

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9th, 2016**

In Attendance

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

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Marie - Laurie Middle, Kim - Fernie Secondary, Jennifer - Isabella Dicken Elementary

REGRETS: Sarah - Pinewood Elementary (Vice-Chair), Ute – Fernie Secondary, John - Highlands Elementary

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

REGRETS: Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent, Chris Johns - Trustee

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (September 14th, 2016) general monthly meeting minutes approved as circulated

AGM Minutes: (October 12th, 2016) meeting minutes approved as amended to reflect that Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary, received a vote of 75% to remain DPAC Chair for 2016/2017 - passed.

Treasurer Report:

Regular Account:	\$8713.08
Gaming Account:	\$2725.83

Superintendent Report: Attached and presented by Jason Tichauer

Highlights included;

- I. 2 Parent nights on revised curriculum - positive feedback in terms of attendance

- II. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Inclusive Education workshop took place. Our district already has policy in place - now working on putting that policy into action in our schools, developing codes of conduct
- III. District received \$10,000 Reader's Digest award as well as \$18,000 from the Minister of Education Training Authority for the skilled trades program

Trustee Report: Presented by Trina Ayling

Highlights included:

- I. \$1 Million Funding to Specialized Education Schools - media release made the front page of the Townsman
- II. DPAC, CDTA reps now officially recognized, via signage, at board meetings :)

Questions/Discussion from report:

- When did the \$1 Million funding come into effect? The policy passed Nov. 5th, 2015 but the funding is new and benefited 9 lower mainland specialized education schools. More information is available online.

Business from previous Minutes:

8.1 Executive Team meeting was held on September 20th

Discussions included;

How are we doing? What can we do better? – DPAC may/is still a non-identity to the average parent and possibly even some PACs.

How best to educate and highlight the mandated role of both PAC & DPAC?

Future of organization – feelings that the Chair position is possibly too intimidating as it currently stands. How best to mitigate work being done to interested members? *Need to get some of this straightened out before the end of the year. Media person for updating DPAC Facebook page?*

Constitution, By-laws, and handbook need to be updated with proposed amendments being presented to members.

Action; *Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary, Melinda - Amy Woodland Elementary, Marie - Laurie Middle, Julie - Gordon Terrace Elementary will attend a special meeting to work on this.*

Items for 2016/2017 school year– Discussion around the need to help parents in advocating for their children – Yes, they can do this, how do they advocate etc.

Discussion; *Melinda - Amy Woodland Elementary has started a group with another parent to discuss how to best advocate for their children with special*

needs. Concern over the “Reference and Regulations” (specialized program for children with Autism) program being put on hold. DPAC Chair will be invited to a meeting.

Draft budget and Draft yearly meeting dates and times – *presented and accepted at the October AGM*

- 8.2 The BCCPAC 2016 DPAC Summit is at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond, BC, November 18th & 19th.

Action; *As no DPAC reps were attending, the invitation was extended to PAC Chairs or alternates.*

- 8.3 **HSBC Bank closer and DPAC bank accounts**

- The Chair has visited and researched alternative banking options as presented

Motion 11-16-8.3: To move DPAC banking to the Bank of Montreal

Moved By: Marie - Laurie Middle

Carried

New business:

- 9.1 Christmas gift of appreciation for SD5 Board and staff for the afternoon of Tuesday, December 13th
- 12pm drop off - to make the gift available for all staff members to enjoy

Motion 11-16-9.1: To spend no more than \$100 on a gift for the SD5 Board and staff

Moved By: Marie - Laurie Middle

Carried

Action: Marie will do the shopping for the gift, Debbie will deliver it to the board office

Correspondence:

From the Board;

10.1) SD5 2016/2017 Needs Budget

Motion 11-16-10.1: That DPAC write a letter of support for SD5 Needs Budget

Moved By: Kim - Fernie Secondary

Carried

10.2) \$1 Million Funding to Specialized Education Schools

Motion 11-16-10.2: That DPAC write a letter of support of the concern regarding the \$1 Million funding to Specialized Education Schools

Moved By: Marie - Laurie Middle

Carried

Action: Melinda - Amy Woodland Elementary will write this letter of support

From the CDTA/FDTA;

10.3) Removal of the Vancouver School Board

Motion 11-16-10.3: That DPAC write a letter of support for the CDTA/FDTA and SD5 Board letters regarding the firing of the Vancouver School Board

Moved By: Marie - Laurie Middle

Carried

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:54pm

Julie Botterill, DPAC Secretary
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