

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 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 MSSS/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; Brandy Kormany - Trafalgar DPAC Rep; Carolina Almeida - Wildflower Nelson; Colleen Bayly - Wildflower Creston DPAC rep; Corinne Grubbs - BK PAC Vice Chair; Garrett Garbula - CBESS DPAC rep; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Chris Kerr - Director of Operations; Lisa Phillips - Manager of Operations - Transportation; Russell Warwick - Manager of Operations - Health/Safety/Custodial; Lenora Trenamen - Board Chair/Trustee North/East Shores; Sheri Walsh - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point; Sharon Nararoff - Vice Chair Slocan Valley/Bonnington

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Natalia Nazaroff; Seconded - Taryn Stokes; Opposed- nil

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Natalia Nazaroff; Seconded - Kristi Wray; Opposed- nil

5) Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Smillie

- Extension of vaccine disclosure policy to April
- Rapidly changing orders in province and rescinded orders (in regard to COVID)
- MOE will change mask requirements upon return from spring break
- Meeting tomorrow with MOE will provide more information
- Good news with anti-racism advisory council - will develop draft policy to finalize for end of March
- Exciting news from learning team - continuous improvement reports to dig into data - literacy and numeracy
- Recognized pink shirt and Black History month in February
- Should get the test kit Health Canada notice from the schools

SD8 Guests: Operations Team - Chris Kerr, Lisa Phillips, Russell Warwick

- Shared details about department, facilities, maintenance, capital projects
- 115 staff members, 34 bus routes, 2700 students, 1900 field trips each year
- 2 electric buses to arrive this spring
- BK water system has a consultant - preparing some repairs

6) Treasurer's Report - see screen shot for details, gaming grant was received

DPAC Financial Report FYE 2021-22

OPERATING STATEMENT		
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - January 1, 2022	7,804.53	
Total Revenue	0.00	
Total Expenses	5.00	
Closing Balance	7,799.53	
GAMING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance - January 1, 2022	691.03	
Total Expenses	5.00	
Total Revenue	2,500.00	Gaming Grant
Closing Balance	3,186.03	
TOTAL CASH (28-Feb-2022)	10,985.56	

EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	5.00	5.00
	5.00	5.00

Prepared for DPAC Meeting March 10, 2022, reporting period January 1 to February 28, 2022

7) Correspondence

- Question if we will sign the advocacy contract with Susan Wilson for another year. Only school reps can vote on this issue - there is quorum for this meeting.
Motioned to sign another contract for advocacy with Susan Wilson - all in favour
- DPAC website is being updated, looks great! <https://dpacsd8.weebly.com/>

8) District Presentation on Public Engagement

- Shared link from SD8 Website - <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/board/public-engagement>
- Inform/Consult/Involve/Collaborate/Empower
- Will use different phases as needed - public may not always have input but will be engaged

9) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC AGM & Conference

- Motion to send 2 delegates & set aside \$2k to attend in person.
Motioned Natalia; Second Corinne: Opposed- nil
- Resolution package is now available - DPAC will open up resolution meeting for PACs

b) Parent Education - Dyslexia BC

- Motion to spend \$200 to hire Cathy McMillan from Dyslexia BC for training (end of Mar/early April) which could include staff & parents
Motioned Natalia; Second Kendra: Opposed- nil
- Cathy also does a parent advocacy session
Motion to consider hiring her for a parents advocacy session over zoom after the initial session (DPAC cost would be \$5/person) - none opposed

c) Digital Parenting on Social Media

- Wonderful attendance for the March 3 session, good to get insight with many apps that may be unfamiliar
- Next session is on Sexting and Sextortion, last session will be a recap

d) Grad Program Recording

- Now available (February 23 session) - <https://vimeo.com/681540828>

e) 3-Year School Calendar

- Now published on website, can provide feedback until March 25, more info on public engagement site
- <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/board/public-engagement>

10) Committee Reports

Governance & Policy - March 8

- Field testing policies, renamed whistleblower policy
- Some policies went to administrative procedures rather than as a policy

Education Committee - March 8

- Link to meeting agenda - <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/board/committees/education>
- Literacy/numeracy reports (data from assessments, surveys are used), PD April 25, virtual school learning tours and learning plans

11) School Reports

Desk - Natalia - PAC is very small but has done a gardening club for the students, is open to all Elevate students, 10 registrations, will send gardening packages out to the families

MSSS - student presentation tonight on the school as an introduction for parents, Javier talked about the trauma informed lens training

Kristi - KRSS - ARES is going forward with new playground, KRSS is going forward with bouldering wall

Colleen - WF Creston - school is being reconfigured which is devastating, PAC is hosting an open house to see if they can attract some families, reconfig is not based on facilities meeting, will only have one

classroom, enrolment went to 12 students so there would only be one classroom, used to have 44 students last year

Garrett - CBESS - not a lot to report, having a plant sale fundraiser soon, last meeting was some parents concerned about EMF radiation from wi-fi, wondering if other parents have had concerns - one school was able to turn off wi-fi and hardwire computers (Winlaw) and WEG also had a similar solution

Corinne - BK - trainer coming for archery equipment (was on hold with covid)

Hume - Michelle - Hume update we finally returned to winter activities after 2 years! 2 days for each grade, last week and this week. everyone was really enthusiastic. Also from BCCPAC front, I will be hosting a workshop Treasurer 101 (for the non bookkeeper):

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/webinar-220329>

WF Nelson - Carolina - Renovations will begin over March break to support break-out spaces, staff room and accessible bathroom; Will be focusing on fundraising for playground expansion by raffling an e-bike in April; Archery course coming to Kootenays that wildflower will be attending.

Question about projects PACs are doing in general - MSSS is giving out a grad bursary, feeder schools have also contributed to bursaries, outdoor play equipment for winter or summer, more funds towards the school versus events (Like water bottle stations, red cat projectors, replace some of the older gym equipment etc. looking forward to events though) Some staff appreciation as well. Outdoor play equipment. Sort of anything that we can get that teachers also agree would be great. Support fun days, ski trips, equipment, anything that the school cannot pay for, Yes - social equity fund at Hume is a large portion of our budget as well.

Note from Lenora that April DPAC meeting is at the same time as the Board Conference so they may be unable to attend as guests, plus next PD day in April will be virtual and there are some exciting seminars

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

12) Adjourned at 8:05 pm PST, next meeting April 21, 2022