

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday Feb. 13, 2018**

**In Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE:** Tara-TM Roberts (Chair), Lies- Highlands (Secretary)

**DPAC REPS and PARENTS** Marie Dawson- Baker Secondary, Ute- Fernie Secondary, Anie- Fernie Secondary

**REGRETS:** Krista Scavo- TM Roberts

**PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS:** Wendy Turner- Trustee, Shelley Balfour- CDTA, Jason Tichauer- Director of Student Learning and Ab. Ed., Debbie Therrien- acting DPAC Treasurer

**REGRETS:**

**Call to Order:** 6:31 pm

**“Acknowledgement of the homelands of the Ktunaxa people”**

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated/amended

**Minutes:** (January 16, 2019) meeting minutes approved as circulated/amended

**Treasurer Report:** Attached

Regular Account: \$12,984.75

Gaming Account: \$ 2,490.00

**Superintendent Report:** Presented by Jason Tichauer

- I. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning now live on SD5 website and all school websites. The SD5 is trying to get away from a manual full of jargon. This is an interactive webpage. FESL website- a webpage to see how the Ministry portrays our SD. SD5 has created their own conceptual pages to show a better snapshot of the framework of our community. **‘Honouring all pathways to graduation’**. Our completion rates are higher than provincial average- 5% for Overall, 23% for Aboriginal, and 7% for Special needs. Goal is to tune in to the % that are not completing and to increase that number.

- II. How do we track success? Indicators such as EDI and MDI, different indicators in different grade groups. More specific academic trackers in High School. And an exit survey- including from student not successful.
- III. Action Plan- Creating a Kootenay Learning Campus in Fernie, gives kids not in regular school face to face for success, similar to in Cranbrook.
- IV. Second part to plan is a district wide destigmatize mental health disorders – reviewing language usage for mental health. By June hoping to have all staff trained.
- V. Integrated Technology design lab in most communities. Creative and flexible learning spaces etc. Transformative Learning. Physical Literacy to encourage this for life.
- VI. A Culture of Professional Learning.

**Trustee Report:** Presented by Wendy Turner

Highlights included:

- I. Board is revising policies sending out to partner groups for feedback; moved a revised policy around the challenge of learning resource. 3.44
- II. Policy 3.22- life threatening allergies in school- revised terminology
- III. Advocacy committee moved a motion to advocate for flashing lights by Amy Woodland Elementary
- IV. Tentatively approved Jaffray School trip to Ecuador, they can go ahead and look at fundraising and booking it
- V. Wrote a letter to M of E about the BC graduation program-numeracy and literacy assessment. Ministry recently changed them which caused some unrest... no consultation before changes so they are challenging them
- VI. Approved in principal grade 1-3 emotional and social learning support an evolution in learning for children with difficulties in traditional classroom. Megan Stacuik.
- VII. B of E approved a motion to further investigate the reinstatement of the Alternate program at Laurie Middle School. The model has changed, and the staff feels it is not addressing the needs of the kids and the staff.
- VIII. Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to approved amended budget of 74 million.

**Individual PAC discussion:**

- 6.1 Baker-The Warriors is an aboriginal youth leadership team doing a Valentines fundraiser tomorrow. Scholarship awards are open. Mama Mia is coming in the spring. Grade 10 info session coming up. Grade 10-12 choir is going to sing with Foreigner. Grad committees are starting up already. PAC has said they would like Screenagers to be shown at Baker.
- 6.2 Highlands- A couple of purchases made by PAC for the library and hub.

6.3 TM- More fundraising for playground equipment, doing "Kiss a Fish" fundraiser.

6.4 Fernie Secondary- would like to review school policies of cellphone and update.

**Business from previous meetings:**

9.1 White Hatter potentially presenting for Fernie conference, another presenter talking about Linda O'Neil for trauma- Professor at UNBC and charges very little. Trauma informed practice.

**New Business:**

10.1 Screenagers viewing- DPAC to sponsor a viewing...\$650 for a parent audience. Anie recommended that teens view too. Marie put forward a motion for a viewing of Screenagers for \$650, no more than \$800. Highlands second-motion passed- all in favour. Debbie recommended that because DPAC cannot fundraise, so maybe a donation to the foodbank. Tara to organize location, time and date.

**Correspondence:**

11.1 None

**Questions/comments:**

1. **Motion (021912.1):** To allow Marie Dawson, as a non-executive DPAC member, to have signing authority for DPAC bank accounts.

Motion: Highlands Elementary    Second: Fernie Secondary    **CARRIED**

2. Debbie Therrien is commented on the changing of the bank.  
**Motion (021912.2):** To remove Debbie Therrien, Sarah Czernicki-Mooy and Julie Botterill as BMO DPAC bank signing authority and add Tara McKee, Lies Salvador and Marie Dawson.

Motion: Fernie Secondary    Second: Alt. Fernie Secondary    **CARRIED**

3. Comments- Fort Steele is giving all students tickets for entry!
4. Debbie Therrien commented that while reviewing the DPAC policies and by-laws, the executive should change the name of DPAC to Southeast Kootenay (District 5) District Parent Advisory Council Section 3- And in the event of dissolution remove the 'winding up' wording. And the assets and remaining funds in the regular bank account- The executive members shall inform the gaming funds.

5. Debbie Therrien commented that DPAC should find ways to spend the Gaming Funds otherwise they will need to be sent back and DPAC may not receive them again. We will discuss ways to spend the money example guest speakers, viewings of movies etc.
  
6. Debbie Therrien commented that PACS need to register by September through the on-line registration with BCCPAC and we should try to get a minimum of 15 PACS so that we qualify for 2 members to be covered for the conferences.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:48pm

Next meeting March 13, 2019

Note taker: Highlands Elementary

Date: February 13, 2019