

**Southeast Kootenay  
District Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 9th, 2015**

**In Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE:** Debbie - Mount Baker Secondary (Chair), Sarah - Pinewood Elementary (Vice Chair), Julie - Gordon Terrace Elementary (Secretary)

**DPAC REPS and PARENTS:** Melinda - Amy Woodland Elementary, Kobus - Highlands Elementary, Holly - Rocky Mountain Elementary, Robin - FJ Mitchell Elementary, Ute - Fernie Secondary

**REGRETS:** Marty - Amy Woodland Elementary, Jennifer - Steeples Elementary, Coralee - Jaffray Jr Sec/Elementary, Amy - TM Roberts Elementary

**PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS:** Director of Student Learning/Ab Ed - Jason Tichauer, Trustee - Chris Johns, CDTA President - Shelley Balfour

**REGRETS:** Superintendent - Lynn Hauptman, Trustee - Trina Ayling

**Call to Order:** 7:17pm

**Acknowledgement that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people**

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated

**Minutes:** November 2015 meeting minutes approved as circulated

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Gaming Account	1200.60
	Regular	7614.31

**Superintendent Report:** Attached and presented by Jason Tichauer

Highlights included;

- I. Confirmed Amendment to SD5 calendar for Jan 18th and April 29th 2016 as training days for the revised curriculum.

- II. Thanks, from Superintendent Lynn Hauptman to everyone who was involved in the Mass Choir

**Trustee Report:** Presented by Chris Johns

Highlights included:

- I. Trustee Frank Lento re-elected as Chair as well as other positions filled
- II. 750,000 approved for repairs on Laurie Middle School - funds come from School Protection Branch
- III. Passed a motion that funding will cover everyone, including part time employees, for 2 days of revised curriculum training
- IV. BCSTA joint letter to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance re; three recommendations for adequate funding from the Select Standing Committee – attached  
Discussion - Letter was signed by all educational partner groups except BCCPAC. Unsure of why. Select Standing Committee recommendations have been made for at least three years without movement from the Government.

**Motion:** That DPAC write a letter of support for the three recommendations of the select standing committee.

**Moved By:** Melinda - Amy Woodland

**Carried**

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**Business from previous Minutes:**

- 8.1 DPAC Website
  - I. Meeting with District staff still needs to be set
- 8.2 Laurie Middle School Fire Update
  - I. Will need new gym floor due to moisture present. Walls will also be replaced. Gym not likely to be in use for the rest of the school year
  - II. City facilities and businesses have been very accommodating providing space for students

- III. Looking at doing some special programs such as swimming - School Protection Branch can be billed for busing/extra costs
  - IV. Parents with very specific questions should call Laurie School
- 8.3 Revised School Calendar/Curriculum Training
- I. One day in each of the next 2 years will be added to the SD5 calendar
  - II. September 2017 - new graduate curriculum will be implemented starting with the grade 10's that year

**New business:**

- 9.1 DPAC Treasurer Position
- I. Amy - DPAC Rep for TM Roberts and current DPAC Treasurer is resigning her DPAC position. She will continue to attend meetings as a non-voting member
  - II. Melinda (Amy Woodland) accepted position as new DPAC Treasurer

**Correspondence:**

- 10.1 Thank you from the District Student Advisory Council (DSAC)
- I. DSAC sent a picture of themselves at the Blue Lake Leadership Camp. Thanks to DPAC for support
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- DPAC Chair attended a presentation on gender identity and expression. Article in Nov/Dec issue of "Teacher" - Magazine from the BCTF. These magazines are sent to every PAC Chair. Encouragement to share article and magazine at PAC meetings and with parents
  - Thank you and Merry Christmas from the DPAC Chair for all parent and partner involvement

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 13th, 2016

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:56pm

Julie Botterill, DPAC Secretary  
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