

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11th, 2015**

In Attendance:

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

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute- Fernie Secondary, Lorelei- Highlands, Marty- Amy Woodland, Ruby- Pinewood, Sarah- Pinewood

REGRETS: Christine – Kootenay Orchards, Laurel- Isabella Dicken, Tiffany- FJ Mitchell

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Superintendent- Lynn Hauptman, Trustee- Trina Ayling, CDTA- Larry Dureski

REGRETS: Shelley Balfour – CDTA President

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Agenda: Approved as amended to include;

- 8.4 February 11/2015 motion re: Long Form Census
- 9.1 Cranbrook Clean Drinking Water committee

Draft Minutes: Approved as circulated. Sincere thank you to Shelley for providing them for us.

Treasurers Report:

Regular Account: \$7774.02

Gaming Account: \$50.56

Superintendents Report: Please see the attached report.

Highlights:

- The Science Fair is in full swing with projects being prepared for the judging at the Regional Science Fair being held at the Cranbrook campus of the College of the Rockies on April 10 & 11, 2015. This is an incredible learning opportunity for our students and it would not be possible without the dedication of our staff, parents, community members and college staffs that make this happen every year. Further information about this can be found at <http://www.ekrsf.ca/>
- Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative that recognizes that families need positive connections with the school system and community agencies that provide relevant resources and information. All

public elementary schools in Southeast Kootenay School District will be offering an opportunity for all three year olds to come to their neighbourhood school. This event is a partnership between the province, the district, and the early childhood teachers in Cranbrook, Fernie, Sparwood, Jaffray, and Elkford.

- Our school and district staffs are busy planning for our next school year. Determination of 2015-2016 enrollment projections, budget meetings and planning for staffing of our schools has begun with the goal to be concluded by May. Much the same as household budgets, there are always tough choices to be made each year. Our Board will likely be faced with those challenges this year once the funding is announced by the Ministry in mid-March.
- We have begun our calendar consultation period. We are later than usual in publishing our draft as we had to wait for some information from the Ministry of Education regarding the exam schedule. Please go to our website for more information.

Trustee's Report: Please see attached report.

- Discussion around the idea of inviting all educational partners, along with our MLA Bill Bennett to have a discussion on how we could improve the educational experience of our students in SD#5. The Chair will contact our educational partner groups for further discussion.

Business from Previous Minutes:

- 8.1 BCCPAC Spring Leadership Conference and AGM – April 30 – May 3 in Burnaby. BCCPAC will be sending info re; the AGM and resolutions to PAC mailbox's by the end of March. Twelve special resolutions are open for discussion on the BCCPAC website.
- 8.2 DPAC District Parent Traffic Safety Committee – Next meeting April 8/2015 @ 6:00 pm, Cranbrook Board office and WebEx conference.
- 8.3 Community Consultation (Thought Exchange) – Superintendent Lynn Hauptman reported that there were over 20,000 responses received. The number one response was how much people appreciate the staff of SD5. Another common theme was the need for refurbishments to aging facilities.
- 8.4 February 11/2015 motion re: Long Form Census- Preview of letter that DPAC will be sending to Prime Minister Harper to bring back the Long Form Census so that all districts in British Columbia may have updated information on student demographics so that we may have targeted support programs for students. Reliable statistical information about all parts of society also supports government decisions to fight poverty and reduce the marginalization of disadvantaged groups.

New Business:

- 9.1 The Cranbrook Clean Drinking Water committee would like the support of DPAC for the cessation of fluoridation. They would like to give a presentation at the next DPAC meeting. Chair to confirm if business falls under the DPAC mandate.

Correspondence:

- BCCPAC Electronic Meeting with DPAC Chairs- Items open for discussion are;
Communication between BCCPAC and member DPACs
Fall Conference Format

Questions:

- Question regarding more details on a possible PAC-Nic. No updated information at this time.

Next meeting: Wed, April 15/2015

Adjournment: 8:06 pm

2014 DPAC Meeting Schedule

Apr 15th

May 13th

June 10th

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