

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE: Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary (Chair), Sarah - Pinewood Elementary (Vice-Chair), Melinda - Amy Woodland Elementary (Treasurer), Julie - Gordon Terrace Elementary (Secretary)

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Jennifer - Steeples Elementary, Ute - Fernie Secondary, Robin - FJ Mitchell Elementary

REGRETS: Laurel - Isabella Dicken Elementary, Amy - TM Roberts Elementary

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Trina Ayling - Trustee, Chris Johns - Trustee, Jason Tichauer - Director of Instruction/Ab Ed, Shelley Balfour - CDTA President

REGRETS: Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people

Agenda: Approved as amended

Minutes: (April 13th 2016) meeting minutes approved as circulated

Treasurer Report:

1156.17 Gaming Account

9966.59 Regular Account

Superintendent Report: Attached and presented by Jason Tichauer

Highlights included;

- I. Minister of Education Tour - Mt. Baker is not in capital plan/not to be replaced in next five years
- II. Administration changes have been made in various schools in our district
- III. Mt. Baker Robotics team doing very well - currently fundraising to attend the national competition in New Brunswick
- IV. Budget in approval process: \$62.6 Million

Trustee Report: Presented by Trina Ayling

Business from previous Minutes:

- 8.1 “Parent as Career Counsellor” Workshop with Marion Haythorne
Monday, May 16 – Sparwood, Tuesday, May 17 – 6:00 pm @ Mount Baker Library
- 8.2 Renewed Curriculum of BC – Parent information session, June 15/2016
7 – 8 pm @ the Cranbrook Board Office
- I. How do we get the word out to parents? Posters/Ads,_newsletters etc.
Action:_Send to Principals to be added to school Newsletter/classroom emails
- II. What resources/ hand-outs can we make available? Do our Partner groups have any they can share? Will we need to print them?
Action:_Handouts that were given to principals and teachers can be made available to parents. Will be printed at board office. Parent friendly handout was already sent out
- III. Set up, Food & refreshment ideas? Who is available to help with this?
Action:_Sarah (Pinewood) will pick up snacks, Debbie will help with set-up, coffee, tea and water is available at board office
Motion: To spend no more than \$100 on food and refreshments
Moved by: Pinewood **Carried**
- IV. As this is our general meeting night and would like to see it concluded by 6:45pm, do we want to change the start time to 6:00pm from the previous motioned 6:30 pm?
Motion: To change DPAC June meeting to 6pm-6:45pm
Moved By: Amy Woodland **Carried**
- 8.3 Funding of Education in BC – “Budget101” parent info update
- Trustee Johns handed out informational pamphlets
 - BCTF Website has an area for parents - understandable info on issues around education funding
- Action:** The Chair, Trustee Johns and Trustee Ayling will work with this to develop something further. Need for something simple and short e.g. one page.
- Discussion:**
- Physical Literacy - RSA Day – Melinda, Amy Woodland

- Testing revealed low levels
- No PE Teachers in Elementary Schools
- Funding Issue

8.4 BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM

- I. 12 of our 18 registered members exercised their rights to vote at the AGM
- II. Resolution results attached and new BCCPAC Executives are; President – John Bird, SD61 Victoria Second Vice-President – Jen Maze, SD41 Burnaby Secretary – Kendra Mann, SD8 Kootenay Lake Director – Karen Nordquist, SD44 North Vancouver Returning Director – Tracy Wright, SD35 Langley
- III. DPAC Chair meet with Minister of Education was cancelled as the Minister was unable to attend
- IV. BCCPAC would like to remind members that just as you are the PAC by enrolling your child in your school, through membership you are the BCCPAC

8.5 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills and Training (ASIST) and SafeTALK workshop - attached

We can hope for a time when we collectively know enough about how to protect against suicide and promote life that suicide thoughts hardly ever occur and interventions are rarely needed. A more realistic hope, for now, is that effective suicide interventions are available to persons at risk of suicide. Suicide-Safer Communities: Preserve, protect and promote life. It would be ideal if most members of a community attended either ASIST or safeTALK training to learn these suicide intervention and suicide alert skills - we hope and believe that both workshops can contribute to suicide-safer communities. - Canadian Mental Health Kootenays is now able to offer these workshops to communities in the East Kootenay region and may be of interest to parents in the District.

- The ASIST workshop is 2 full days, whereas the safeTALK workshop is just a 1/2 day.
- Both training sessions require a minimum of 8 participants and a maximum of 30 participants in each
- There are a few scenarios to organizing a workshop, one is people self-registering once COTR lists these workshops in the fall in their Continuing

Education program, or a group/organization can come together to book as well – we are pretty flexible

- I. Fee of approximately \$20 per person for a hosted event
- II. Would we be interested in hosting one of these events or would we be interested in waiting and possibly offering to cover fees to attend the fall event at the college?

Discussion:

- The majority of school counsellors have done the ASIST training. AbEd and Youth Care workers will be doing SafeTALK
- Would parents in this area be interested in the SafeTALK training? DPAC could possibly pay for a certain number of parents to go.

Action: Postpone until fall to see what happens with training offered at College

New business:

9.1 Town Hall Meeting re; Gaming Funds and Licensed Events

- PACs must manage Gaming and Grant money “by the letter” including constitutions and bylaws being kept current
- The Chair will find resources online and send out to PACs
- Presenter offered to come back in the Fall and conduct a very specialized PAC presentation

Questions:

FJ Mitchel, Robin: A child was almost hit by a car, walking bike across crosswalk in school zone (Sparwood). Is this something to be brought to the Traffic Safety Committee?

- Principal of school took trustees on tour - it was recommended that a representative attend a City Council meeting to work on getting signage changed.
- The Chair can forward to Traffic Safety Committee if needed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 15th at 6pm-6:45pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:19pm

Julie Botterill, DPAC Secretary
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