

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday April 10, 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- Isabella Dicken (Treasurer)

**Regrets:** None

**DPAC Reps and Parents:** Danielle- Steeples, Sally- Highlands, Rianne- Frank J. Mitchell, Don- Jaffray, Melissa- Pinewood, Halina- Isabella Dicken

**Regrets:** Pamela- Amy Woodland

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

**Regrets:** None

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated

**Minutes:** (March 2024) Approved as circulated

**Treasurer Report:** Approved as circulated, ntr

**Superintendent Report:** Viveka Johnson

Highlights include:

- FESL – meeting last Friday.
- Budget meetings with the Board tomorrow
- Request from St. Mary’s and KCA to support bussing for the private schools declined.
- Two Principal vacancies being announced at KO and TM Roberts.
- Childcare update- 5 new spaces and looking at funding grants.

**Trustee Report:** Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- Province funding SD5 \$150,000 Family Affordability Fund
- Budget/ Capital Plan passed 3 readings 2024/2025, 2 further readings to go.

## **BCTF Report: Shelley Balfour**

Highlights include:

- Staffing is an ongoing concern, shortage of teachers in area
- Looking for a parent representative to attend Public Education Conference in Vancouver- Danielle would like to attend.

## **Individual PAC discussion:**

- **Steeles:** Popcorn machine to be used by teachers and movie night fundraisers. Earth Rangers visited. 1<sup>st</sup> movie night at the end of April. Spring Break reading minutes program- 10 students completed so they could go to Coles to pick out a book. Spring Market taking place this week as a fundraiser for Olivia.
- **Highlands:** Fresh to You Fundraiser for year end trip to Fairmont, Mother's Day flower baskets for courtyard beautification.
- **MBSS:** NTR
- **ID:** Had fun with the eclipse. Earth Rangers visited the school. Bookfair and bake sale was successful. Early dismissal week coming up. Bike Rodeo being held too .
- **Jaffray:** Fresh to You Fundraiser to send Gr 6's to TO. Flower basket fundraiser for Mother's Day. PAC meeting coming up tomorrow night. Earth Day pancake breakfast. Friday trash pickup.
- **FJM:** Flower basket fundraiser, bookfair taking place, PAC executive figuring out role for teacher's requests for funding
- **Pinewood:** PAC is working on a budget. Sent out a questionnaire/survey on priorities for the school. Grade 5's and 6's are doing their own fundraising – flower baskets and pizza. Approved GAGA pit outdoors. And doing a game drive for gently used games and PAC will supplement.

## **Business from previous meetings:**

- 2 prom committees have responded to donation from DPAC
- 2 delegates going to BCCPAC conference funded by DPAC

## **New Business:**

- Reminder that DPAC pays for BCCPAC fees.
- Letter for support of replacement of Mt Baker has been drafted by Chris.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:42 pm.

**Notetaker:** MBSS-Lies

**Date:** Wednesday April 10, 2024

**Next meeting:** Wednesday May 15, 2024