

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15th, 2017**

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE: Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary (Acting Chair), Marie – Laurie Middle School (Secretary)

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute - Fernie Secondary, Sarah - Rocky Mountain Elementary, Jenn - Steeples Elementary, Rhonda – T.M Roberts, Krista- T.M. Roberts

REGRETS: Sarah - Pinewood Elementary, Lies - Highlands Elementary, Tanya – Isabella Dicken

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Chris Johns - Trustee, Shelley Balfour - CDTA President, Maggie Strosher- Interior Health Tobacco Coordinator

REGRETS: Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent, Jason Tichauer - Director of Instruction/Ab Ed, Trina Ayling - Trustee

Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people

Presentation: Maggie Strosher, Interior Health Tobacco Coordinator.

This was a very interesting and informative presentation on tobacco use and vaping. Tobacco continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and illness, with 50% of regular users dying of tobacco-related diseases. The Tobacco Reduction Program works with Interior Health staff, local government, Aboriginal communities, non-governmental organizations, school districts, and others to:

- prevent young people from starting to smoke
- support tobacco users to quit
- reduce residents' exposure to second-hand smoke Vaping Facts:
- Like smoking, vaping is illegal for youth under the age of 19 to purchase vape products. There is a \$575 fine for merchants who sell to youth under the age of 19 or any adult who purchases vape products with the intent to give or sell to minors.

- Vaping falls under the same laws that govern tobacco; such as where you can vape/smoke.
- Vape products are marketed to appeal to youth (look like toys or a cell phone, as well as being flavored)
- Not all Vape cartridges contain nicotine.
- There are no long-term studies on the effects of vaping on the lungs. (oil-based product)
- There is no data on the effects of second hand vaping.

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (October 11th, 2017) AGM and general monthly meeting minutes approved as circulated

Treasurer Report:

Regular Account: \$ 12,785.19
 Gaming Account: \$ 2,529.65

Superintendent Report: Presented by Trustee Johns

Highlights included;

- I. On Friday, October 13 Chris Hadfield presented at Western Financial Place in Cranbrook to a packed house! The presentation was also Livestreamed to schools for those who did not attend. What a great opportunity for SD5 students and staff!
- II. Teachers, school districts and post-secondary institutions will have one more year to prepare for the implementation of the new Grade 11-12 curriculum, Education Minister Rob Fleming announced today. The additional year of transition is in response to feedback from educators in the K-12 sector, along with post-secondary partners, who need to ensure alignment of the new 1012 curriculum with their admission processes and requirements. Learn More about B.C.s new curriculum:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/BCHuman>
- III. The Idlewild Replanting Project is nearing completion! In a partnership between Columbia Outdoor School and School District 5, over 2,000 students attended Idlewild Park, participating in lessons and activities

presented by Columbia Outdoor School staff. Lessons were delivered in an experiential manner and focused on habitats, invasive species, and ecosystems. The students then helped to replant riparian areas along the lake with native species. Feedback from students, teachers and parents has been extremely positive! Students have enjoyed the hands-on lessons and are really connecting with the project.

Trustee Report: Presented by Trustee Johns

Highlights included:

- I. The Board approved the two recommendations from the Ad-hoc Trustee Compensation Remuneration Committee
- II. They also passed the proposal to install cameras in SD#5 buses to help deter irresponsible driving
- III. In lieu of a gift to the staff of each school, the Board will once again donate to the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper program and the Fernie Food Bank in the sum of \$150 per school
- IV. Next BC Election is in October 2018

Business from previous Minutes:

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

Discussion;

- the roles, responsibilities, and importance of the organization
- the need to educate all parents about the organization etc.
- the need to move the search for vacant executive positions beyond the PAC level

Motion 11-15-8.1 That the Acting DPAC Chair approach the Advocacy Education Committee seeking permission to send a letter to all SD5 parents regarding the vacant executive positions and the outcome should these positions not be filled.

Motion: Marie- Laurie Middle School Second: Rhonda- T.M. Roberts

Carried

- 8.2 The BCCPAC 2017 DPAC Chair Summit November 24th and 25th. Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond, B.C.
- no one will be attending from our district

New Business:

- I. On behalf of DPAC, Marie – Laurie Middle School presented Debbie – Mount Baker Secondary with a gift of appreciation for all her hard work and dedication over the years as DPAC Chair.
- II. Marie – Laurie Middle School volunteered to shop for the annual DPAC Christmas hamper of appreciation to the Board. Hamper will be delivered just prior to their December meeting.

Next Meeting:

Motion 11-15-12.1 That DPAC open nominations of executive positions for elections at a January 17, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Marie – Laurie Middle School

Second: Jen – Steeples Elementary

Carried

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 pm

Marie Dawson, Secretary
2017-11-15