

**District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 14, 2022**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

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

In Attendance:

Executive: Tara-TM Roberts Elementary (Chair), Lies- Mount Baker (Secretary), Karen-TM Roberts (Treasurer)

Regrets: None

DPAC Reps and Parents: Chris- Isabella Dicken, Janine- Steeples, Melissa- Gordon Terrace, Krista- Amy Woodland, Sam- FJ Mitchell

Regrets: Danielle- Steeples

Partner Groups and Guests: Viveka Johnson- Superintendent, Shelley Balfour- CDTA, Chris Johns- Trustee

Regrets: None

Agenda: Approved as circulated.

Minutes: (June 15,2022) Approved as circulated.

Treasurer Report: See attached. Approved as circulated.

- Leftover gaming funds should be used within the year.

Superintendent Report:

Highlights Include:

- Monday Sept. 19 is going to be a day off school for Queen’s funeral.
- Regional Specialist Association creates calendar change- April 17th now a non-instructional day instead of the 28th.
- Enrollment is up this year. Due in part to refugee families and new immigrants to the area.
- Thursday Sept. 8th was an open house for all SD5 partners. FESL states that they need to consult with all partners.

Questions:

- FJ Mitchell asked about pressure points (which schools are at max)? Elkford and Gordon Terrace.

Trustee Report: Chris Johns for Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- Oct meeting to take place in Cranbrook instead of Fernie
- Ad Hoc traffic safety committee- Jaffray highway, 70km is too fast.
- Letter written in June 2021 follow up for request for more funding for the Youth Trades in Training Program for the Elk Valley.
- Adopted the annual budget 2022-2023 80 million dollars
- Chris Johns made a report to the SSC for increased funding for SS June 20 for counselling and Speech Pathologist and replacement of Mount Baker
- October elections for Trustees

Questions:

- Amy Woodland asked if their school was being addressed as well for traffic issues. Yes
- Mt Baker asked what the plan is to help YTinT? Provide more funding so program can be offered in their areas possibly or to bring them here.
- FJ Mitchell asked about increased custodial care for the Elk Valley schools. Pac would be welcome to write a letter. Also wondering about extra EA's for the larger student population. Do they need help writing ELL's? Superintendent answered that they are working on funding and managing.
- Isabella Dicken asked if there is any info on Fernie Middle School progress? Approval for going in to next year.
- FJ Mitchell asked if there are plans for the new Tech building and what will Mountain View be used for? Superintendent to look in to it.

CDTA Report:

- Smooth start up, still some positions to fill.
- Elk Valley issues finding staff housing.
- Shortage of SLP in SD5 ongoing, looking for solutions.
- Teachers bargaining to resume end of September.

Questions:

- Amy Woodland asked if comparative wage scales have been considered for the SLP. Yes.

Individual PAC discussion:

- Laurie Middle School- New full PAC Executive upcoming. Lots of class change requests seem to have been handled. Good start up.
- Mt. Baker- Many schedule issues with no more support blocks but seems all dealt with. Raider Day and bbq is Thurs. Sept. 15
- Isabella Dicken- Apple fundraiser. Trustee Lento being replaced by Nicole Hackendorf. ID short 4 teachers. Construction to addition is on time. Next PAC meeting is Zoom and in person.
- Steeples- School was painted and looks great.
- Gordon Terrace- meeting was cancelled due to Monday off.
- Amy Woodland- meeting postponed due to Monday off. Did Staff appreciation in June with a 'survival kit' of snacks all week. Treasurer position open.

- FJ Mitchell- cancelled meeting due to Monday off. Discussion about playground at June PAC meeting. Need \$5000 for technology. Fundraising is going ahead. Working on attaining a full-time custodian.

Questions:

- Mt. Baker asked who is responsible for distributing the fund (\$60 million) from the M of E? Superintendent replied it is 'equitable' but not 'equal' meaning the funding will go where most needed.
- Do PAC's pay for Fruit and Veggie program? No funded by provincial government.
- Do PAC's need to apply for membership and pay to BCCPAC. No, DPAC pays for memberships but requires updated info on PAC executives.

Business from previous meetings:

- Nominations for Chairperson for DPAC, Mt. Baker
- TM may do Treasurer if nobody steps up. Baker nominates TM for Treasurer.
- Budget will be ready for next meeting.

Discussion:

- Wendy Turner thanks PAC for the district wide staff appreciation
- ID (Chris) asked if meetings would return to in-person. Probably not as Zoom had allowed many more people to attend.
- Would BCTA like to be a part of reporting to DPAC? YES.

New Business:

- Steeples sent info regarding BEST BUY school grants- Oct. 13 deadline

Correspondence: None

Next meeting: Wednesday October 12, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm.

Notetaker: Mount Baker Senior Secondary

Date: Wednesday September 14, 2022