

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

In Attendance:

EXECUTIVE: Debbie- Parkland Middle School, Rosemary- Mt. Baker, Amy- T.M. Roberts

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute- Fernie Secondary, Marty- Amy Woodland, Coralee – Jaffray Jr.
Sec. /Elementary

REGRETS: Marie- Laurie Middle School, Ruby- Pinewood, Laurel- Isabella Dicken, Tiffany- FJ
Mitchell (due to technical difficulties)

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Director of Student Instruction and Ab-Ed – Jason Tichauer

REGRETS: Superintendent- Lynn Hauptman, Trustee- Trina Ayling, Shelley Balfour – CDTA
President

Call to order: 7:15 pm

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Draft Minutes: Approved as circulated

Treasurers Report:

Regular Account: \$8607.12

Gaming Account: \$50.57

DPAC District Parent Traffic Safety Committee:

Highlights:

- The meeting comprised of parents, Joe Tank – Manager of Operations and Trustee Whalen – Board liaison to the Cranbrook in Motion Committee which allowed for some valuable connections to be made
- Sharing of information included – concerns, advocacy efforts that have worked etc.
- Parent representation from each community and/or school would be ideal
- 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:

- The 2015/2016 Calendar has been approved

Trustee's Report: Please see attached report.

Business from Previous Minutes:

- 9.1 BCCPAC Spring Leadership Conference and AGM – Discussion regarding how many delegates to send re: costs involved, type of event etc. Decision was to send one delegate.
Motion: That the DPAC Executive decide how DPAC votes at the BCCPAC AGM.
Motioned: Amy Woodland Second: TM Roberts **CARRIED**
- 9.2 Community Consultation (Thought Exchange) – Now completed and website link sent. Reps are encouraged to seek feedback from PAC and parents to bring to the May meeting
- 9.3 BCCPAC tele-conference with DPAC Chairs – Please see the attached report
Reps are encouraged to seek feedback to bring to the May meeting
- 9.4 The Cranbrook Clean Drinking Water committee re: cessation of fluoridation in Cranbrook. Although this item doesn't fall under the DPAC mandate the committee was encouraged to share their concerns with the SD5 Board's Advocacy Committee

New Business:

- 10.1 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.
Although all educational partner groups are currently seeking information and clarification regarding this bill. Items that are certain at this moment include;
- School Planning Councils (SPC) will cease to exist
 - Roles of SPC will be re-assigned to PACs
 - DPAC will be forwarding information as it becomes available
 - All parents are advised to become informed and ask questions re; these proposed changes
 - Reps are encouraged to help parents to become aware and to seek feedback from PAC and parents to bring to the May meeting

Next meeting: May 13 2015

Adjournment: 8:12 pm

DPAC Meeting Schedule

May 13th

June 10th

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

Secretary: _____

Chair: _____