Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19th, 2014

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE: Debbie - Parkland Middle School, Marie - Laurie Middle School, Rosemary - Mt. Baker Senior Secondary
  REGRETS: Amy – TM Roberts Elementary

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Ute - Fernie Secondary, Laurel - Isabella Dicken Elementary, Kobus - Highlands Elementary, Lorelei – Highlands Elementary, Candace - Gordon Terrace, Marty - Amy Woodland
  REGRETS: Ruby- Pinewood Elementary

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Superintendent – Lynn Hauptman, Trustee - Trina Ayling, CDTA- Larry Dureski
  REGRETS: Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Ed - Jason Tichauer, CDTA President
     – Shelly Balfour

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Draft Minutes: Approved as amended to include;
  <u>**Email vote:**</u> For DPAC meetings to continue on the second Wed of every month, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm @ the Cranbrook Board office and via WebEx conferencing for the Elk Valley.
  In favour: 5   Opposed: 4   **Carried**

Treasurers Report:
Regular Account: $10,141.03
Gaming Account: $463.51

Superintendents Report: Please see the attached report.
  Highlights:
    - The Ktunaxa Flag Raising Ceremony was October 29th at Parkland Middle School. The event was led by Joe Pierre and aided by the Sookanie Singers and student representative Raven Fisher-Feltham.
    - Many schools have or are having Flag Raising ceremonies this month, including Parkland, Highlands and MBSS (at City Hall). As well, there will be a Metis Kitchen Party on November 19th at Parkland Middle School.

- Remembrance Day Assemblies were held at our schools. Each school or school community does their utmost to ensure that our veterans are not forgotten in ceremonies steeped in tradition.
- Robb Nash presented to Laurie, Parkland and Mt. Baker. He spoke about his nearly fatal automobile accident and his story reminded us to make wise decisions and to live life to the fullest.

Trustee's Report: Please see attached report.

Letter of Support: For our Board's request for update re; The Select Standing Committee's recommendations. – See attached Letter

Kootenay Leadership Collaboration Event - Pamela, Mount Baker PAC Chair and Deb, TM Roberts Co-Chair will be attending.

BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference – Debbie, DPAC Chair/Parkland Middle School and Meaghan, Isabella Dicken Elementary will be attending.

Request for Traffic Safety Committee – Committee to work on safety issues at all district schools with meetings on an "as needed bases" with reports and recommendations to DPAC meetings.
Action; Tabled to Jan. meeting pending PAC support and involvement.

Community Consultation - SD5 will participate in a comprehensive Community Consultation policy outlining a three-level approach and step-by-step process for public participation. The policy provides a framework by which Municipal Staff may assess the level of community input applicable to a particular project or initiative and provides for public input into the municipal decision-making process in an inclusive, effective manner. Parents will be able to complete a three question survey online anonymously. More information to follow from your school principal.
Sample of the three questions:
1) What are your concerns?
2) What do you appreciate?
3) What changes would you like to see?

Joint letter to Prime Minister Harper re: The Voluntary National Household Survey (V-NHA) also known as the census form. The information that this form supplies, directly affects the Community Link funding our district receives for vulnerable students.
Discussion on what could/should be used to provide data if not the census form e.g. Early Development Instrument, MyEdBC etc.
Action: DPAC, in conjunction with our education partners, will sign this letter to be forwarded to both the provincial and federal government.

Motion: DPAC to spend no more than one hundred dollars on a Christmas basket for Trustees and all district staff, to be delivered on December 2nd prior to the board meeting.
Motion: Laurie Middle School   **Second**- Isabela Dicken   **CARRIED**

Motion: That DPAC supply five hundred dollars in support of the District Student Advisory Council (DSAC).

      Motion: Laurie Middle School   **Second:** Mt Baker Secondary   **CARRIED**

Questions: Write up in the paper re; Parent Citizenship award winner? – New pictures will need to be taken prior to news release, Chair to arrange.

Next meeting: Wed, Dec 10, 2014

Adjournment: 8:15pm

2014 DPAC Meeting Schedule

Dec 10th
Jan 14th
Feb 11th
Mar 11th
Apr 15th
May 13th
June 10th

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

FYI: Tomson Highway - Racial Diversity & Harmony as a Canadian reality, a Canadian value. Presented by East Kootenay Humanity Network. December 9 at 7:00 pm. Call for Free Tickets - General Seating

Mass Choir- Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:30 pm at the Alliance Church

Secretary: _____

Chair: _____