

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 17, 2024**

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

'Acknowledgement that we are meeting on the homelands of the Ktunaxa people'

In Attendance:

Executive: Lies- Mt. Baker (Chair), Chris David- Isabella Dicken (Treasurer)

Regrets: Melissa- Gordon Terrace (Secretary)

DPAC Reps and Parents: Sally- Highlands, Danielle- Steeples, Breanne- RMES, Don- Jaffray, Jamie- Elkford, Pamela- Amy Woodland, Nancy- FSS, Rianne- FJ Mitchell

Regrets: Helina- Isabella Dicken, Milana- Gordon Terrace

Partner Groups and Guests: Viveka- Superintendent, Wendy Turner- Trustee, Shelley Balfour- BCTF Cranbrook, Adrienne- BCTF Fernie

Regrets: None

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (December 2023) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated

Superintendent Report: Viveka Johnson

Highlights include:

- Kindergarten registration open Feb. 1 online or in-school.
- Amended budget is done
- Bussing for a few extra curricular activities was cancelled due to cold weather
- FSS had a pipe burst due to the cold
- Jaffray had a hotwater tank leak
- Elkford had a pipe leak
- Catchments- good dialogue and ready for the proposal to the board Monday- new catchments in place by Feb. 1

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- Weather has been an issue for transportation in the School district. Discussions continue regarding student safety in cold weather
- Water leaks, gas leaks, sewer leaks in schools, thank you to the maintenance department
- No December meeting
- Motion building workshop coming up
- Traffic safety around schools, work is appreciated
- 3rd public forum on catchments has taken place and now decision by Feb. 1. Provincially, there is no requirement for public catchment reviews.
- Budget season, number of meetings coming up. See website for public input times.
- Childhood health experience questionnaire (CHEQ) is done before children start kindy.

BCTF Report: Shelley Balfour & Adrienne

Highlights include:

- It is difficult to find enough TOC's, especially with the cold weather
- Have been actively involved in the catchment meetings
- Preparing union presentation for budget committee day Feb. 26
- Thank you to the SD5, the teachers are feeling well supported for the cold weather.
- Teacher shortage in Fernie is affecting many classrooms, locally and provincially.

Individual PAC discussion:

- **Steeple:** No Dec meeting, it is next week. Pancake breakfast and movie. Caseys Greenhouse fundraiser this spring.
- **Highlands:** No Dec meeting. Fresh to You fundraiser a great success. Trivia night and bingo.
- **Amy Woodland:** Had an executive meeting in December for planning. Doing a possible fundraiser for Deb.
- **RMES:** Doing a Family Book Club and doing the Lemonade War.
- **MBSS:** NTR
- **FSS:** Dec. fun band concert, grade 6's with Isabella Dicken. Rock band did a cover of Green Day. Spirit Week was the first week before Christmas, organized by the school council. Question to Viveka regarding the cell phone policy in schools. Question regarding the decisions about not running school buses when it is too cold. Is it an option for parent's to drive.
- **FJM:** Successful book club. Concert was fun- PAC bought ukuleles. They are doing planning for fundraisers.
- **Jaffray:** Winter outdoor fun day. PAC funded the hot chocolate and cookies.

Business from previous meetings: NTR

New Business:

- NTR

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 pm.

Notetaker: MBSS-Lies

Date: Wednesday January 17, 2024

Next meeting: Wednesday February 21, 2024