

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**In Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE:** Tara - T.M. Roberts Elementary (Chair), Debbie - Mt. Baker Secondary (Treasurer), Marie - Laurie Middle School (Secretary)

**REGRETS:** Ken - Parkland Middle School (Vice Chair)

**DPAC REPS and PARENTS:** Lies – Highlands Elementary, Sarah - Rocky Mountain Elementary

**REGRETS:** Ute - Fernie Secondary, Jen – Steeples Elementary, Robin- F.J Mitchell Elementary

**PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS:** Jason Tichauer - Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education

**REGRETS:** Trina Ayling – Trustee, Shelley Balfour - CDTA President

**Call to Order:** 6:33 pm

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

**Agenda:** Approved as amended re: next meeting date

**Minutes:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes approved as circulated

**Treasurer Report:** Update to be provided at next meeting

**Superintendent Report:** Presented by Jason Tichauer - Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education.

Highlights included;

- i. It is Spring and that means schools have numerous fine arts events to showcase. Music Monday happens every first Monday in May and many of our schools continue to celebrate this event.
- ii. On April 11th, Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald met with members of our District Management Team, High School Teachers, Administrators and our CFTA Co-Chairs. He was there to receive feedback and hear about our progress on the Graduation Years curriculum.
- iii. Premier 's Awards for Excellence in Education: The Premier 's Awards for Excellence in Education recognizes outstanding education professionals who have made exceptional contributions to benefit their school, students and communities. The deadline for nominations is June 18, 2018.

**Trustee Report:** Attached

**Business from previous Minutes:**

## BCCPAC 2018 Spring Conference and AGM- Unofficial results attached

### Highlights included:

- i. Opening Keynote - Ivan Coyote - Somewhere Over the Rainbow.  
Ivan is an award-winning author of eleven books and a renowned performer. He works to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. Ivan knows that by addressing the needs of marginalized youth, together we can build a better and safer school environment for all of our kids.
- ii. Minister of Education - Rob Fleming  
Rob is currently the MLA for the riding of Victoria-Swan Lake as well as the Minister of Education. Rob has spoken with parents on many occasions at BCCPAC events and across the province at schools and other events concerning education.
- iii. Closing Keynote – Rick Hansen – Removing Barriers and Unleashing Potential  
Rick is a Canadian icon who has dedicated his life to creating a world that is accessible and inclusive for all. Best known as the “Man in Motion” tour. Rick is also a three-time world champion, nine-time Pan Am gold medallist, and three-time Paralympic gold medallist. Now the Founder & CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation, an organization committed to creating a world without barriers for people with disabilities.
- iv. A full list of speakers and sessions can be found here;  
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/conferences/speakers-sessions>

### DPAC sponsored parent event re: New Grad Program information session

Monday May 14th- Fernie Secondary Library at 6:30 pm

Wednesday May 16th- Mount Baker Library at 6:00 pm – please note time change

Action: DPAC to purchase refreshments. Jason to take to Fernie Secondary and the Chair to take to Mount Baker Secondary.

### DPAC letter of support for replacement of Isabelle Dicken Elementary School

Action: The Chair and Mt. Baker Rep to meet and jointly prepare a Draft letter to be presented at June’s meeting for members approval.

### **New business:**

Presentation re: purchasing a wide-angle camera for DPAC use with WebEx meetings – moved to June meeting

### **Questions:** Nil

### **Correspondence:** Nil

**Next Meeting:** June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:00 pm

Marie Dawson- Secretary  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018