

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 9, 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 (Vice-Chair), Chris- Isabella Dicken (Treasurer), Lisa Rogers -Laurie Middle School (Chair)

Regrets: None

DPAC Reps and Parents: Danielle- Steeples, Sally- Highlands, Rianne- Frank J. Mitchell, Don- Jaffray, Pamela- member at large, Kaitlin- KO, Danika- RMES, Kathryn- TM, Halina- ID, Nancy- FSS, Don- Jaffray

Regrets: None

Partner Groups and Guests:, Adrienne Demers- FDTA, Viveka Johnson- Superintendent, Larry Dureski- CDTA, Wendy Turner- Trustee

Regrets: None

Agenda: Approved with revisions

Minutes: (Sept 2024) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated

Superintendent Report: Viveka Johnson

Highlights include:

- Has had 8 school visits
- New playground a FJM focusing on neuro-diversity. 26 grants for a total of \$96,000 and a 3 year process.
- FESL- 110 pages. It is on the website
- Nov.7 will be a virtual FESL as well as the strategic plan
- Terry Fox and Parlauff all taking place

- DSAC (District Student Advisory Council) had 50 attendees.
- Mt. Baker Truth & Reconciliation Assembly
- Childcare Learning Center Projects with Lorelei Phillips at Highlands, Jaffray, RMES, Steeples, GT, and consulting about Sparwood with a feasibility study.
- New school for Fernie 2027
- No direction for Amy Woodland yet- waiting on the Ministry and the School Protection Plan for decisions

Questions: Playground questions- will circulate an email with recent information on grants and process.

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

- Reminder of elections November 1/24
- Community Engagement in Grasmere Hall Oct. 26, for possible use of playground site
- Letters provided on strategic elections- reminding candidates of educational needs in SD5
- Passed a motion to write a letter to BCSTA (Trusteed association) thanking them for the advisory letters to Ministry of Education and others regarding education.
- Opening of the FJME new playground.
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BCTF Report: Larry Dureski & Adrienne Demers

Highlights include:

- Instruments for the School District arrived today.
- Health & Safety meeting- new laws regarding safe schools access.
- Amy Woodland teachers need resources.
- Teacher shortage is continuing but the School District and Union have a strong relationship.
- Upcoming election is important for teacher concerns. BCTF website outlines different platforms.
- FST campaign did not have letters go out this year, but all information can be found on the BCTF website.

Individual PAC discussion:

- **Steeple:** Making guidelines for running a fundraiser. 2 parents stepped up to do a movie night. Fresh to You fundraiser was successful. Grade 6 teachers will make the year end trip happen but will be \$7,000. Having a Christmas Market this year. Movie nights, Friday treat days, popcorn & freezie fundraiser with school dress up days.

- **ID:** Increase in parents attending meetings. New fundraiser – chips in time for Halloween. New reps on executive, treasurer and co-chair. Tree planting taking place next to the new addition/swings/ and basketball courts.
- **RMES:** Playground planning underway. Many students with diverse needs and no playground that is accessible for that currently. Volunteers are taking Food Safe so they can participate in the Hot Lunch program.
- **KO:** Halloween party planned. Need and accessible playground.
- **FSS:** Student #'s are up. Good feedback regarding the cell phone policy. New FT teacher from Elkford, would like to set up outdoor program but it will need \$80,000.00 so may need corporate involvement. ID an FSS to join for Terry Fox run. Question regarding new elementary and if it should be K-6 or 7, as the high school is full. An email can be sent to Nick Taylor.
- **Highlands:** Community family dinner night was successful. PAC helped with pizza and games. Gaga pit is being installed. PAC bought Tee's for all new kids to the school. Approved funding from the book fair for \$100 each classroom for new resources.
- **FJM:** Brand new playground is a huge success.
- **Jaffray:** Terry Fox run and big breakfast for the K-10's. On the 17th, there will be a pancake lunch. School dance to take place in the fall for Gr. 7-10. Executive is going to change.
- **Mt. Baker:** NTR
- **TM-** Combination Book Fair, open house, and BBQ took place last week. Also had AGM and have a new secretary. Next month will have movie night. There has been a proposal to host an 8 week parent and family workshop in respect to mental health issues.

Business from previous meetings: NTR

New Business:

- Motion to remove Tara Stare (former Chairperson) as Signatory on DPAC accounts.

Motioned: Highlands

Seconded: RMES

PASSED

- Motion to add Lisa Rogers (new Chairperson) as Signatory on DPAC BMO accounts.

Motioned: Isabella Dicken

Seconded: Fernie Secondary School

PASSED

Meeting adjourned: 7:46pm.

Notetaker: MBSS-Lies

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Next meeting: Wednesday November , 2024