

**Southeast Kootenay
District Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 10, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:33pm

‘Acknowledgement of the meeting taking place on the lands of the Ktunaxa people’

In Attendance:

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

Regrets: Michelle- Gordon Terrace (Vice-Chair)

DPAC Reps and Parents: Danielle- Steeples Elementary, Ute- Fernie Secondary, Tathlina- Rocky Mountain Elementary, Robin- FJ Mitchell Elementary, Jennifer- Amy Woodland Elementary

Regrets: None

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

Regrets: None

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: (May 13, 2020) Approved as circulated

Treasurer Report: See attached prepared by Treasurer- Approved as circulated

Superintendent Report: Presented by Superintendent Silke Yardley

Highlights Include:

- SD5 is now in to the Phase 3 part of back to school. Thank you to Tara and the committee for a safe and healthy plan that has led to this success. The committee will start up again for Phase 2 planning shortly.
- A big thank you to all parents for dealing with all of this.
- The sliding scales from 1-4 will be used during the next 18 months and will be determined by the numbers of COVID active in the area so it is unknown to all how this will look. Waiting for an update from the Ministry of Education for organization of Phase 2. The Premier is looking at daycare options so it will be interesting to see how they will reopen all daycares.

Questions/Discussion from report: How is school going for different families-

- RMES- Kids were excited, and has been a great experience although different for all 3 kids
- TM- School is great, finds it a good intro to what Sept. may look like.

- Amy- Good start up. Kids are doing well.

Trustee Report: presented by: Wendy Turner

Highlights included:

- Provincial picture: June 1 had 60,000 kids back to school. Grade 6 was highest attendance at 48.3% and Grade 12 had the lowest at 14.5%. They expect numbers to increase as parents and students become more comfortable with the situation.
- Teachers are still supporting both online and in-class instruction. Each school has a different health and safety protocol that needed to be in place before opening,
- A silver lining to Covid is having daytime custodians back in the schools.
- June report cards to look relatively normal. Comments may not be as in-depth. M of E has not offered any changes with reporting. Focus for elementary is numeracy and literacy with the higher grades' focus being the core subjects.
- The Board of Trustees is on target to submit their budget at the end of June.

Questions/Discussion from report: None

Individual PAC discussion:

- Rocky Mountain Elementary-AGM has taken place with a little shuffle of positions. They are looking in to the intermediate fields for upkeep and have a 5-10 year plan for maintenance.
- Highlands Elementary- Having a meeting Mon. Lies last meeting so may become DPAC Rep for Laurie Middle School. Their PAC is now looking for a Secretary, DPAC Rep and a Vice-Chair
- Fernie Secondary- Zoom PAC meeting took place Tues night. They have about 30 students attending. June 19 the incoming Grade 6s can go for a tour in the school.
- TM Roberts Elementary- PAC meeting 2 weeks ago. Playground installation is a go-ahead for this summer. Kernels fundraiser going ahead in Sept. AGM will take place in the fall.
- Steeples Elementary- Updating Constitution & By-laws. No spending currently.
- FJ Mitchell Elementary- They have a full-time custodian! Still working on playground installation.
- Amy Woodland Elementary- No meeting and NTR

Business from previous meetings:

- Still looking on pricing for Readers, FDTA says all the funding should be equitable between the schools
- There is enough money left in gaming funds to cover BCCPAC memberships
- Superintendent Yardley commented that if DPAC needs to spend some money, the Rockin' Readers could use books. The District bought each student a book for a total cost of \$1700. Maybe PACs and DPAC could make contributions to each school for literacy.
- 'Kids These Days' books are not available online or in bookstores but can be ordered directly from author for \$22 each. Survey will be taken to see what the interest is.

Motion (06.20.1) RMES motioned for DPAC to support paying for ½ of the cost of each book to parents in SD5 to a maximum of \$2500

Motion: Rocky Mountain Elementary Second: Fernie Secondary motion.

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New Business:

- Feedback from parents about returning to school discussed in Superintendent's report.
- Condolences to Trustee Frank Lento on the loss of his wife. A card will be sent from DPAC.
- Condolences to Trustee Damstrom on the loss of her Mother

Correspondence:

- SD5 received an email regarding safe re-opening of playgrounds. Alan Rice advised to open at own discretion- all city playgrounds to open as well.

Questions/ Comments:

- Trustee Turner comments that if PACs and/or DPAC looking for somewhere to spend money to consider helping with school supplies in Sept as many parents may not be able to afford with the Covid.

Next meeting: TBA Sept. 2020

Meeting adjourned: 7:37 pm.

Notetaker: Highlands Elementary

Date: June 10, 2020