

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Committee
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Sept 10, 2014**

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE: Debbie – Parkland Middle School, Krystal – Parkland Middle School (Non-Voting)

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Marie – Steeples Elementary, Tiffany – FJ Mitchell Elementary, Rosemary – Mt. Baker Senior Secondary, Ute – Fernie Secondary & Isabella Dicken Elementary, Ruby – Pinewood, Amy – TM Roberts Elementary, Andrea – Rocky Mountain Elementary

REGRETS: Jenn – Jaffray Elementary Secondary, Adrienne – Kootenay Orchard Elementary, Kobus – Highlands Elementary, Carol – Elkford Secondary

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Superintendent - Lynn Hauptman, Trustee - Trina Ayling, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Ed - Jason Tichauer, Cranbrook Teachers Association – Shelley Balfour,

Call to Order: 7:12 pm

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: Approved as circulated. Our sincere appreciation to Rosemary - Mount Baker for supply us with these.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Account: \$7,464.08

Gaming Account: \$ 37.00

Superintendent's Report: Please see the attached report.

Highlights

- Schools are ready for the new school year. Thanks to our Teachers who did not picket during summer allowing the Operations staff to attend to the maintenance of our school.
- Web-site is being updated frequently for parent information regarding school start up
- Huge thank you to Telus, who has provided 200 backpacks full of school supplies to SD5 students this year.
- Rocky Mountain Elementary is on track to have students and staff in the building by mid-October
- We were able to support a number of students from SD5 and neighbouring districts in writing Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincial Exams in August. We were the only district regionally to offer the opportunity to write the exams.

Trustee's Report: See attachment

DPAC's Year in Review: tabled to next meeting

DPAC AGM Oct 15/2014 @ 6:30 pm: Second call for nominations for all executive positions as per DPAC's Constitution and Bylaws.

- It's with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Krystal – Parkland Middle School as of the AGM. She will be sincerely missed.
- Our organization is in need of executive members in order to continue. Please consider filling one of these positions.

BCCPAC 2014/2015 Membership forms:

- Membership is free to PACs as DPAC pays for all schools
- Completed forms can be inter-school mailed and/or emailed to DPAC
- E-mail addresses provided allow BCCPAC, DPAC and all district information to get to your PAC and will not be shared, sold or given out without your expressed permission

BCCPAC's Emergency DPAC Chair Meeting: see attached Report from the Chair

- Chair attended with three guiding principles that the Executive felt all parents could agree with,
 - That parents want their children in school
 - Parents/students do not want to go through this again thus the need for a negotiated contract
 - Students and classrooms require more support
- This conversation will continue at BCCPAC's fall conference so it's important that we hear from SD5 parents regarding the proposed "Classroom Support Fund"
- Request for more information to enable conversations to better obtain the parent voice. DPAC will be supplying this.
- The BCCPAC news release following this meeting was met with mixed reactions from our Education partner groups. Need for maintaining these valuable connections

Motion: The DPAC Chair to visit the picket lines to meet with Teachers and explain the roles and workings of our various organizations (PAC, DPAC and BCCPAC)

Moved: Steeples

Second: Mt. Baker

Carried

Invitation to meet with the Cranbrook and District Teacher Association in October accepted. Chair will be attending

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 – AGM at 6:30 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

CHAIR: _____

SECRETARY: _____