

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017**

In Attendance

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

DPAC REPS and PARENTS: John - Highlands Elementary, Jennifer - Steeples Elementary, Robin-FJ Mitchell Elementary, Ute - Fernie Secondary

REGRETS: Melinda - Parkland Middle (Treasurer), Marie - Laurie Middle

PARTNER GROUPS and GUESTS: Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent, Trina Ayling - Trustee

REGRETS: Shelley Balfour - CDTA President

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (April 2017) meeting minutes approved as circulated

Treasurer Report:

Regular Account: \$8513.33

Gaming Account: \$1169.65

Superintendent Report: Presented by Lynn Hauptman

Highlights included;

- I. Fine Arts time in the schools - band concerts, plays, art exhibits
- II. Environmental education/place-based learning - nice way into the new curriculum. Team of teachers went to leadership symposium in Nipika.
- III. Janet Kujuit new Vice-Principal at Isabella Dickens School

Trustee Report: Presented by Trina Ayling

Staff and facility changes - put on October agenda

Business from previous Minutes:

- 8.1 Updating DPAC bylaws and handbook – Was sent to reps for feedback of the proposed amendments.
- Need for clarification regarding the wording for quorum.
 - Pending questions: How do we ensure the integrity of the proposed email voting process, to;
 - a) provide proof to the membership that an email vote was sent and received by all members?
 - b) that sufficient time was allowed for all members to vote e.g. cancellation of meeting due to extreme weather etc.?
- 8.2 BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM – May 4 – 7th in Surrey – Delegates carried 9 proxies from our 19 memberships, who took part in Executive elections and voted on 14 resolutions. 554 PACs and 42 DPACs attended.

2017/2018 BCCPAC Board of Directors;

President: Jen Mezei – Burnaby
First Vice- President: Gord Byers – Chilliwack
Second Vice-President: vacant
Treasurer: vacant
Secretary: Kendra Mann – Kootenay Lake
Director: Crystal Andrews – Sooke
Director – Tracy Wright – Langley
Director - Karen Nordquist -North Vancouver
Director – vacant

- i. Due to the number of vacancies, a by-election via e-mail will be held. All information regarding nominations, voting and time-lines will be sent directly to members.
- ii. BCCPAC's DPAC Outstanding Parent Involvement Award DPAC received two nominations for this award with a member majority vote being held via email. For consideration – As all parent involvement deserves to be recognized, do members want to present the other nominee with our DPAC Annual Parent Citizenship Award?

Motion (05178.2b): That DPAC destroy the ballots for the BCCPAC's DPAC Outstanding Parent Involvement Award

Moved By: Sarah

Carried

Action: Sarah will do this

Motion(05178.2B): That DPAC provide award, gift, and certificate to the second nominee of the outstanding parent involvement award

Moved By: Julie

Carried

Action: Debbie will buy and present this

8.3 Pending DPAC Letters;

a) Item 9.1, March 15/2017 meeting minutes, re;

BCCPAC's Mid-term report and increased information sharing.

"DPAC will write a letter to commend them for this detailed report."

b) Item 10.2, April 12/2017 meeting minutes, regarding Hon. Jan Philpot re;

Request for Additional Provincial Funding for Child and Youth Mental Health Services

Motion: That DPAC write a letter of support for the

Board's request and copied to designated recipients.

Motion: That DPAC members will handle these letters by email

Moved By: John

Carried

New Business:

9.1 PAC Gaming License Events; BCCPAC would like to alert and remind PACs that they are responsible for all gaming events that are carried out with a license obtained through them, e.g. school sport team using a PAC license for a raffle, PAC responsible for unsold tickets etc.

Be aware that it is of utmost importance that there be extreme compliance of guidelines - use of gaming funds and licences. Stay away from grey areas that might fall under scrutiny.

90 days to send in report on gaming event.

Pac minutes need to be kept for a minimum of 10 years - more info to come about archiving.

