

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 12, 2023**

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

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

In Attendance:

Executive: Lies- Mount Baker (Chair), Chris -Isabella Dicken (Treasurer), Tara- TM (Vice Chair)

Regrets: Melissa- GT (Secretary)

DPAC Reps and Parents: Anna- FSS, Sally- Highlands, Crystal- TM Roberts, Jeanna- Amy Woodland, Janine- Steeples, Andrea- Jaffray

Regrets: None

Partner Groups and Guests: Viveka Johnson- Superintendent, Wendy Turner- Trustee, Alysha Clarke- Trustee, Adrienne- FDTA

Regrets: none

Agenda: Approved as circulated.

Minutes: (Mar.15, 2023) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: See attached. Approved as circulated.

Superintendent Report:

Highlights Include:

- Community Engagement nights with babysitting to be provided. All stakeholders are welcome to share information- they will be hosted at the high schools.
- Childcare survey closed April 1 with over 700 respondents.
- M of E looking for times most needed for childcare in districts. Looking for ECE, however before and after school care requires ‘Responsible Adults’ which is an online course so many more people could qualify.

Questions: None

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights include:

- Trustees have written a letter to the Coalition of Healthy Schools for universal cost shared program with government funding.

- Written a letter to the M of E and Childcare regarding funding constraints. Funding per student has not increased while all costs have.
- Written a letter to BC PC provincial authority regarding deficit of speech pathologists.
- Changed date of April Committee Meeting to accommodate the SD 5 & 6 pro D RSA day.
- Chris Johns to present to SSC in June on behalf of the Board regarding Mt. Baker replacement and to present needs not funded by province in SD5.
- 3 readings of capitol plan have ben approved. Buses, plans for school improvements, and Mt. Baker improvements.

Questions:

- None

BCTF Report: Adrienne FDTA

- Teachers are grateful for the letters that the Trustees have been writing on behalf of the School District.
- Staffing period busy for Spring.
- Looking for a PAC parent to attend BCTF Public Information conference in May. Details are: May 12-13 in Surrey. Theme is 'Responding to Hate in our Schools and Communities'.

Individual PAC discussion:

- Laurie Middle School- NTR
- Highlands- NTR
- Isabella Dicken- May 18th is bike rodeo. Addition to the school changed drop off and pick up area so they are working on that. Kindy may go to a Gr1 split as some classes are smaller and then one portable may be repurposed for KDL.
- Mt. Baker- NTR
- Jaffray- NTR
- Steeples- Principal applied for outdoor play grant for some outdoor fun things. PAC funded Gr. 2 swimming and would like to fund Gr. 5/6 field trip. Gr. 1's are doing a wild beaver study. PAC still needing a teacher rep at meetings. Fundraiser is Casey's Greenhouse
- FSS- Course selection is taking place.
- Amy Woodland- Using Munch a Lunch for hot lunches. Having a Casey's Greenhouse fundraiser. Cards for Kids or coffee mugs fundraiser for Father's Day. PAC helped with Grade 5/6's ski trips. Sponsored Grade 2 swimming. Book Fair will donate \$100 for each classroom.

Business from previous meetings: None

Discussion: None

New Business: NTR

- NTR

Correspondence:

- None

Next meeting: Wednesday May 10, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:16 pm.

Notetaker: Mt. Baker

Date: Wednesday March 15, 2023