

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

In Attendance:

EXECUTIVE: Debbie- Parkland Middle School, Rosemary- Mt. Baker

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute- Fernie Secondary, Marty- Amy Woodland, Coralee- Jaffray Jr. Sec. /Elementary, Lorelle- Highlands, Tiffany- FJ Mitchell

REGRETS: Marie- Laurie Middle School, Amy- TM Roberts, Laurel- Isabella Dicken

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Superintendent- Lynn Hauptman, Trustee- Chris Johns

REGRETS: Trustee- Trina Ayling, CDTA President- Shelley Balfour

Call to order: 7:11 pm

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Draft Minutes: Approved as circulated

Treasurers Report:

Regular Account: \$7524.71

Gaming Account: \$ 50.57

DPAC District Parent Traffic Safety Committee:

- Next meeting is May 27, 2015 @ 6:00 pm at the Cranbrook Board office and via WebEx conferencing for the Elk Valley

Superintendents Report: Please see the attached report. Highlights:

- Frank J. Mitchell Elementary School in Sparwood will be receiving a National Inclusive Education Award from the Canadian Association for Community Living and Inclusion BC. The staff at Frank J. Mitchell are being honoured for creating a culture of inclusion at the school, recognizing the unique abilities of all students.
- College of the Rockies/Transitions- Met with UVic Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Dr. Helen Raptis) to discuss district needs both in the teacher education program and in future hiring as well as how the COTR and the UVic partnerships can continue to help. They are

looking to offer a Professional certificate in teaching French immersion and a fifth year in Special Education. We also discussed degrees in Trades at an accelerated pace.

- Gold/Silver Sweep at Provincial Skills Competition- SD5 was well represented at the competition with the MBSS Robotics Team winning Gold and the MBSS TV/Video Production Team winning Silver. Both teams are off to Saskatoon for the National Competition in May
- Questions:
- Re: Our district's share of the, called for "administrative savings" is \$310,851. These savings are not necessarily administrators, it can be advertising, legal fees etc.
 - What can parents realistically expect to know currently re; class sizes, types etc? Basically SD5 is status quo except possibly the Hockey Academy, due to low enrollment levels.

Trustee's Report:

Highlights:

- The Board approved a Kootenay Ice midday game for Feb 10/2016. More details to follow.
- Also approved the DPAC proposed "Educational Partner and MLA" meet. Details to be worked on.
- Board will be meeting with our MLA, Bill Bennett on June 5/2015 re: Bill 11 and other concerns
- Meeting with Rob Gay of the RDEK re; fundraising for the replacement of the Key City Theater as this is directly involved with the Mount Baker/Neighbourhood of Learning Initiative
- SD5 Budget bylaw – Second reading for \$61,058,628 of which approx. 87% is wages and benefits. This figure is based on projected enrollment and minus the \$310,851 "administrative savings"
- Annual Facility Grant – \$1,171,291 used to replace roofs, gym floors, building upkeep, renovations etc.

Business from Previous Minutes:

- 8.1 BCCPAC Spring Leadership Conference and AGM – Out of a total of 598 members, 189 Proxy Forms were registered for the AGM. Our DPAC representative was honoured to carry the proxies for 12 of our 18 members who chose to exercise their right to vote on 30 resolutions and Election of officers, results are attached.
- 8.2 Community Consultation (Thought Exchange) – Now completed and website link here, <http://sd5.thoughtexchange.info/> 1265 participants shared 2389 thoughts with 43,001 stars being awarded to create priority thoughts.
Questions re; costs and usages – The costs (\$25,000) is for the 2 year Thought Exchange contract already being utilized to collect stakeholder feedback to policies etc. While offering potential strategic direction regarding reasons to celebrate and concerns that

may need to be addressed this is not a top down mandate. It will be up to the Board and individual schools to choose what, if anything, they will do with the results.

- 8.3 Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 – March 26, 2015: The provincial government introduced bill proposes amendments to The School, Teachers and the Independent School Acts. The passage of this bill would also lead to consequential amendments to various other Acts.

Items that are certain at this moment include;

- School Planning Councils (SPC) will cease to exist
- Some roles of SPC will be re-assigned to PACs

DPAC has been collecting information from all Educational Partner groups and will be forwarding it to PAC Chairs as it becomes available.

- All parents are advised to become informed and ask questions re; these proposed changes and share any and all concerns with DPAC and Trustees.

New Business:

- 9.1 PAC Gaming Grants are up for renewal – These are to be completed on-line by June 30th. Grants are in the amount of \$20 per full time student and based on this year’s enrollment.
- 9.2 SD5 (Southeast Kootenay) Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Wed, October 14/2015 @ 6:30 pm at the Cranbrook Board office and via WebEx conferencing for Jaffray, Fernie, Elkford and Sparwood. All executive positions are for a one year term and open for nominations and election

Correspondence: In recognition of DPAC’s support, CBEEN has extended an invitation for a delegate to attend “Turtle Truths” a Wild Voices for Kids program led by Lee-Anne Walker with students from Gordon Terrace Elementary. Marty – Amy Woodland will be attending.

Next meeting: June 10 2015

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

DPAC Meeting Schedule

June 10th

Please note: All meetings start at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted