

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

**In Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE:** Debbie- Parkland Middle School, Krystal- Parkland Middle School (Non-voting)

**DPAC REPS and PARENTS:** Marie- Steeples Elementary & Laurie Middle School, Rosemary- Mt. Baker Senior Secondary, Ute- Fernie Secondary & Isabella Dicken Elementary, Adrienne- Kootenay Orchards Elementary, Ruby- Pinewood Elementary, Tiffany – FJ Mitchell Elementary

**REGRETS:** Jenn – Jaffray Elementary Secondary, Amy – TM Roberts, Elementary, Kobus – Highlands Elementary, Carol – Elkford Secondary

**PARTNER GROUPS & GUESTS:** Superintendent - Lynn Hauptman, Trustee - Trina Ayling, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Ed – Jason Tichauer, Cranbrook Teachers Association – Shelley Balfour, Trustee Johns & Deryll White with the Columbia Basin Trust Institute – Legacy of Learning Initiative

**Legacy of Learning Presentation:**

“This project will help give children a sense of place,  
places that may be gone but not forgotten”- Deryll White

The Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History has partnered with School District #5 to research and assemble a series of web sites investigating the history of education in East Kootenay.

They have agreed to locate, collect, scan and return all photographs, documents, publications, crests and other memorabilia relating to school events, staff and students. If people or businesses holding such items would contact their local school principal and leave the items at the school, the School District will forward them to Cranbrook where they can be processed and returned. They do not intend to keep any of these items. If you need more particulars please contact Deryll White by e-mail at [dwhite@basininstitute.org](mailto:dwhite@basininstitute.org).

Call to order: 7:02 pm

**Agenda:** Approved as amended

**Minutes:** Approved as circulated

**Treasurers Report:**

Regular Account: \$8157.13

Gaming Account: \$36.99

**Superintendents Report:** Please see the attached report.

Highlights:

- Music Monday was held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Tamarack Mall, it was well attended and a huge success.
- Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender visited our district on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The visit included a tour of Mount Baker, Isabella Dicken and Sparwood Secondary schools.
- Mt. Baker's adaptation of the musical Urine Town was very entertaining. Mt. Baker students are very talented.
- Parkland Concert Band completed their Tours in Seattle and Edmonton for the 2013/2014 school year, with their Grade 7 Band placing gold in their category, and their Grade 8/9 placing silver and winning the Ambassador Award "Spirit of Seattle" for overall positive attitude and excellent bandmanship.
- We are pleased to announce Brian Conrad will continue on as the Transitions Coordinator with the COTR.
- District Focus: Changing results for young readers. It is our goal to have all students reading by the beginning of grade three.
- The following administration positions were ratified by the Board; Amy Woodland Elementary Principal – Aaron Thorn  
Gordon Terrace Elementary Vice-Principal – David Doll  
Laurie Middle School Vice-Principal – Jill Carley  
Parkland Middle School Vice-Principal – Kaley Wasylowich  
Steeple Elementary School Principal - David Martin

**Trustee's Report:** Please see attached report.

Highlights:

- Board letter to Prime Minister Harper re: Health Care Accord - Canada is facing an important next step in our Medicare history. In 2014, the current health care accord – (the deal that sets funding and health care service delivery agreements between the federal and provincial and territorial governments) expires and must be renegotiated. The federal government is ignoring the calls of the provinces and territories to work on a deal, and shockingly announced \$36 billion worth of health care cuts which will come into effect after the next federal election in 2015.
- The board gave tentative approval for the Field Trip Application for Mt. Baker

Secondary school trip, Spring break 2015. Destination to be determined - either Spain/Morocco or Turkey and Greece

- Second and third reading of the Annual By-law Budget in the amount of \$52,297,605

DPAC questions to the Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender- See attached  
Action – DPAC to formally submit questions to the Minister.

### **Secretary Position:**

Action: June meeting acting Secretary: Mt. Baker Secondary  
September meeting acting Secretary: Kootenay Orchards Elementary  
October AGM: Secretary Position is open for election

### **DPAC Proposed Bylaw Amendment:**

Section IX: TERM OF OFFICE

No person may hold any one position for more than four consecutive years, unless they receive a majority vote, of not less than 75% of the votes cast, by the voting membership.

Motion: Steeples Second: Mt. Baker

**Action:** Final vote of acceptance **Carried**

### **BCCPAC:**

There was a need to change flight plans for the Fernie Secondary School Delegate.

**Motion:** DPAC to cover the additional charge of \$52.50 to cover the incurred expense due to flight change for delegate to BCCPAC.

Motion: Steeples Second: Mount Baker **Carried**

DPAC vote on resolutions at the BCCPAC AGM:

Action – Voting will be decided by our two attending DPAC delegates (Fernie Secondary and Parkland Middle School) based on what's best for our district schools.

AGM Resolution 4 – Mathematics Curriculum Prior to Middle School

Discussion –

- Resolution is hard to understand as written
- Calling for change when curriculum is still being reviewed
- Plenty of opportunities for parents and stakeholders to provide feedback to curriculum changes via <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=14>
- Parents would not like to see a return to “older style of teaching” but would like to see consistency

## **Correspondence:**

Reinstatement of recess for elementary schools.

## **Questions:**

Potential changes to and/or the possible cancellation of School Planning Councils?

Discussion –

- There has been no official changes announced regarding SPCs
- Some but not all districts have experienced inadequacies in councils
- Resolution passed at the BC School Trustee AGM  
“That BCSTA request that the provincial government promptly consult with the relevant K–12 education stakeholders, including all employee groups, to update, replace, or rescind sections 8.1–8.3 of the School Act regarding School Planning Councils.”
- These have changed considerably since their inception (removal of class size and composition etc.)
- Parents can feel overwhelmed and unsure of how to use the information they may receive
- Some councils have been reduced to simple parent signatures
- Some schools have chosen to bring the information to PAC due to lack of parent volunteers

**Adjournment:** 8:17 pm

## **2014 DPAC Meeting Schedule**

June 11, 2014

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