

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
Monthly General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14/2015**

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE: Debbie – Mount Baker Secondary School, Sarah – Pinewood Elementary, Amy – TM Roberts Elementary

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Julie – Gordon Terrace Elementary

REGRETS: Ute – Fernie Secondary, Coralee – Jaffray Jr. Secondary and Elementary, Laurel – Isabella Dicken Elementary, Holly – Rocky Mountain Elementary, Lorelle – Highlands Elementary

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Superintendent – Lynn Hauptman, Trustee – Chris Johns, Rosemary – outgoing DPAC Treasurer/Mt. Baker representative (note taker)

REGRETS: Shelley – Cranbrook & District Teachers Association (CDTA), Trustee Ayling

Call to Order – 7:11 pm

Agenda: Approved as amended

Minutes: Sept meeting minutes approved as circulated

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| Treasurer Report: | Gaming Account | 2550.58 |
| | Regular Account | 8114.17 |

DPAC District Traffic Safety Committee: Next meeting is Mon, Oct 26/2015 at 6:00-7:30 Pm at the Board office and via WebEx conferencing.

Superintendent Report: Please see attached report for more details

Highlights included;

- Barbara Coloroso was a great success with over 260 parents attending the Thursday evening presentation and the entire staff, district wide, attending the Friday Pro-D. Was interesting how many mothers and daughters (with children of their own) who were in attendance.
- The District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) took part in a Leadership Conference at Blue Lake on Oct 1 – 3rd with forty-five students from

across the district brainstorming on such questions as "How can schools best support you in defining, developing and following your passions?" and many other topics

- SD 5 has set a record for French Immersion Enrollment

Trustee Report;

Highlights included;

- The Board will be writing a letter re: Poverty Reduction
- Will be amending the bylaws re: recognition of native territory
- Working on the recognition of the United Nations World Teacher Day on October 5/2016
- Presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services re: budget shortcomings for Education and replacement of schools

Questions regarding;

- DPAC website – this will be on the November agenda to allow for time
- Will DPAC be offering PAC training – The Chair is more than happy to attend any PAC meeting to provide training and/or supply information. All that's required is an invitation.

Business from previous Minutes:

9.1 DPAC draft response letter re; Long form Census form (V-NHS)

- Discussion on the need for the letter due to upcoming Federal Election
- Will re-examine pending Election results

New Business:

10.1 Pinewood PAC letter – Staff Support

- Discussion on the Learning Improvement Fund process and how it Works
- Principal to provide more information at their next PAC meeting

10.2 BCCPAC's DPAC Chair Summit – November 7/2015

- Chair is currently waiting for survey
- Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of a DPAC
- Members felt there is a need for better parent education of what DPAC is and does

10.3 Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement – Request for a designated DPAC/parent rep seat

- Discussion on how this group works and that parents are currently Included.

- This working group currently has 24 seats and the group, themselves, determine who fills those seats.

Correspondence:

- 11.1 Response letter from Dave Bying, Deputy Minister of Education re: Select Standing Committee – DPAC will wait for the next Select Standing Committee recommendations to Budget 2016 before deciding course of action
- 11.2 Sept 22 Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Service news Release re: missing hard drive
 - This is a backup hard drive that is currently missing within the Ministry
 - Ministry is simply following protocol, that if unable to find it, public notice has to be given
- 11.3 Reminder of World Food Day – some schools are collecting food for their Local food banks. Donations are being accepted at participating schools Until Friday, October 16th
- 11.4 Metis Week is November 15 – 22/2015 across Canada
 - Flag raising and Proclamation will be held at 1; 00 pm on Thursday, Nov 19/2015 at the Rotary Park with a Kitchen Party @ 5:00 pm at Parkland Middle School

Next meeting date: Wed, November 18/2015

Adjournment: 8:25 pm

DPAC Meeting Dates

November 18/2015 – late due to Remembrance Day
 December 9/2015 January
 13/2016
 February 10/2015
 March 9/2015
 April 13/2015
 May 11/2015
 June 15/2015 – Year in Review – late due to Board meeting

**** Please note; all meetings are from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, unless otherwise noted****