

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 11th, 2017**

**In Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE:** Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary (Chair)

**DPAC REPS and PARENTS:** Marie - Laurie Middle, Ute - Fernie Secondary, Tanya - Isabella Dicken Elementary, Sarah – Rocky Mountain Elementary, Jenn – Steeples Elementary

**REGRETS:** Sarah - Pinewood Elementary (Vice-Chair), Julie - Gordon Terrace Elementary (Secretary), Melinda – Parkland Middle, Lies - Highlands Elementary

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

**REGRETS:** Trina Ayling - Trustee

**Call to Order:** 6:40 pm

**Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people**

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated

**Minutes:** (September 13th, 2017) general monthly meeting minutes approved as circulated

**Treasurer Report:**

Regular Account:	\$12,755.19
Gaming Account:	\$ 32.15

**Superintendent Report:** Presented by Lynn Hauptman

Highlights included;

- I. White Hatter, October 5th - Former RCMP officer Darren Laur presentation about internet safety was well received by students, staff and parents.
- II. Take me outside- October 23-27th is take me outside week. Teachers have committed to exploring the outdoors and will take their class outdoors once per week for the remaining of the year for play based learning.

- III. Joseph Creek restoration project- East Kootenay Science Fair Bio Blitz on the Creek to identify as many species as possible. Many students will have an opportunity this spring to help with the restoration project.

**Trustee Report:** Presented by Chris Johns

Highlights included:

- I. SD5 Trustee's have extended an invitation to MoE, Rob Fleming to visit and tour our district with particular focus on Mount Baker Secondary and the needs of Fernie, in hopes that he will agree that there is a need for new schools and less portables.
- II. Approved the draft policy on Partnerships/Sponsorships.
- III. Motion to research the cost of installing flashing lights at all schools for traffic safety with the Municipalities and the Regional District of East Kootenay.
- IV. Motion in support of a letter re: the FSA, urging the Minister of Education to move forward on better provincial testing, and not to release data or rank schools for improper use.

Questions/Discussion from report:

- Request that Isabella Dicken Elementary be included in the MoE tour.
- How can we communicate to the Ministry of Transportation the dangers of Hwy 3 and the need for flashing lights? Chris suggested speaking to Trustee Lento regarding his continued advocacy work on this item.

**Business from previous Minutes:**

- 8.1 November meeting presentation from Maggie Strosher, Interior Health Tobacco Coordinator- waiting for confirmation.

**New business:**

- 9.1 SD5 DPAC moving forward  
Discussion regarding the importance of our organizations, keeping them relevant to parents in today's active society etc.
  - What would we like to see?
  - How can we fill the key roles?
  - How do we entice members to fill positions?
  - Would the use of live/WebEx guest speakers help?
  - What are parents looking for and what would they like to see?

**Action:** DPAC representatives to take these topics to their PACs for further discussion and member input.

9.2 BCCPAC is pleased to be hosting the 2017 DPAC Chair Summit November 25th at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond BC. They are offering two DPAC delegate subsidies to attend.

9.3 Marie – Laurie Middle School put forth the proposal to purchase the Chair a gift in congratulations for her recent BCCPC volunteer award and to say a big thank you for all her years of service and dedication to the betterment of education of students and parents in our district.

**Motion 10-17-9.3** That DPAC spend no more than one hundred dollars to purchase a thank-you gift for the Chair.

Motion: Jen- Steeples                      Second: Sarah- Rocky Mountain                      **CARRIED**

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Questions:**

- I. Shelly – CDTA President expressed her thanks to the Chair for all her hard work and dedication over the years.
- II. Could DPAC once again try and fill their executive positions at the next meeting?

**Motion 10-17-11.2** That DPAC open nominations of executive positions for elections at the November 15, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Marie – Laurie Middle School                      Second: Jen – Steeples

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15th @ 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:34pm

Marie Dawson, note taker  
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