

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15th, 2016**

In Attendance

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

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute - Fernie Secondary, Lies - Highlands Elementary

REGRETS: Holly - Rocky Mountain Elementary, Jennifer - Steeples Elementary, Robin - FJ Mitchell Elementary

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent, Trina Ayling - Trustee, Chris Johns – Trustee, Shelley Balfour - CDTA President,

Call to Order: 6:03pm

Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people

Agenda: Approved as amended

Minutes: (May 11th, 2016) meeting minutes approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Gaming Account: \$1122.60
Regular Account: \$9426.62

Superintendent Report: Attached and presented by Lynn Hauptman

Highlights included;

- I. 46 Dogwood scholarships granted to students this year
- II. New Principal at Gordon Terrace Elementary - Michelle Lacobucci. Will be interviews for Vice-Principal at T.M. Roberts Elementary.
- III. Mt. Baker Robotics placed 3rd in Nationals
- IV. Environmental education is growing in this district - some teachers have been recognized

Trustee Report: Attached and presented by Trina Ayling

Highlights included:

- I. \$62,627,273.00 Budget

Questions/Discussion from report: Parent friendly explanation of needs budget to be worked on

Business from previous Minutes:

- 8.1 Information item - "Parent as Career Counsellor" Workshop with Marion Haythorne was found both beneficial and informative by parents in attendance, 4 @ Sparwood and 22 @ Mount Baker
- 8.2 Information Item - Renewed Curriculum of BC – Parent information session - Postponed to October 12/2016, 7 – 8 pm @ the Cranbrook Board office. As this is not available via WebEx it's our hope that with the extended notice it will help enable parents from the Elk Valley to attend.

Discussion: Should we ask MLA Bill Bennett to attend? Putting invitation out to all parents but would like to present info in a way that can easily be duplicated in schools by parent groups.

- 8.3 Loss of therapy support (Occupational Therapy (OT), Physiotherapy (PT) and especially Speech and Language (SLP)) for students transitioning and/or attending Middle School

Discussion: SLP - Middle and High Schools - assessment will be available. Parkland Middle School has been invited to "Sound Connections" - other schools will be as well. PT/OT - continue to look for more support

New business:

- 9.1 DPAC's Year in Review – see attachment
- 9.2 As per our Constitution and Bylaws, first official notice re DPAC's 2016/2017 AGM – see attachment
 - I. DPAC AGM Oct. 12th, 2016. DPAC needs continued parent support to keep moving forward

- 9.3 DPAC Laptop

Discussion: Where should the money to supply, a new laptop come from? Laptop would stay with current DPAC Chair with old and new resources contained within. Need to have a plan regarding how the laptop is handed over to a new DPAC Chair and what happens to it over the summer.

Action: Check out if money for the laptop could come out of the DPAC gaming account

Motion: That no more than \$1000 be used from the DPAC account to cover the cost of a new laptop, warranty and programs

Moved By: Melinda - Amy Woodland

Carried

Motion: To extend DPAC Meeting by 10mins

Moved By: Melinda - Amy Woodland

Carried

9.4 PAC/DPAC New Constitutions and Bylaws

- I. Need to be updated/renewed every 2 years. Fiscal year start and end needs to be outlined. Every PAC/DPAC updates their own

Discussion: Should we have a meeting for PAC executives to help direct them on how to do this?

Action: Put back on the agenda for the fall

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Letters from the Board; here's the link to Minister Bernier's CBC Early Edition interview as per the letters below:

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2684238768>

- I. Letter to Trustees of SD69
- II. Letter to the Minister of Education

Motion: To receive and file

Moved By: Sarah - Pinewood Elementary

Carried

10.2 Information Items as per May's meeting;

- I. Trustee Ailing's notes on the Physical Literacy Lecture
- II. An easy to read, analogical article that explains the "disappearance" of District funding, including administrative savings <http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/columnists/geoff-johnson-clawback-catches-school-district-by-surprise-1.2244734>

Motion: To receive and file

Moved By: Sarah - Pinewood Elementary

Carried

Discussion: Cancellation of busing in some districts

Motion: That DPAC send a letter of support for these districts to the Minister of Education and Premier

Moved By: Lies - Highlands Elementary

Carried

Next Meeting: Wed, Sept 14/2016 @ 7:00 pm
Meeting adjourned: 6:58pm

Julie Botterill, DPAC Secretary
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