

Natalia Nazaroff, DPAC Chair, parent for MSS, DPAC rep for DESK/Elev8; Colleen Bayly - Rep for Wildflower Creston; Kristyn McIntosh, LVR PAC Rep; Kristi Wray, DPAC co-Vice Chair/DPAC rep for ARES; Sheri Walsh, Trustee - Nelson/Bealby Point; Susan Chew, Trustee - Salmo/Taghum/Blewett; Taryn Stokes, parent at CBESS/DPAC Incoming Secretary; Crystal Stankevich -DPAC rep for CVSS and ARES parent; Kendra Mann - DESK Pac Chair/DPAC co-Vice Chair; Michelle Sylvest, DPAC Treasurer/Hume PAC Chair; Naama Avramzon, WEG; Breanne Boehmer DPAC Secretary/DPAC rep for CLESSI; Skye-Lea Farr, Hume school DPAC rep; Aviary Meyer-MSSS Rep; Lorien Quattrocchi- DPAC past-Chair/Hume School; Deanna Holitzki - Director of Instruction-Inclusive Education; Gail Higginbottom - District Principal Aboriginal Education; Jann Schmidt - District Principal International Education; Rob Simpson - District Principal of Information Management & Analytics; Alexandra; Brandy Kormany - Trafalgar, Corinne Grubba - BK PAC; Eden DuPont; Erin Flanagan - parent from Erickson; Garrett Garbula - CBESS DPAC Rep; Jessie Speirs - Kaslo Homelinks; Jude & Ripley; Luke Crawford; Nicole Brown - Kaslo HL; Sarah Keenan - Kaslo HL; Nicole Rhynold - JVH

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motion to add Homelinks in Discussion F

Motion to adopt revised agenda: Lorien Quattrocchi

Second: Sky-lea Farr

Opposed: nil

Motion carried

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned: Lorien Quattrocchi

Second: Kendra Mann

Opposed: nil

Motion carried

5) Superintendent's Reported by Deanna Holitski

- report found on district website; it focuses on positive things going around with district
 - o outdoor activities
 - o September 30 was reconciliation day
 - o October is LGBTQ2S+ History Month

- Spotlight of different people on the website
 - Oct 20 International Pronoun day
 - Oct 10 World Mental Health Day
- Guests:
- Gail Higginbottom: District Aboriginal Education Principal
- Jann Schmidt: District International Education Principal
- Rob Simpson: District Information and Analytics Principal
- 6) Treasurer's Report
Will have budget ready for next DPAC meeting
- 7) Correspondence
None to report
- 8) Discussion Items
- a. Susan Wilson's Advocacy Seminars to run advocacy training in end of October need to choose the date
 - Monday or Wednesday Evenings
 - Currently have 5 or 6 advocates from last school years training session
 - b. Collection of the list of all PAC chairs for this school year for BCCPAC registration and PAC chair meetings
 - Natalia currently has 7 out of 23 responses from PACS
 - Encouraged all parents to inform their school PACS to email DPAC with current executive names

Natalia Nazaroff motioned to extend meeting by 30 min

Second: Breanne Boehmer

Opposed: nil

Motion carried

- c. BCCPAC meeting with PHO and Ministry for DPAC's recording now available
- d. Online parent forum about new Distributed Learning platform in BC. If anyone has any questions or concerns let me know.
 - Kendra and Natalia invited to forum with ministry about need in the Distributed Learning program
 - End of October all DL parents including Homelinks and DESK are invited and will need to register to attend
- e. Parent concerns about loss of EA's and youth workers at the end of this September
 - EA movement is typical in the Fall
 - o Based on projected and actual student body numbers
 - Posted PR position- no answer as to why it is posted as a new position, question will need to be redirected to Superintendent
- f. Kaslo Homelinks
 - PAC new to DPAC and BCCPAC
 - trouble with funding due to budget cuts

- g. MERV filters and school air filtration
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - Deanna- talk to Chris Kerr
 - District buildings have 100% exchange

- 9) School Reports
 - Tabled for next meeting

If you have any concerns, please email DPAC to add to the Discussion Items for next meeting

- 10) Adjourned 8:46 PST