

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 11, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:36pm

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

In Attendance

Executive: Tara - TM Roberts Elementary (Chair), Karen - TM Roberts Elementary (Treasurer)

Regrets: Lies – Highlands Elementary (Secretary), Michelle – Gordon Terrace Elementary (Vice Chair)

DPAC Reps and Parents:

Jennifer - Amy Woodland Elementary; Danielle – Steeples; Tathlina Rocky Mountain Elementary; Tania - FJ Mitchell Elementary; Ute - Fernie Secondary; Stephanie - GT

Regrets: none

Partner Groups and Guests: Silke Yardley- Superintendent, Shelley Balfour- CDTA, Carol Johns

Regrets: Wendy Turner- School Board Trustee

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: February 12, 2019 meeting minutes approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: Approved as circulated

Superintendent Report: Silke Yardley

Highlights included;

- Pre-Pandemic Response Plan: Silke has spoken with a number of people around the province to come up with a plan (Using the 2009 H1N1 template). This information has been shared with teachers, principals, district team and parents. Updated information can be found on the SD5 website.
- Conference call with the Ministry every 4 days. What will happen if someone has Covid19 in our school system? Silke would contact the medical health officer; the medical health officer would contact the provincial Health Officer. The Health Officer will determine whether the school should be closed. SD5 phones the Board of Education, principals, maintenance, etc.
- They are also looking at possible alternative learning strategies and alternative payroll.

- Super Clean: an organic spray that SD5 uses within the school and school buses. All schools will be sprayed over the Spring Break.
- Also ensuring that schools have enough soap and hand sanitizers and each bathroom has hand washing signs.

Question: What the laptops that move from classroom to classroom throughout the day. Does custodial supply wipes to disinfect after each use?

Trustee Report: Wendy Turner sends her regrets

Individual PAC discussion:

- Rocky Mountain Elementary: April 8, 2020: Spring Craft show. Art show in May where each class or/individual students makes items and will auction off.
- Fernie Secondary: No PAC meeting in March
- Steeples Elementary: Olympic Games in gym. Fundraisers: Purdy's Chocolate & Mother's Day bath balm.
- Amy Woodland Elementary: Seed Fundraiser and Flower Baskets. The PAC agreed to allocate some funds for teachers' requests: so far they have purchased new Jerseys; courtyard garden supplies, new crash mats, new musical instruments, and possibly a lacrosse set. They will also host a year end teacher appreciation
- TM: Current fundraisers: Fort Steele Baking, Top Crop Flower Baskets, Seed Packets, Yoga in the Yard.

Business from previous meetings:

9.1 Vaping Presentation went well. 107 attendees. \$160.00 in donations. One parent expressed concern that the presentation needed to be starker to hopefully frighten the kids enough that they would stay away from vaping; particularly at the end of the presentation when the comparison to smoking was made.

9.2 Special Committee for busing: There are 6 meetings scheduled for the next few months.

9.3 BCCPAC AGM and Conference: Motion to send 4 people to the BCPAC. **M/S/C**

New Business:

10.1 Constitution and Bylaws Review: Motion to approve the Bi-laws and Constitutions as amended. **M/S/C**

10.2 White Hatter: Gail mentioned that it was better for a smaller group, but it can be presented to a maximum of 125. Would be presented to both students and parents. Tara will look into it more and report back to the DPAC.

10.3 Vaping Presentation: The Valley is interested in having the Vaping presentation. Theresa or one of her co workers would be available to present sometime after Spring Break. Would like to offer babysitting services at that presentation as well to ensure that childcare is not an issue for parents to attend.

10.4 Carol Johns: Presented information about Kimberly Schonert-Reichl possible presentation on social and emotional wellness. There has been considerable research which has shown the

social and emotional wellness in children is a strong indicator of future success. More and more essential as behavioural issues in school continue to grow. Kimberley is scheduled to be the Key note speaker and facilitate a breakout session at the District wide Professional Development in April 2020.

Suggestion: DPAC to host an evening presentation. April 20, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 at the Key City heater. (The Key City has already been reserved). Green room for babysitting. Request to get Zoom, but the Key City does not have the internet. Would taping be a possibility? Key City can hold 600 people.

Motion: Motion to spend up to \$1000.00 to reimburse Kimberly Schonert-Reichl for a parent presentation on April 20, 2020. **M/S/C**

Correspondence:

11.1 None to report

Questions/ Comments

None

Next meeting: April 15, 2020pm @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 pm.

Notetaker: TM Roberts

Date: March 11, 2020