

**Southeast Kootenay School District 5  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 21, 2024**

**Call to Order: 6:34 pm**

**'Acknowledgement that we are meeting on the homelands of the Ktunaxa people'**

**In Attendance:**

**Executive:** Lies- Mt. Baker (Chair)

**Regrets:** Melissa- Gordon Terrace (Secretary)

**DPAC Reps and Parents:** Danielle- Steeples, Nancy- FSS, Rianne- FJ Mitchell, Halina- Isabella Dicken, Melissa- Pinewood

**Regrets:** Milana- Gordon Terrace, Don- Jaffray Elementary

**Partner Groups and Guests:** Viveka- Superintendent, Wendy Turner- Trustee

**Regrets:** None

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated

**Minutes:** (January 2024) Approved as circulated

**Treasurer Report:** Approved as circulated, ntr

**Superintendent Report:** Viveka Johnson

Highlights include:

- Policy on cell phone use is no use during instructional time in class unless instructed by the teacher.
- FSS had 2 floods, which has left a portion of the school unusable. Will be a number of months before it is repaired fully.
- Steeples has had an accessible washroom installed.
- Upcoming school calendar has been approved and next 2 years are in the works already.
- FESL: assessments in primary and literacy, up to standard by Grade 3 is the target.
- Budget season is beginning next week. FTE's are based on catchments/projected enrollment.

**Trustee Report: Wendy Turner**

Highlights include:

- Jill Carley will be Principal at Pinewood
- Judi Poole is retiring
- Condolences to Joy Columbo
- New catchment area's now in place. The public was offered 3 meetings for input which is not required but was given anyway.
- Thank you to maintenance department for managing all of the issues associated with the cold weather in many different schools
- Awaiting decision on Vision Zero grant application for flashing signs in 4 school zones in the district.
- Thank you to all the staff working on the budget. Amended budget adopted for 2023-24.
- Pink shirt day Feb. 28
- Committee Day Feb. 26, these are public meetings

**BCTF Report: Shelley Balfour & Adrienne**

Highlights include: ntr

**Individual PAC discussion:**

- **Steeples:** Casey's Greenhouse fundraiser, had some new parent's to PAC meeting, revamping PAC as the Treasurer has moved away, and having a movie night. Had a multicultural festival at the school, and even though Steeples lost their music room, they still have music in the classroom.
- **Isabella Dicken:** The school is doing skating, swimming, skiing, and x-country skiing too! Movie night for Grade 6 year end fundraiser. Adding French components to fundraising activities. PAC is seeking more input from parents and more help. Having pizza days to fundraise for grade 6 grad as well as book fair and bake sale. Did a teacher appreciation. Year end camp for grade 6's to cost over \$20,000. How to fundraise for that?
- **MBSS:** Student learning surveys for grades 10 & 12, scholarship deadlines April 5/24, scoreboard focus has changed to an app and a monitor. Quirks and Quarks coming to Mt. Baker May 13.
- **FSS:** Working on course selection for next year. Did candy grams and a Valentine's Day dance. Grads are fundraising through spirit week. Thank you to Viveka for the follow up on cell phone use and looking forward to the cellphone forum March 6.
- **FJM:** Had quite a few people at the PAC meeting. Did candy grams for Valentine's Day. Writer's week- local authors/illustrators to speak to the kids and then the kids can publish their own book. PAC is interested in the BCTF workshops but needs to find out which are being offered.
- **Pinewood:** Jill Carley is staying on as Principal, 2 new parents attended Jan. PAC meeting, speeding issues on King Street and it is not safe for the kids walking to school, Valentine's Dance, Casey's Greenhouse fundraiser, and Purdys fundraiser. Board game drive for 2 new classrooms.

**Business from previous meetings:** NTR

**New Business:**

- NTR

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:42 pm.

**Notetaker:** MBSS-Lies

**Date:** Wednesday February 21, 2024

**Next meeting:** Wednesday March 13, 2024