

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 11, 2019**

Call to Order: 6:32pm

‘Acknowledgement of the meeting taking place on the lands of the Ktunaxa people’

In Attendance

Executive: Tara - TM Roberts Elementary (Chair), Michelle – Gordon Terrace Elementary (Vice Chair), Karen - TM Roberts Elementary (Treasurer)

Regrets: Lies – Highlands Elementary (Secretary)

DPAC Reps and Parents:

Erik - Mt Baker/Parkland; Jennifer - Amy Woodland Elementary; Danielle – Steeples; Tathlina Rocky Mountain Elementary; Tania - FJ Mitchell Elementary; Ute - Fernie Secondary

Regrets: none

Partner Groups and Guests: Silke Yardley- Superintendent, Shelley Balfour- CDTA, Wendy Turner- School Board Trustee

Regrets: none

Agenda: Approved as circulated/amended

- Request from Superintendent to add discussion about vaping presentation for parents as item 10.2

Minutes: (November 13, 2019) meeting minutes approved as circulated/amended

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated

Tara suggested DPAC will need to decide on an event to utilize available funds

Superintendent Report: Silke Yardley

Highlights included;

- Board Strategic Plan: Everything must be related to “Pathway of Learning”. Principals are to add what they are passionate about. They will meet each month and 4 sub committees will be created.
- Silke continues to attempt to visit each school.
- Conference in Vancouver: currently there are 60 Superintendents; 18 of which are new to the role

- Silke reports our district is doing well in regards to the inclusion/integration of Indigenous Education
- First Inclusive Education workshop took place in
- The Superintendent would like to attend PAC meetings at the individual schools to get a feeling and an understanding of the needs of different schools in the district and to get to know more about the area.
- New Early Learning: Research has shown that 2 years in an early childhood setting makes a huge difference in academic trajectory (literacy/numeracy)
- September Professional Development Day will continue to focus on Reconciliation
- Adrian Green from Richmond will be presenting in Elkford
- Dr. Jen Kelley (differentiation and support) will be presenting in Sparwood

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights included:

- December board meeting took place on December 10, 2019 – See attached.

Individual PAC discussion:

- Rocky Mountain Elementary: Christmas Store raised \$3200.00. Fundraiser for Intermediate Playground Structure
- Fernie Secondary: Spaghetti Dinner, Band Concert. Reports it can be difficult at the Secondary level to engage
- FJ Mitchell Elementary: Successful Bingo event, raised approx. \$2500.00 towards a new playground. Christmas concert to take place on Dec 11 & 12, 2019
- Steeples Elementary: Winter market raised \$2000.00. Installing a sensory path in the Kindergarten area of the school. New jersey purchase being reviewed. Christmas concert to take place and school wide Grinch movie day at the landmark cinema
- Amy Woodland Elementary: Christmas concert to take place at the Key City Theatre on Tuesday December 17, 2019. School wide dinner, recycled shopping. Starting in January and adaptive skateboard program for children on the spectrum (the program is open to everyone as well).
- Parkland Middle: Requests to allocate some of the gaming funds for teacher requests
- Mount Baker Secondary: Issues in regards to vaping. Christmas Carol runs from Dec 12-15th, 2019. Growing Hydroponic Plants. Bee club (mason bees); school to purchase new equipment for the theatre.
- Gordon Terrace Elementary: Nepal Fundraiser \$6766.00. Bingo Night – 240 in attendance. Growing smiles fundraiser (\$1000.00). GT gingerbread house won the Christmas Village. School will be attending Grinch movie at Landmark Theatre. Fundraiser – Passport to the Kootenays. Christmas concert on Dec 17, 2019.

Business from previous meetings:

9.1 Inclusive Working Group: Michelle to email summary to Chair. The next meeting will focus on A Day in the Life of an EA, Parent and Student Services. Looking at staff Job Descriptions.

9.2 Discussion surrounding DPAC planning a presentation for parents. Chair has suggested a sub-committee be formed at the January meeting. Silke suggested Kim Schonert-Reichl who focuses on social/emotional learning.

New Business:

10.1 Constitution and Bylaws Review: To be discussed at a later time as not all executive members were in attendance

10.2 Silke suggested organizing a vaping presentation for parents. Thinking about the possibility of February 2020. DPAC would be responsible for organizing the presentation (Interior Health); SD 5 would be responsible for venue, promotion.

Correspondence:

11.1 Discussion postponed

11.2 Discussion postponed

Questions/ Comments

None

Next meeting: January 15, 2020pm @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm.

Notetaker: TM Roberts

Date: December 11, 2019