

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 18, 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, Pamela- Amy Woodland, Kaitlin- KO, Danika- RMES, Kathryn- TM, Halina- ID, Lisa Rogers-AW/Highlands

Regrets: None

Partner Groups and Guests:, Alysha Clark- Trustee, Viveka Johnson- Superintendent, Larry Dureski- CDTA

Regrets: Wendy Turner- Trustee

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: (June 2024) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated

Superintendent Report: Viveka Johnson
Highlights include:

- June 30 was the Amy Woodland fire which displaced 13 classes. Students were kept in their cohorts. Parents were able to request transfers and all requests were met.
 - Highlands – 5
 - Pinewood- 2
 - Laurie -2
 - KO- 1
 - GT- 1
 - TM -1

Steeple- 1

- Licensing process has begun to move after school program to Steeples. Strong Start will be at Steeples as well.
- School Protection Branch will make the decisions regarding rebuilding and if so, what the time frame looks like.
- Committee Day in November is an opportunity for parents to present.
- Working on FESL for the upcoming school year.
- Strategic Plan to be in place for the first time since 2015.
- Were able to replace \$85, 000 worth of band instruments which have arrived.

Questions: None

Trustee Report: Alysha Clark, no time to report

BCTF Report: Larry Dureski

Highlights include:

- Instruments for the School District arrived today. 80% of inventory is new.
- Health & Safety meeting- new laws regarding safe schools access.
- Amy Woodland teachers need resources

Individual PAC discussion:

- **Steeple:** PAC welcome coffee and cookies on the first day. Staff hosted an open house bbq.
- **Mt Baker:** First PAC meeting and AGM to take place on October 1
- **ID:** PAC has been promoting itself and asked teachers to nominate a parent from each classroom to attend meetings. Had a very good turnout for Sept. meeting. Fernie Elementary to be complete Sept. 27. Doing the apple fundraiser. Munch a Lunch will be used to order clothing now too. Bookfair will now be selling all used books. Had 11, 000 books donated, now need to all be sorted.

Discussion regarding Amy Woodland:

- Parents are concerned about the lack of communication from the school district regarding Amy Woodland students being moved to other schools in the SD.
- Parents are encouraged to speak to their Principals and then make a plan from there. Viveka has stated that all information available is posted on the SD 5 website.

Meeting to be continued asynchronously due to Zoom meeting cut short.

Business from previous meetings:

- Reminder for PAC's not to pay their BCCPAC registration as DPAC will do that.
- Call for nominations for the DPAC Executive.
- AGM to take place on October 9th. AGM from 6-6:30, General Meeting 6:30.
- Meeting dates for upcoming year:

Oct. 9	March none
Nov. 13	April 9
Dec. none	May 14
Jan. 15	June 11
Feb. 12	

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm.

Notetaker: MBSS-Lies

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Next meeting: Wednesday Oct. 9, 2024