

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:00pm-8:00pm

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:01PM

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/Vice Chair MSS/Elev8 DPAC Rep; Kendra Mann - DPAC co-Vice Chair/ELEV8 PAC Chair; Kristi Wray - DPAC co-Vice Chair/ARES DPAC Rep; Michelle Sylvest - DPAC Treasurer/Hume PAC Chair; Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS parent; Lorien Quattrocchi - DPAC past-Chair/Hume School; Avairy Meyer - MSSS DPAC Rep; Brandy Kormany - Trafalgar; Caroline Cassar - DPAC rep Salmo Secondary; Colleen Bayly - Wildflower Creston DPAC rep; Eden Dupont; Jane DiGiacomo - Wildflower Nelson PAC; Kate Madden - CLES; Kristyn McIntosh - LVR PAC Rep; Kris Smith; Marya Folinsbee - DPAC Rep for SD8 Anti-Racism Advisory Council; Naama Avramzon - WEG; Nicole Rhynold - DPAC Rep JVH; Robert - Creston HL; Deana Postnikoff - MSSS PAC treasurer; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Chandra Singh - SD8 Director of HR; Theresa Montpellier - SD8 Manager of HR; Frances Maika - SD8 Public Engagement Manager; Laura House - BC CUPE Organizer Public Childcare Campaign; Lenora Trenamen - Board Chair/Trustee North/East Shores; Sharon Nararoff - Vice Chair Slocan Valley/Bonnington; Bill Maslechko - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point

3) Adoption of Agenda

Added items - discussion on January return to school (item g)

Motioned - Natalia Nazaroff; Seconded - Lorien Quattrocchi; Opposed- nil

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Colleen Bayly; Seconded - Nicole Rhynold; Opposed- nil

5) Superintendent's Report

- Two reports website (Dec&Jan)
- Great stuff at schools, anti-racism policy development, kindergarten registration by end of March, french immersion registration is also happening right now
- Lots of COVID stuff going on - potential signal indicator and proof of vaccination status
 - Potential signal indicator - Is based on attendance in classes or schools. SD8 will share data with Interior health (IH) and IH will follow up. Less than 75% attendance in

classes/schools will be communicated with families through the principals. It doesn't mean there is covid just that there is lower attendance. If IH determines that the school is highly active in terms of COVID they would provide direction to the school district.

- Proof of Vaccination announcement - After March 11 if not disclosed or not vaccinated will have to agree to regular tests or a special leave. It is an administrative procedure that does not apply to students or volunteers.

SD8 Guests Chandra Singh, Director of HR & Theresa Montpellier, Manager of HR

- Shared vision, mission for HR department, department functions, team values and team members.

BC CUPE Public Childcare Campaign/Seamless Day - Laura House

- Attending today in two capacities - a mom of two students at Winlaw and she is a CUPE member organizer in the role of public childcare.
- Childcare is a patch-work system and in general is a for-profit system in BC.
- Winlaw is now piloting a seamless day. It is on-site childcare at the schools and the employees are actually SD8 employees. This (seamless day through the SD) answers a lot of the questions around obstacles like location.
- SD8 does not have funding currently to extend this to all locations - it needs more government funding.
- Access this site to find out more information and email your trustee to support this initiative: https://www.cupe.bc.ca/public_childcare_now

6) Treasurer's Report

DPAC Financial Report FYE 2021-22			
OPERATING STATEMENT			
GENERAL ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance	9,459.53		
Total Revenue	4,900.00		SD8 Board Grant
Total Expenses	1,355.00		
Closing Balance	7,804.53		
GAMING ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance	2046.03		
Total Expenses	1,355.00		
Total Revenue			<i>gaming grant expected to be received</i>
Closing Balance	691.03		
TOTAL CASH (31-Dec-2021)	11,505.56		
	General Account	Gaming Account	Notes
EXPENSES			
Bank Fees	5.00	5.00	
BCCPAC Memberships	1,650.00	150.00	DPAC membership & 22 PACs
Parent Education		1,200.00	Advocacy training, PAC 101
	1,655.00	1,355.00	
Prepared for DPAC Meeting January 20, 2022			

7) Correspondence

None to report.

8) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC nomination, awards & resolution deadline is approaching, February 28

- Kendra Mann was on BCCPAC for many years, Susan Wilson prior to that & Michelle Silvest now for one year
- DPAC is asked to nominate Kristy Wray for the BCCPAC. There is an application & expression of interest which will be sent out to all DPAC members for review at the February 17 meeting.
- Kristy is willing to answer any questions we may have
- This will be a vote because the DPAC is the BCCPAC member not the executive and the PAC members of the DPAC

b) BCCPAC registrations are complete

c) BCCPAC training Feb 10, 7PM PST, Understanding Parent Stakeholders in Public Education

- <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/webinar-220210>
- Need to register ahead of time so cannot be done last minute

d) SD8 antiracism council/DPAC rep

- DPAC rep is Marya Folinsbee.
- Members of council include SD8 reps, partners, community
- Goal of the council is to help shape/craft the anti-racism policy (provide advice to the governance & policy committee)
- There is a survey out to get feedback on the direction.
- Is being facilitated by an outside representative from UVic

e) Anti Racism toolkit Monday night Jan 31 @ 18:30PST

f) Next Op&Finance mtg is February 15

- It is an open/public meeting but only the two DPAC reps have a voice during the meeting unless you speak during the time allotted for comments for the public.

g) Added discussion about back to school

- Elementary school parents - feel that schools are doing what they can but parents are filling in the gaps when the schools cannot disclose,
- Middle school parents - no change with masks and cohort as it was already being done, it has felt relatively smooth, a field trip was being organized but was changed to include all students regardless of vaccination status
- Secondary parents - there is some stress about missed content but the teachers are managing it very well

- DPAC heard from a principal that the teachers/principals have had strong leadership from the superintendent and that is why there are no issues

9) School Reports

ARES - lunch programs happening, drama program has been paused, new playground \$165k funding, winter activities, staffing changes

Winlaw - first ski days at Red, hot lunch

MSSS - also going to Red

Creston HL - have returned from a ski trip

Hume - hot lunch is going well (did not have it last year), have a coordinator for the outdoor classroom, grade 5 ski trip is going ahead

DESK - did not have quorum at last meeting

TF - bumped Jan meeting to Feb, still have mixed groups for some options but have separate entrances, Whitewater ski days

CB - ski days, new principal, covid is now here

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

10) Adjourned at 8:01 pm PST, next meeting February 17, 2022