

**Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday September 29, 2017**  
**Nelson School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd., Nelson**  
**Videoconferencing to Creston Education Centre, Creston**

1. Welcome/Call to Order at 6:05pm

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.

**Attendance:** Debbie Sabourin (NDTA), Nikki Merritt (Winlaw), Kendra Mann (Rosemont & LVR), Natalia Nazaroff (BK & DESK), Patricia Routien (Hume), Lorien Quathrocchi (Hume), Esher Zdebiak (Mt. Sentinel), Martha Wilson (LVR), Raenne Gow (Redfish), Sharon Nazaroff (trustee), Rena Vandenbos (Mt. Sentinel), Sharon Bloodworth (CL/PCSS), Kelly Lee Fitchett (PCSS), Jeff Jones (Superintendent emeritus), Christine Perkins (Superintendent), Sheri Walsh (Dpac Chair emeritus)

**Regrets:** Doug Kunzelman (CVTA), Lori Thompson (Winlaw)

**2. Adoption of Agenda** - Approved by consensus

**3. Approval of May 25, 2017 Minutes** - Approved by consensus

**4. District Reports**

a. Christine introduced herself and clarified that did not move to Canada as a Dancer as the Nelson Star article said. She arrived in the summer and the transition is going well.

-She is really supportive of the new curriculum and very excited for teachers.

- She believes in technology

- She believes in indigenizing eh curriculum K-12

- New District Principal of Aboriginal

- She wants to work on transitions – Birth to kindergarten especially

- She believes in read by 3

- She believes in dual credit programs at colleges and wants to set up more dual credit to hopefully help the graduation rate. She has already met with the college of the Rockies to continue with the current dual credit program and the possibility of adding some different ones.

-She attended the Nelson Pride Day, She has found the district very positive so far.

- Teacher and CUPE professional development day – Wade Davis came in as a speaker in the morning, he was very engaging. They had Jan Unwin from the ministry of advanced education for the teachers in the afternoon.

- Over the summer the districted filed a bunch of jobs – the district has 52 brand new people in positions. There are still a few job postings out there, if you are interested apply online at [makeafuture.ca](http://makeafuture.ca).

- CUPE has a few shortages, EA's, Clerical, Bus Drivers and Custodians.

- Met with all the principals in September, they discussed the safety list that all principals are working on currently. They also spoke about any new policy pieces that came from the board meetings.
- We have a principal who is on the SOGI committee from our district and is attending the SOGI conference on October 4, 2017.
- Infants ACT – will be going out to all parents in schools soon – This is on the immunizations and tests going forward.
- Two upcoming Family of schools meetings coming up
  - Nelson Family of Schools – October 16, 2017 6-8pm at Blewett Elementary
  - Crescent Valley Family of Schools – October 30, 2017 6-8pm at Winlaw Elementary
- Class Size – language changing in the contract district will be in compliance by Friday September 29, 2017.
- Composition - Quite a few classes in the district that are over in identified students. They are working to try to be in compliance.
- Creston Ed Center – There is another meeting coming up for it – When the CEC closes they will have facilities for video conferencing.
- Lack of options @LVR – Christine has asked to give her time and see what options are out there.

Should you have anything to speak to Christine you can contact her at [Christine.perkins@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.perkins@sd8.bc.ca)

## 5. School Reports

**a. Redfish** – 101 students enrolled – an extra class has been created. They have 3 days of after school programming. Family Fun night is coming out Oct. 19.

**b. LVR – 800 Students enrolled** – they have had 1 PAC meeting, Parents want to know how they can have a voice and participate in the school growth plan. They started the shop and share fundraiser. David Hatfield is coming to Trafalgar and may do a parent evening the week of Oct 16 on parent's rite of passage.

**c. Mt. Sentinel** – 305 students grade 7 to 12, they have a few new teachers Kids are excited to be part of the new academy that starts next term.

**d. Hume** – 188 students enrolled, they added a division so they have 9 classes now. Final stage of picking playground options and various event coming up. They had a Moana movie night and this Friday is Orange Shirt day in acknowledgement of residential schools.

**e. BK** – Down in registration from last years, however they have 44 kindergarten students. Aquavan made a visit this past week and they have a new well and are enjoying the fresh water.

**f. Rosemont** – 130 students this year enrolled. They have 2 new teachers that seem to be very nice and a nice fit for the school. The class size is good and they have only had to make 2 split classes. They have a large grade 5 group however feel it's important to keep them together for grade 5. Just recently had their open house that seemed to be well attended.

**g. Winlaw** – 95 students enrolled approximately, everyone is happy and they are trying to raise money for an outdoor classroom this year. They also want to have some new playground equipment at some point. The breakfast program is happening at the school in the mornings.

**h. Canyon Lister** – 125 students enrolled at the start. They are having teachers do the orange shirt day to start the conversation and hoping to expand it to students next year. They had a corn roast and open house.

i. **PCSS** – 485 students enrolled – hired 5 or 6 new teachers, PAC bought a super nova and the children are really loving it. The Aquavan came to the school last week and they are looking into starting a salad bar at the school.

## **7. Correspondence** – None to report

## **8. Discussion Items**

a. **Parent Advocacy support Contract with Susan Wilson** – the new budget will not be prepared until the DPAC executive is put in place in October. At that time a new contract for Susan may be discussed.

b. **2017- 2018 – DPAC executive and district committee rep recruitment** – The AGM is coming up in October, all positions are available however Chair is currently vacant and the Secretary and possibly Treasurer may not be able to continue in their positions. DPAC also needs committee Reps.

c. **Student Learning fund allocations.** Breakdown is attached, the district decided to give it to the schools to allocate with their PAC at \$50.00 per student.

d. **Nelson Class Sizes** – This was discussed and addressed during the District Report.

e. **Parent Education Topics** – Susan Wilson, District Principal for Aboriginal education, Secretary Treasurer, and each of the directors. Hoping for the District Principal of Aboriginal education to come in October to the meeting. Dr. Clair Vansten was also recommended. Parents also requested a showing of Missrepresentation. Tina Rubic has offered to facilitate. Both videos are located with the curriculum for it at the board office.

f. **Lead in Drinking Water** – SD8 was third highest in the province according to the recent article in the Vancouver Sun. All schools were tested in the district, even though the ministry only needed 50% tested. 7 places in the district in the district needed try flushing of the lines. WE Graham is the highest and they are working on several ways to rectify it. Currently they are still using bottled water for drinking. All sites will be tested biannually and will go on a 2 year cycle.

g. **Upcoming DPAC summit (November 24 – 25<sup>th</sup>)** - It is being held in Richmond at the Richmond Gateway hotel. The new Executive will decide who attends from the DPAC.

h. **Creston Ed Center** – was discussed during the District report.

## **9. Treasurer's report** –

Regular account \$570.56

Gaming Account \$173.60

## **10. District Committee Reports**

a. **Finance** – nothing to report

b. **Education** - – nothing to report

c. **Policy** – 2 policies are going out for field testing they are on anti-idling and updating the policy on physical restraint and seclusion.

d. **Healthy Schools** - – nothing to report

## **11. Dpac Meeting** –

Wednesday October 25, 2017 – 6pm - AGM