

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Nelson Board office, GoToMeeting

Attendance:

Parents:

Kendra Mann, DPAC Chair, Rosemont, Trafalgar

Nicole Rhynold, DPAC Secretary, J.V. Humphries

Susan Wilson, Mt Sentinel

Tori Homelinks

Staff and Education Partners:

Nelson:

Jeff Jones, Superintendent of Schools

Paul Boscariol, President of Nelson District Teachers' Association

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

2) Approval of Agenda – Approved by consensus

3) Approval of April 24, 2014 minutes –Quorum not present

4) KLTF – Paul Boscariol – Job Action Update

BCTF has entered into Stage 2 Job Action. A complete withdrawal of services will occur Wed May 28th, with picket lines at the different school locations around SD08. There is parental support as this is a fight for our education system. At this point the BCTF have planned only the 1-day withdrawal. BC Government has announced a 10% reduction in pay during a rotating strike. In addition to the pay decrease, the government has announced a "lock-out" during which teachers are not allowed to supervise during recess/lunch hour and are only allowed to be on the worksite 45 minutes before and 45 minutes after the school day. This will impact students

requiring extra help and end of year field trips. Circumstances could change by the hour.

5) District Report. Jeff is pleased with what he is experiencing when he is in schools. Students are being given great opportunities for learning and teachers have been creative working within the parameters of the strike action. Principals have been asked to be non-confrontational and sensitive to the conflict our teachers are facing. He is aware of difficulties and impracticalities of certain aspects of the lock-out. BCTF is waiting for a ruling by the Labour Relations board on whether or not the lock-out is legal. There have been a lot of questions asked of the district as to what is and isn't happening. Parents are picking up what the teachers have been required to drop. Parents are disagreeing with the decision to go on with the planning day. This can change hourly; our principals need the day in the school for planning.

BCPSEA = British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

We have a new VP at JVH: Victoria McAllister

Job posting went up for position of Principal at Redfish School

Job posting went up for position of Principal at Salmo School

We have a new principal at Price Charles Secondary School, his name is Scott Cobbe, a former employee of the school district.

For Adam Robertson Elementary School in Creston, Ken Weins has been appointed principal.

They are anticipating one more vacancy but it hasn't been made formal yet.

Lori Fehr was appointed Director of Innovative Learning.

SD8 has a delegation going to China this summer. Our Vice-Principal of International Program has built relationships with people around the world. Two summers ago two of our teacher were sent and last summer 3, all expenses paid, went to China to teach English teachers. They were so impressed they are asking for a delegation of 18 people this summer, 4 or 5 teachers, 4 or 5 CUPE members, 2 trustees and 2 senior administrators have been invited. Each participant pays \$500 and all other expenses are covered by the government of China.

6) School Reports

JV Humphries – PAC raised a \$1000 at a May Days Fundraiser Run. Drama is putting on a Comedy Revue, locally catered event. Andy Leathwood came out to Kaslo for a Parents Night Out.

Mount Sentinel – Grads are having a tailgate barbeque at the school lunch hour. Dry grad is coming together quite nicely. Actors from the Capitol Theatre will be there as casino dealers.

Homelinks – They are rehearsing for a production of Robin Hood. South Nelson School is the venue.

Rosemont – They are writing an opera, should be ready sometime at the beginning of June. On the evening of June 6 they will have their Fun Day.

Trafalgar- They are going on a trip to Buffalo Jump, Alberta

7) Correspondence and related business – 12 Voices for Kids is looking for financial support.

8) Discussion Items:

a) Parent Celebration – DPAC decided at the AGM that we would spend money on refreshments for Parent Celebration. A barbeque has been planned.

b) SPC training update and school planning day – SPC Training will not happen this year. School Planning Day will take place, unsure as to whether or not parents will be invited

c) New Board of Education Governance Structure – There will be a board meeting every second Tuesday. Prior to that (2:30 – 4) there will be a committee meeting (Education or Policy/Governance or, Finance/Operations). Next meeting is in Kaslo on Tuesday. Learning Improvement Fund allocation meeting will take place tomorrow at SD8 board office.

d) BCCPAC – Resolutions & Nominations –AGM will be on May 31 and June 1, 3 new Resolutions have been added since the book was published. They are available online.

e) CBEEN – tabled until June

9) Committee Reports

a) DPAC Chair: tabled until June

b) Treasurer: tabled until June

c) Policy/Governance – Did not have quorum to conduct the meeting.

Adjournment: at 8:42 pm

