

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday Nov. 13, 2019**

**Call to Order:** 6:32 pm

**'Acknowledgement of the meeting taking place on the lands of the Ktunaxa people'**

**In Attendance:**

**Executive:** TM Roberts (Tara - Treasurer, Acting Chair), Highlands (Lies - Secretary)

**DPAC Reps and Parents:** Jaffray Elementary/Jr. Secondary - Alysha, Rocky Mountain Elementary - Tathlina, Fernie Secondary - Fernie Secondary - Ute, T.M. Roberts Elementary- Karen, Parkland Middle- Erik, Gordon Terrace- Michelle, Steeples - Danielle, Jaqueline

**Regrets:** none

**Partner Groups and Guests:** Silke Yardley- Superintendent, Chris Johns - School Board Trustee, Shelley Balfour- CDTA

**Regrets:** Wendy Turner

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated/amended

**Minutes:** (Oct.9, 2019) meeting minutes approved as circulated/amended

**Treasurer Report:** Funds are the same minus bank fees. Report will be provided at the next meeting.

**Superintendent Report:** Silke Yardley

Highlights Include:

1. A chance to travel around and look at all the schools. Saw Steeples School at Halloween. Quite impressed with KO Halloween Carnival. Mt. Baker performance was amazing.
2. Shelley Moore has come in to work with teachers on inclusive learning.
3. LGBTQ conference in Fernie
4. Math guru Carole Fullerton spent some time in schools exploring big math ideas and how to implement in the classrooms.
5. Principals meet one time per month and then had a learning day about Student Services.
6. SD is looking for a parent to help with the inclusive working group for creating a district share plan around vulnerable learners for completion June 30. Nov. 19 from 9-11:30am.

Questions/Discussion from report: None

**Trustee Report:** Wendy Turner (Trina Ayling here in Wendy's absence)

Highlights included:

1. Help for DPAC and PACs addressed at Trustee meeting.
2. Possible opening Grasmere School. Feasibility is being researched.
3. Donation to Salvation Army approved in Cranbrook and Fernie instead of gifts.
4. Full replacement for Mt. Baker - Engineering firm toured the school and will submit a report to encourage a new school after working on it for 11 years.

Questions/Discussion from report:

1. Which grades are they working on opening in the Grasmere school. Unknown until further investigation has taken place.

**Individual PAC discussion:**

1. T.M. Roberts- Last week was a movie night. The Queen's Corgie – content of the movie was concerning.
2. Gordon Terrace-The kids were allowed to dress up for Halloween. Bingo night next week. Nepal fundraiser to take place with funds going to a school.
3. Highlands - Had to cancel Winter Market due to lack of interest. Movie night fundraiser this coming Friday night. Hot lunch still happening weekly as our biggest fundraiser.
4. Steeples- 4<sup>th</sup> annual market on Friday with about 30 vendors, bake sale etc. very exciting  
5:30-8pm
5. Jaffray- 4 fundraisers just wrapping up Purdys, DSW, Sheets (sweet)
6. Fernie Secondary - Oct 30 meeting at the new Kootenay Learning Centre. Really enjoyed the space. The PAC may have someone who is interested in some fundraising. When is the Screenagers going to happen? We do have the funding arranged. Tara will check with Gail and confirm a day.
7. Tathlina- fundraising with cookies. Gathering gently used items for kids to purchase gifts for Christmas.

**Business from previous meetings:**

Discussion regarding viability of DPAC:

1. Michelle would like to help but does not know how the positions or council works.
2. Discussion continued as to if there were other positions filled, Tara would continue to be Chair.

Call for nominations/installation of officers for DPAC's open executive positions;

Chair – Tara- T.M Roberts - Acclaimed

Vice - Chair – Michelle – Gordon Terrace - Acclaimed

Secretary – Lies – Highlands

Treasurer – Karen – T.M.Roberts

**New Business:**

1. BCCPAC letter reply regarding struggles with turnout to DPAC
2. Brainstorming session- DPAC support  
- PAC conference in Fernie?

- Silke has an idea they hosted an evening for all district staff the principal and vice principal would bring their PAC representative and DPAC with guest speakers. Gladys Fraser is the organizer
- Trina has an idea that the SD does presentations on what their roles are and how they all fit in together
- Lies speaks about DPAC and the importance of keeping it running and the benefits of the council to advocate for children in the school system without bias.
- Trina was a DPAC rep for 10 years- DPAC can meet with MLA's, School Ministry etc. Working as a group can make a good impact in the schools. Tonnes of resources are available to use through DPAC.
- Babysitting options etc can be available to encourage more turnout.

**Correspondence:**

1. Prevalence Funding concerns from the CDTA letter was circulated to increase awareness of this issue that has not been considered by all parties/shareholders that it affects.

Questions regarding Prevalence Model to clarify what it is about: Where it occurs more often will get the money. No framework for where the funding will be. Just waiting on more info to proceed.

**Questions/ Comments:** None

**13. Next meeting:** Dec. 11, 2019

**14. Meeting adjourned:** 7:23 pm.

Notetaker: Highlands Elementary

Date: Nov. 13, 2019