

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 15, 2019**

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

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

In Attendance:

Executive: Tara – TM Roberts Elementary (Chair), Michelle – Gordon Terrace Elementary (Vice-Chair), Karen – TM Roberts Elementary (Treasurer) Lies - Highlands Elementary (Secretary)

DPAC Reps and Parents: Tathlina - Rocky Mountain Elementary, Danielle – Steeples, Jennifer - Amy Woodland

Regrets: Ute-Fernie

Partner Groups and Guests: Silke Yardley- Superintendent, Shelley Balfour- CDTA, Wendy Turner- Trustee

Regrets: none

Agenda: Approved as circulated/amended change date to January 15

Minutes: (Dec. 11, 2019) meeting minutes approved as circulated/amended, change Steeples PAC discussion to reviewing jerseys and not purchased.

Treasurer Report:

1. Karen met with Debbie and Crystal regarding responsibilities. Everything is straightforward and Karen also received all information needed for the job. Included were ledgers etc. all in a tote. No change to the last report other than the \$2.50 bank fees.

Superintendent Report: Silke Yardley

Highlights Include:

1. January to March is the best learning time for kids to focus and learn.
2. District team meets weekly including the secretary treasurer (Alan Rice) so that the team works smoothly together. He wants to learn what the SD needs. A variety of data points were presented to the team for the upcoming budget so talks with begin soon. They will be trying to make some evidence- based decisions for budgeting. Silke created a series of 4 meetings just specific to looking at data. Focus is the student learning rather than all the other things going on. Also going to look at assessment tools to be used in the future.

3. Doing a district staff personal professional growth plans and one goal is to work on individual growth and the other is a focus on data. The exciting thing is they are looking at small areas of learning and looking at pre and post data. This will all tie in to the district plan. Everyone will do a round of the schools in Feb. to do a check-in.
4. Every Thursday Silke will be making rounds of the schools just to check-in and get a feel of the schools.
5. There has been some great learning on Pro-D days. Each school has an improvement fund to bring in some very great speakers each to their own schools.
6. The committee for vulnerable students has been having a tough time- hearing from teachers, parents, EAs etc. and it is a very emotional job from all angles. The cool thing is that Alan Rice was excited to be talking about money to help in these areas. Next week they will be having 2 classroom teachers attend and a principal representation as well. They need to figure out job descriptions etc.
7. A lot of exciting activities happening in the School district. Alan Rice is looking in to an Elk Valley busing review. They are looking for 2 PAC reps who live in the Elk Valley to assist on that committee.

Questions/Discussion from report:

1. Discussion regarding the appreciation of communication from and to the Superintendent.

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner

Highlights included:

1. A meeting in Jaffray yesterday Trustees Whalen and McPhee will continue to pursue installation of flashing lights in front of Amy Woodland and Steeples schools. Information has been forwarded to the City who will pay for ½ for Amy Woodland.
2. Budget consultation meetings are coming up so PACS are encouraged to speak up regarding support programs for the focus of the kids. The meeting is in Feb and the Elk Valley is in April.

Questions/Discussion from report: None

Individual PAC discussion:

1. TM- Movie nights and seed sales for fundraising. They are currently fundraising and designing a playground. They have ½ of the money already. Wendy Turner has advised that there may be funding available through the government.
2. Steeples- Over Christmas their sensory path has been installed and enjoyed very much. The entire kindergarten hallway has this. \$3000 was worth it. Mothers Day they are doing Casey's flower baskets.
3. Highlands-ABLE and many other activities happening through the Spring.
4. Rocky Mountain-This Friday they have Grizzly gets going activity every Friday. Science, Outdoors, Swimming, Jewellery, Beadwork, Cooking, Art & Crafts for 4 weeks. 7 new students have arrived in Elk Valley up to 170 kids. Wendy Turner added that there is property adjacent to the school in Elkford so they asked the city if the property could be used for school activities and it was found out that the school owns the property already!

5. Gordon Terrace- Jan 24 is literacy day so staff are making pancakes and encourage reading to the students. February they are having 3 connection Fridays so they are encouraging students to pick 3 activities to mingle all the students ages. PAC is doing a movie night at the end of Jan and they have some ski days coming up in March as well.

6. Amy Woodland- going to do a Valentines for Seniors and deliver them on Valentines Day. About 400 residents so they will team up with Steeples to deliver all of these. Mothers Day they are doing a bath bomb and soap fundraiser out of Canmore.

Side note from Silke that now all feminine products will be installed in the bathrooms. 95% of females would prefer them in the bathrooms. The entire province will have dispensers in the bathrooms.

Business from previous meetings:

New Business:

1. Sub Committee for presentation regarding vaping. Steeples, Amy Woodland and Gordon Terrace all volunteered to help on that committee.

2. Screenagers viewing in Fernie will be 910\$ instead of \$800 on Feb.

(012015.1) Motion to change amount of monies given to Fernie for Screenager viewing from up to \$900 to up to \$950.

Motion: TM Roberts **Second:** Gordon Terrace **CARRIED**

3. TM (our Treasurer) is going to spend up to \$100 for a new tote and 2 ledgers for DPAC.

Correspondence:

1. BCCPAC resolution submission forms
2. BCCPAC Award nominations

Questions/ Comments: None

13. Next meeting: Feb. 12, 2019

14. Meeting adjourned: 7:17 pm.

Notetaker: Highlands Elementary

Date: January 15, 2019