

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
Minutes for
Wednesday, February 11th, 2015**

In attendance:

EXECUTIVE: Debbie – Parkland Middle School, Rosemary – Mt. Baker Senior Secondary, Amy – T.M Roberts

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: Kobus – Highlands Elementary, Marty – Amy Woodland

REGRETS: Marie – Laurie Middle School

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Trustee – Trina Ayling, CDTA – Shelley Balfour

REGRETS: Superintendent Lynn Hauptman, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education - Jason Tichauer

Note: The Webinar system was not available for the meeting therefore the DPAC representatives from the Elk Valley were not able to participate.

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Agenda: Approved as amended

Draft Minutes: Addition of Superintendent Lynn Hauptman's name to list of regrets for January 14th, 2015 meeting

Treasurer's Report as of February 15th, 2015:

- Regular account: \$7773.72
- Gaming account: \$50.56

Superintendent's Report – Lynn Hauptman was unavailable tonight but her report was circulated via email. No questions arose from the report. **Trustee's Report** – Please see attached report

Business from the previous minutes:

- **BCCPAC Spring Leadership Conference and AGM – April 30 to May 3 in Burnaby.**
 - Discussion on the use of proxy votes and the restrictions around their use. DPAC reps were asked to approach their PACs to determine if the current practice used in SD5 was

still an appropriate process. Reps are to email responses to Debbie, DPAC chair as soon as possible

- **DPAC Traffic Safety Committee** inaugural meeting was held February 11th, 2015. Three members were in attendance with several regrets sent in. The Committee is awaiting information from Trustee Whalen regarding the Cranbrook in Motion's response to the Committee's request for information regarding the ICBC Traffic Control Review for Cranbrook. The Committee will inquire as to whether or not a Traffic Control Review was done for the communities in the Elk Valley. The next meeting of this committee will be in the first week of April, 2015.
- **Community Consultation** – Debbie received an update from Superintendent Hauptman regarding the Thoughtstream survey currently in process. Lynn advised that all the parent concerns received were sent directly to Thoughtstream for action. She is awaiting a response. The company did advise that the names and/or emails were not shared with Administrators which was one of the concerns previously raised. The next part of the process will be to amalgamate the “starred” responses and share with the participants.
- **Long Form Census** – In the DPAC minutes of the November 19th, 2014, it was noted that the DPAC would be included as a stakeholder group in signing a letter to Prime Minister Harper regarding the reinstatement of the Long Form Census. However, through a communication error, the DPAC was not included in the letter. The following motion was passed:
 - **“That the DPAC write a letter to Prime Minister Harper in support of the return of the Long Form Census and to express their disappointment of the recent defeat of the Bill by the House of Commons.”** M/S MBSS Rep/AWES Rep
- **PACnic** – Trustee Brown has asked DPAC to pick a date for the PACnic. Discussion ensued about the purpose of this meeting and who was responsible for its content. It was decided that more information was needed. Debbie and Trina will speak to Trustee Brown to determine the details and will report back at the March DPAC meeting.

New Business:

- Parents requesting to change schools for their children to an out of catchment area school should do so immediately as it is on a first come-first served. Your application is date and time stamped at the Board Office. The forms are available at the catchment (current) school. Trustee Ayling was able to confirm that there was policy and process around the movement of students outside of catchment areas. The Human Resources Director, Brent Reimer is the gatekeeper of all requests which removes the responsibility for the Principals to make those difficult decisions. Trustee Ayling also stated that parents need to know that some of the

movement requests cannot be dealt with until September because schools have to allow for space for students who move into the catchment area over the summer. Parents are reminded that “space available” doesn’t just refer to the physical space but rather whether there is enough staffing to support more students, class composition, etc.

Correspondence:

- Invitation for parents from Connect Church to “Thrive, Parenting Beyond Survival” workshop Feb 27th and 28th cost is \$65 per person
- “Hills are Alive” Metis music weekend is scheduled for June 11-14, 2015, Cypress Hills, Elkwater, Alberta (near Medicine Hat). Information will be sent to each PAC soon.
- The book, *Your Magical Brain* by Gary Anaka is available to borrow from Debbie, DPAC Chair. It is a book about the teenage brain and how it works. Contact Debbie if interested.

Questions:

- **What is the anticipated date for parents to know about their child’s class for next year?** A discussion was held on this topic. There are so many factors that go into the class make up. Teachers consider the make-up of classes in June but teachers also have the ability to move at any time so the draft class configuration may be available but it may not be the teacher listed. Sometimes over the summer, lots of students move in and/or out which forces the school to reconfigure the grades again. Some schools don’t do class configurations until after the first day of school.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment: 7:58 pm

2014 DPAC Meeting Schedule

March 11th

April 15th

May 13th

June 10th

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