9.2 Proposed parent information event re; Liabilities of Raising Teens; the legal and personal liabilities that face parents raising teens e.g.

- legal and insurance rules for parents of teens that are learning to drive as well as those who already passed their N
 - the owner is responsible to know that all drivers' licences are in order
 - coinsurance of a child's car makes you liable
 - use of alcohol voids insurance
 - 3 authorities that can remove a licence (parent, RCMP and issuing

authority). Read fine print!

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- As a server, how responsible are you for the safety of an intoxicated person (rule of first drink served). You are responsible for the care and wellbeing of individual for all events following
- Legal age that parental notification (by police) is no longer required?
After 18th birthday
 - If a child says they are scared of their parent - MCFD must be called in (trumps RCMP)
 - If a teen texts or posts anything that is not allowed/accurate - liability falls to parent

RCMP, insurance company, lawyer - panel of people to talk to parents of middle/secondary aged students about these issues. Something to consider for next school year.

Questions:

John - How is the calendar for the school year created?

So many minutes of instruction required - this is how calendar is created. Parent consultation is part of the process. Minutes of instruction are non-negotiable (legislated). Local language in collective agreement needs to mesh with this as well.

Next Meeting: Wed, June 14/2017 @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:41pm

Julie Botterill, DPAC Secretary
2017-05-17



June 8, 2017

BCCPAC Board Chair, Jen Mezei and Directors
Unit C, 2288 Elgin Avenue
Port Coquitlam BC V3C 2B2

Dear Jen,

On behalf of the SD5 Southeast Kootenay DPAC, I'm writing regarding a motion that passed at our March 15, 2017 meeting.

Motion; DPAC will write a letter to BCCPAC to commend them for their detailed Mid-term Membership Update.

In the past, we have found information regarding BCCPAC's advocacy activities very sporadic and/or time consuming to research, in order to help keep interested members up to date on items such as resolutions that have passed at the AGMs etc.

With the inclusion of the Board's Strategic plan and meeting review along with updates from each portfolio, members truly get a sense of the work being done on behalf of parents across the province.

Our DPAC fully appreciates the time involved to produce this report, we commend you for it and it's our sincere hope that the Board will continue with this new initiative.

Sincerely,

Debbie Therrien
SD5 Southeast Kootenay
DPAC Chair



June 8, 2017

Honourable Jane Philpott
Federal Minister of Health
Government of Canada
6060 Main Street
Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 1B8

Dear Minister Philpott,

RE: Request for Additional Funding for Child and Youth Mental Health Services

At the April 12, 2017 meeting, the SD5 Southeast Kootenay District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) was made aware of and discussed the following motion that was passed at our School Board's public meeting:

"That the Board write a letter to the Minister of Health (cc our local MP) asking for additional provincial funding for mental health."

Through this discussion, DPAC was also made aware of the *BC all-party Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth (SSCCY)* January 2016 report and we fully agree that all 23 recommendations contained in the report, require money if we truly want to see improved outcomes for our youth, not only in our province but across Canada.

While early intervention and co-ordinated, multi-agency integrated service delivery are considered the most promising solutions for improving child and youth mental health issues, without the necessary funding parents are left to deal with less than ideal outcomes for their children.

Provincial agencies, school boards and other much needed support service providers should never find funding as a barrier in aiding our most vulnerable citizens. However, particularly in rural communities, that is the reality for many parents when trying to access intervention and support.

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V1C-4C6



Therefore, we also add our voice in support of our Board's request that the Federal government provide additional, stable, adequate and sustainable funding – specifically for the provision of child and youth mental health services – to all provinces and territories across Canada.

Sincerely,

Debbie Therrien
SD5 Southeast Kootenay
DPAC Chair

Cc: Wayne Stetski, MP, Kootenay-Columbia
Frank Lento, SD5 Board Chair
Lynn Hauptman, SD5 Superintendent

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