

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Nelson Board office, Teleconference Only

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, Mt Sentinel

Lori Swanson, DPAC Member-at-Large, Winlaw

Staff and Education Partners:

Nelson:

Lorri Fehr, District Principal of Innovative Learning, District Rep

Becky Blair, President of Creston Valley Teachers Association

Paul Boscariol, President of Nelson District Teachers' Association

Sheri Welsh, Trustee for Slocan Valley/Bonnington

Peter Kozak, CUPE 748 Area Rep

Ron Truman, Principal of Winlaw Elementary

1) Welcome/Call to Order: at 6:09 pm

2) Approval of Agenda – Adding Homelinks as c)

Approval by consensus

3) Approval of February 27 minutes – Approval by consensus

4) KLTF – Paul Boscariol – Job Action Update

BCTF has entered into Stage 1 Job Action, has not been taken lightly. They have been without a contract since the end of June. In March BCTF put out a strike vote, 89% were in favour. Goal of BCTF is to establish a fair settlement, improvement in learning and working conditions which translates into smaller class sizes and an increase in specialized teachers. The Admin component of the teachers duties is restricted.

5) District Report – Lorri Fehr Long-term impact of the Job Action – There have been several training and problem solving sessions that have had to be cancelled due to the strike actions.

(Paul B.) School Planning Day will be impacted, possibly abbreviated. Stage 1 will continue as long as there is dialogue at the bargaining table.

6) School Reports

Winlaw –Spring Fling and the Talent show is coming up.

JV Humphries – Interviews for Vice-principal will commence soon. Parents’ Night Out with Andy Leathwood and a Representative for Destination Imagination is also coming to speak to parents about running the program next year.

Mount Sentinel – WildcatTV is ongoing, kids reporting to the kids. The internet is slow. Spaghetti dinner/Silent Auction raised around \$3000. Grad students are planning a First Ever Dry Grad at a Casino Night. DIG Hanging baskets fundraiser is over, they sold 55 baskets. They are holding a barbeque on May 10th at DIG garden center thanks to KAL tire for use if their big barbeque.

Rosemont – They are having an opera. Georama flower basket fundraiser

Trafalgar- They had a meeting with MP Michele Mungall. There will possibly be a petition circulated and hand delivered to the Minister pleading for repairs/replacement for Trafalgar. Plans to send a video tour of the school to Minister as well.

BCCPAC -

7) Correspondence and related business

- KM on behalf of DPAC in conjunction with head of the board, CUPE and TLTF have written an open letter to the Cabinet and it has been sent.

-News from the board regarding the new committee meeting structure.

8) Discussion Items

- a) June 19th will be our Outstanding Parent Celebration. We are planning a barbeque(burgers, hotdogs).
- b) SPC Training – May have to be postponed and may not happen before Susan and Andy have left. Susan and Andy have been discussing a way to help out with this.
- c) Homelinks – did not show
- d) New Meeting Structure – Policy/Governance, Education, Finance/Facilities/Transportation. Meeting time will be at 2:30pm every second Tuesday 2:30-4, break from 4-5, board meeting from 5 -7. Detailed schedule attached.
- e) BCCPAC – Resolutions & Nominations – May 29 & May 30, Steve Cairns is the keynote speaker. 1 evening & 1 Day Conference, AGM will take place over 2 days. We are provincial level voting members. We are also voting for 5 positions on the BCCPAC Board of Director.

9) Committee Reports

- a) DPAC Chair – please see Attached
- b) Treasurer

current accounts:

Gaming	\$56.21
Regular	\$3796.32
Total:	\$3852.53

9) Adjournment: at 8:12 pm

Committee meeting schedule (Date, locale)

Healthy Lifestyles:

Education:

Facilities Planning:

Finance:

Policy:

Board of Education:

Chair Report February 28th until April 24th, 2014

Policy Committee meeting – Worked on a new LGBTQ policy and regulation policy. We discussed a few other policies from priority list A and set some for field testing and for other groups to look and 1 to the board for approval. Discussed use of scented product policy and criminal records check policy.

Letter writing – Met with Cupe rep, KLTF presidents, and the chair and vice Chair of the Board to co-write a letter to the Ministry regarding funding. See Correspondence.

Finance Meeting – Received district achievement goals, thoughtstream survey results and draft 2 of the Budget. Budget information can be found on www.sd8.bc.ca

Board Meeting – March 4 – The board received a certificate of appreciation for supporting the \$20.00 a day child care plan in bc. The Board also passed the school calendar for 2014/2015 it is now sent to the ministry for approval. The Spring break and closure week will be Calendar A allowing for spring break March 16-20 and March 23 to 27 with a return to school and Easter on the 3-5 of April. This is the calendar that matched the surrounding districts. Parents opinions were made known this is not the parents first choice but there were a lot of comments about coinciding with surrounding districts.

Met with Homelinks to discuss worries about the possible move to Canyon Lister school. Consultation process is still under way.

Finance Meeting April 1, 2014 – Ministry 2014 / 2015 funding announcement came out. Draft 3 budget was presented. Second reading was postponed until the April 22nd meeting. Annual facility grant was received, neutral capital program funding was received, specialized equipment grant was received.

Board Meeting – April 1, 2014 – Presentations from Nelson youth outreach and from Crawford Bay school for the full cycle food program. The board set a date of April 29, 2014 at 5 pm at the board office for consideration of second and third reading of the budget. The community round table poverty discussion is postponed until the April 22, 2014 meeting. The recommendations for the homelinks program were presented and board asked for further information that will be presented at the April 22, 2014 meeting.

Policy Meeting April 4, 2014 – Jeff will meet with Lenora to go over 3 lists and amalgamate them. Went over District Computer Network/ internet user agreement and wireless technology in our schools comments from field testing. Reworked policies to present to the board for approval. Looked at temporary superintendent succession policy pro-forma, numbered and sent out for field testing. Scent considerate environment policy pro-forma we looked at other districts policies and came up with possible wording. Discussed policy 110 and 111 being combined and came up with wording. Policy 725 winter conditions were discussed and some thoughts about what would happen in the event of an emergency to notify parents. More work on 725 to come.

Wildflower Pac info session – presented Pac info to the wildflower Pac – If you're interested in having us come present at your Pac meeting we are available.

Trafalgar Community engagement – discussed the facilities plan for sd8 and the current shape of Trafalgar middle school. Michelle Mungall was in attendance and discussed how things are passed at the legislature.

Board Meeting - 2nd reading of budget was read and 3rd reading of budget was adopted. Homelinks was discussed and 2 motions were passed.

- 1- K-9 stay in the current location for 2014 -2015 with a more in depth community consultation as to what to do spring of 2015.
- 2- 10-12 stay in the current location with parents, staff and pcss working towards creating a program for those students to be housed in the building at PCSS.