

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 13, 2024**

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

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

In Attendance:

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

Regrets: Melissa- Gordon Terrace (Secretary)

DPAC Reps and Parents: Danielle- Steeples, Sally- Highlands, Milana- Gordon Terrace, Rianne- Frank J. Mitchell, Don- Jaffray

Regrets: Pamela- Amy Woodland, Nancy- Fernie Senior Secondary, Breanne- RMES

Partner Groups and Guests: Viveka- Superintendent, Wendy Turner- Trustee

Regrets: Shelley- CDTA

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (February 2024) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated, ntr

Superintendent Report: Viveka Johnson

Highlights include:

- Budget season, 19 schools meeting for projections for next year.
- New "admin procedures" guidelines include AP 133- transportation of students in cold weather- 35 is the cutoff. AP 142- use of generative AI, developing policy and also AP145 regulating cell phone use in classrooms. AP 357 is regarding the opioid response. Naloxone kits are available in all schools.
- Lorelei Phillips is working on licensing for before and after school care. 3 locations are being considered.
- School calendar has been approved and circulated.

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- Budget discussions, always seem to need to spend more on Student Services
- Rafting field trip for FSS has been approved.
- Generative AI policy, sending a draft to all shareholders.
- BC School Trustee Association is coming to Cranbrook April 29 and they will tour Mt. Baker

BCTF Report: NTR

Individual PAC discussion:

- **Steeple:** Casey's flower basket fundraiser. Teacher appreciation lunch scheduled for last day of school catered through Safeway. Movie night next month. PAC purchased a popcorn maker. Talent show organized by Gr 6 students with donations to be given to BC Children's Hospital.
- **Highlands:** PAC Chair and AW PAC Chair got together to present to the budget committee for more EA's in the kindy classrooms. Gr. 6 classes are running the Heart to Heart market and will donate proceeds to a non-profit. Family dance with DJ by Just Music. Pink the Rink winners this year so the Bucks came to play with the kids after school one day. Flower basket and Fresh to You fundraisers taking place. Sweet Gestures as well, fundraising for the Courtyard and end of year school trip. Had a great talent show in the school.
- **MBSS:** New volleyball uniforms purchased by PAC.
- **ID:** Did candygrams for Valentines and every child received one. Movie night was successful with 300 kids attending. Blue Lake fundraising for Grade 6 graduation class. Doing a shirt order fundraiser. Staff appreciation on May 2.
- **Jaffray:** Had a spaghetti hot lunch and are doing a cookie dough fundraiser that has been very successful. Grade 10 trip to be approved. Teacher appreciation scheduled for April.
- **Gordon Terrace:** Revamping the bylaws. PAC is losing steam, need some help from parents. For Kindergarten orientation, PAC will talk to incoming parents about helping. Might have a new executive for the upcoming year.

Business from previous meetings: NTR

New Business:

- Motion put forward to support all SD5 grad classes for dry prom. \$7.50 per student.
 - MOTION Steeples School, SECOND Jaffray PASSED

Meeting adjourned: 7:47 pm.

Notetaker: MBSS-Lies

Date: Wednesday March 13, 2024

Next meeting: Wednesday April 10, 2024