

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 16, 2020**

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), Lies- Baker – Mount Baker Secondary (Secretary), Karen- TM Roberts Elementary (Treasurer)

Regrets: None

DPAC Reps and Parents: Danielle- Steeples Elementary, Ute- Fernie Secondary, Tathlina- Rocky Mountain Elementary, Robin- FJ Mitchell Elementary, Jennifer- Amy Woodland Elementary, Erik- Parkland Middle, Christina- Laurie Middle, Leanna- Highlands Elementary, Tanya- Isabella Dicken Elementary

Regrets: None

Partner Groups and Guests: Jason Tichauer for Silke Yardley- Superintendent, Wendy Turner- Trustee, Shelley Balfour- CDTA

Regrets: Silke Yardley- Superintendent SD5, Chris Kielpinski- FDTA

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (June 16, 2020) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: See attached prepared by Treasurer- Approved as circulated

- Gaming grant missed due to Covid 19 confusion but Regular account in good condition
- Budget to be presented at AGM

Last year in Review DPAC report:

- Vaping presentation
- Great numbers for membership
- Screenagers funding Fernie
- Revised Constitution and By-laws completed, Procedures to be done this year
- “Kids These Days” book for parents for \$10
- DPAC part of the District Covid Committee

Superintendent Report: Presented by Jason Tichauer

Highlights Include:

- Success with the Covid Info Sessions and DPAC in the beginning of September

- Highlights of school year so far; 91% of expected kids are in schools, 50 newer kids are being homeschooled, lower attendance the past week due to forest fire smoke in area
- Silke has been driving force in updating SD5 Facebook page with accounts of goings on in all schools
- Pro D day Friday, September 19 will involve the provincial government mandated one day per year presentation on Indigenous Development. Chief Justice Sinclair and Sophie Pierre who is the Former Head of Federal Treaty Commission for BC will speak that day.
- 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 school calendars all approved

Feedback to Superintendents Report:

- RMES asked if parents will soon be allowed to bring food to the school for example hot lunch programs. Answer is not soon, parents and volunteer activity is not allowed in schools right now.
- FSS asked if the Breakfast Programs will be continued in the schools. The answer is yes but they are investigating the proper way to go about it and be Covid friendly.
- TM asked if volunteers are allowed in schools. No they are not allowed during school hours. No plan for volunteers to be allowed in elementary schools for the time being.
- Are running clubs allowed? Yes.

Trustee Report: presented by: Wendy Turner

Highlights included:

- Covid plans that were submitted to M of E by SD5 were well received and all passed. Health and Safety Committee did a great job
- The financial statement for the 2019/2020 budget submitted to the auditor was called an unqualified report which is a good status
- SD 5 has received additional funds for extra counsellors for the district.
- Provincial and Federal gov't adding funds to SD5 for restart cleaning of HVAC systems
- MBSS replacement committee is going to do renovations to sections instead of total replacement but option for that still open

Individual PAC discussion:

- Rocky Mountain Elementary-not enough members yet. They are working on a 5-year plan for the school yard, including upkeep of track and golf areas. PAC meeting was happening tonight.
- Highlands Elementary- No PAC meeting yet this school year, taking place later in Sept.
- Fernie Secondary- PAC meeting to take place at end of month. Parents are concerned with 10 week schedule. Want to know if a microwave is possible. Not during Covid.
- TM Roberts Elementary- Working on playground installation. PAC meeting taking place tonight.
- Steeples Elementary- Purchased a new high jump mat. No PAC meeting yet this year.
- FJ Mitchell Elementary- PAC meeting last night with a great turnout. New playground goes in October fundraising for new books for library.
- Amy Woodland-PAC meeting end of September. New principal new year.

- Laurie Middle School- No PAC meeting yet, planning for end September.
- Mount Baker Senior Secondary- New principal there. PAC meeting planned for Oct.6
- Parkland Secondary- New principal. PAC meeting is planned for end September.
- Isabella Dicken Elementary School-Zoom PAC meeting last night with 25 parents. Strong Start has requested money from PAC. Monies are to be distributed as parent (PAC) see fit. Will Covid have an effect on gaming? DPAC will look in to it. Asking about a return to sport plan which is not currently allowed.

Business from previous meetings:

- Nominations for DPAC AGM. AGM @ 6pm on October 14th. All parents may attend.

New Business:

- NTR

Correspondence:

- Christmas Village
- Zoom license

Questions/ Comments:

- Isabella Dickens asked why SD5 has not sent out a return to sport plan. Answer by Jason Tichauer is that because there is a ban currently under covid legislation with the M of E to not have inter school sports, music programs that combine with other schools etc. There are extra-curricular options for the smaller schools that are an entire cohort on their own. Currently with volunteers and parents not allowed in schools, and learning groups being too large or too many, there is no plan for return to sport at this time.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 7:34 pm.

Notetaker: Mount Baker Senior Secondary

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