

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12 , 2013

Nelson Board office, GoToMeeting

Attendance:

Parents:

Kendra Mann, DPAC Chair, Rosemont, Trafalgar

Ester Zdebiak, DPAC Treasurer, Mt. Sentinel

Nicole Rhynold, DPAC Secretary, J.V. Humphries

Jenny Henri, DPAC Past Chair, Mt. Sentinel

Susan Wilson, DPAC Co-Treasurer, Mt Sentinel

Fern Sabo, Wildflower

Staff and Education Partners:

Nelson:

Jeff Jones, Superintendent SD8

Becky Blair, President of Creston Valley Teachers Association

Paul Boscarior, President of Nelson District Teachers' Association

1) Welcome/Call to Order: at 6:00 pm

2) Approval of Agenda – Approval by consensus

3) Approval of November 28, 2013 minutes – Table until January 23, 2014

4) District Report

There was a SD8 Board of Education Trustees Board Meeting and there is a newly elected Chair Rebecca Huscroft, Creston and newly elected Vice Chair Dawn Lang, Kaslo

The array of projects being completed under Innovative Practice Projects include subjects such as Student Writing Project, Aboriginal Culture, Attachment (Neufeld) Theory, Cross-Innovation In Student Fitness, Innovations in Science, Appreciative Inquiry in School Culture, Student Coaching Relationships to develop Math skills and vocabulary, Self-Regulation, Technology for Differentiation, Learning Partner Group in a Multi-Age Environment, Children In Care:A Collective Approach, Community Collaboration: Creating An Opera, Water:Micro to Macro, Zones of

Regulation Across the Cultures, Creating Online Learning Opportunities, Technology To Support Writing, Physical Fitness:A Community Outreach, Arts Starts Collaborations, Engagment In Math Across the Grade, Cariboo Tracking Project, Elementary/Secondary Transition, Collaborative Planning for Grade 8 English. Using Student Generated Materials, Music Composition, Beyond the Web, Student Engagement Through Technology, Student Ownership of the Student Code of Conduct, Critical Thinking Through the Science Fair Project. A complete list of subjects will be posted online for all to read. Speaks to how multi-faceted our teachers are and they actually take the time to do the research and the work needed to teach the students what they need to learn in a way that will best serve them.

Through UBC we have received a grant to Crawford Bay to look at the Rural School environment in connection with UBC.

We received a CBTF Grant Application for one school to develop a school broadcast throughout the school and online. And another application was for An Aboriginal Carving Project – JVH?.

Board of Ed decided to submit a Savings Plan and hopefully before the Christmas Break they will be able to announce the threat of strike is off.

Jeff has been able to go into a number of schools to do Principal Evaluations. Has collected information from teachers and other professionals throughout the schools as well as parental input. It has been an enjoyable experience.

5) School Reports

JV Humphries – Christmas concert , Ugly Sweater Day has come and gone, Movember is over,

Wildflower – This year PAC feels good and there are new parents joining. School has great teachers. They are working with incorporating technology into the classroom for use by children with learning struggles. There is a lot of parent involvement in the school but they are hoping to improve the sense of community within the school through PAC.

Mount Sentinel – Purdy’s and Poinsettia Fundraiser is going well, TV Project is very exciting and they have also ordered a 3D printer.

Mount Sentinel tragically lost two students last week in a car accident.

Erikson – Teachers are still bargaining at a Provincial level and until that has been done there is no point in local bargaining to take place.

Rosemont – Having a Crafternoon and 2 Christmas concerts, Poinsettia fundraiser.

Trafalgar – Ski trip, the whole school is going to The Hobbit.

BCCPAC –President and 2nd Vice went to BCSTA Trustee Academy which was all about collaboration and how parents can work with their school board. They are trying to initiate a “what are we doing on your behalf” newsletter. Planning for Spring Conference has begun. There may be a change in the way the resolution process is done but are debating whether it’s too late this year.

6) Correspondence and related business

7) Discussion Items

Playground discussion – tabled until sufficient feedback is received

Letters to the government regarding funding – do we want to write a letter to the government regarding funding the CUPE lift . A letter was sent jointly from

BB – The suggestion on the letter they wrote is that they jointly send a letter from the unions CUPE.

Student Voice At the Board Table – Our board has shown a strong interest in this and is now examining processes that would help choose whom would be the voice.

Bus Passes – Larry Brown sent a report via email announcing as of this week distribution of all bus passes should be caught up. Slightly over 100 passes went out a few days ago. Some applications did go missing so if anyone has not received their pass by the end of the week they should call Larry Brown directly.

8) Committee Reports

b) Treasurer

current accounts: Gaming \$56.21

Regular \$2960.19

Total: \$3016.40

9) Adjournment: at 7:14 pm

Committee meeting schedule (Date, locale)

Healthy Lifestyles:

Education:

Facilities Planning:

Finance:

Policy:

Board of Education: