

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 16, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

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

In Attendance:

Executive: Tara - TM Roberts Elementary (Chair), Karen - TM Roberts Elementary (Treasurer), Lies - Mount Baker Secondary (Secretary), Jenn - Amy Woodland Elementary (Vice-chair)

Regrets: None

DPAC Reps and Parents: Danielle - Steeples Elementary, Christina - Laurie Middle, Leanna – Highlands Elementary, Tanya - Isabella Dicken Elementary, Melissa - Gordon Terrace Elementary, Tathlina - Rocky Mountain Elementary

Regrets: None

Partner Groups and Guests: Silke Yardley (Team Leader/Superintendent), Wendy Turner (Trustee)

Regrets: None

Agenda: Amend new business 11.2 - SOGI, amend new business 11.3 - Indigenous representative to DPAC, amend business from previous meeting to include BCCPAC summary of AGM

Minutes: (May 12, 2021) Approved as circulated.

Treasurer Report: See attached.

Superintendent Report: Highlights presented by Silke Yardley.

Highlights Include:

- Made it through the year smoothly and we are proud of the parents and kids. Alan Rice and partner groups on the Health and Safety Committee were key in SD5 success with COVID. Very tight protocols helped. This last month has been the most difficult with 15 cases in SD5. 5 classes had to finish the school year online.
- Hoping an announcement will be made for school to return to normal by Sept.
- Mt. Baker will host a pop - up vaccine clinic Thursday for those who would like to get their vaccine.

Questions: None

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- A presentation was given by Nathan Liewen. Players will be academically focused and community focused.
- Director Jason Tichauer will continue to be the School District 5 representative on the HARBIR Community Consultation Committee.
- One or two Trustees who are interested in attending the Canadian School Board Conference (CSBC) are able to go.
- Recommendation to amend student bus policy. Routes are to be reviewed and adjusted, and District management will be involved in the process. All will be defined in the Administrative Procedure Handbook.
- The Board will write a letter to Minister Whiteside in support of the February 2, 2021 BCSTA letter to Ministers Fleming and Whiteside regarding safe routes to schools.
- The Board has passed the budget through 3 readings and it will be submitted to the MoE. Amendments may be made in January.

Questions:

Isabella Dicken- Is the Harbour Committee local? We think so, yes.

TM- Concerns over new housing project in that area and will that affect catchment areas? The Secretary Treasurer will approach Ministry Staff to see what support or advice can be given.

TM- What can we as parents do to support or help the discussion. Advised to contact Alan Rice to see if he can suggest next steps. A letter of support from DPAC may help with that. Other concerns are traffic flow. Should we write a letter with concerns to the M of E- speak with Alan Rice first to see what should be put in letter. The whole issue is that after the development began, the information shifted to be more out of town families moving in rather than existing so SD5 is concerned.

Individual PAC discussion:

- Mt. Baker- NTR
- Steeples- Best turnout this year for PAC. Made a total of \$8500 from fundraisers. Going to bring in an ice cream truck for students next week. Executive will stay the same but have the VC position open. Aboriginal program acquired enough funds to build an outdoor structure.
- RMES- No track meet was allowed. Grade 3 and 4 did a Grand Fondo and rode 500km. Last week, PAC sponsored teacher appreciation with treats from local restaurants. Thank you cards go out to teachers next week. High school will have open executive positions.

- Amy Woodland-PAC meeting was last night. Sponsored treats for track meet and Funday. Fort Steele and mini golf field trips happening next week.
- Laurie- NTR
- Isabella Dicken- held a PAC meeting June 1. Will see significant turnover in the executive. Covid cases in Fernie has created some trying times. Very good response from admin and clear communication helped the stress. A new bus has been added to the school. Expansion of school beginning this summer and plans to be finished up in Sept. 2022. Great track meet for intermediate students and a bike rodeo for primary. Grade 6 is getting ready for a day trip to Blue Lake Camp.
- TM- Last meeting was yesterday. New positions opening in the Fall for the executive. PAC is sponsoring an end of year treat day. Teacher appreciation took place last week and last hot lunch is this week.
- Gordon Terrace- PAC meeting last month. Executive will remain the same. Last hot lunch was Tues. PAC will purchase ½ of badminton and volleyball nets.

Business from previous meetings:

10.1- BCCPAC AGM Report from Mt. Baker (Lies). Ran out of time so the membership voted to have an extraordinary meeting to finish remaining 8 resolutions. It will take place on the evening of July 7 from 7pm—11pm. Mt Baker is available to attend.

New Business:

11.1- DPAC year in review.

1. Great Attendance
2. Sean Larson presentation
3. Valentines Day treats for entire SD5

11.2- Preparing SOGI parent presentation for Oct. 2021

11.3- Laurie School suggested that DPAC and PACS have indigenous representation. Silke will speak to Jason Tichauer and come up with a plan. TM suggested contacting the Ktunaxa Nation. DPAC will formulate a letter to PAC's on how to do this.

Correspondence:

- Please have PAC questionnaires back to Karen if possible.

Questions/ Comments: None

Next meeting: After first fall Board meeting 2021

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm.

Notetaker: Mount Baker Senior Secondary

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