

Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Monday June 7, 2021

Call to Order: 6:02pm

Agenda: no additions

Attendees: Jo, Kim, Amanda, Paula, Marifer, Adrienne, Cathy, Anneli, Judi Poole (Principal), Wendy Turner (Trustee), Carolyn Cross (Teacher)

Approval of May 3rd minutes: 1st Jo 2nd Kim Approved

President Report:

- Wrap Up for the year
- Kindergarten packages have been sent out

Treasurer Report: *see attached*

Principal Report:

- As our year comes to a close we certainly have much to celebrate. I am amazed at what our school has been able to accomplish during a pandemic. I am hoping that communicating via our Kootenay Orchards Facebook page, our Kootenay Orchards Music Program Facebook page, and our newsletters that we have been able to showcase the goings on in and outside of the building. Case in point was the showcasing of our Arts in the Orchards by filming the artistic creations from the classes with a drone! 3 of our grade 6 students under the guidance of Mr. Ryan McKenzie, our teacher of transformative learning, were able to capture on film what would normally be viewed in person by parents and caregivers at school. As a result of the pandemic, staff have been creative in how to teach and collaborate and have kept their passions and enthusiasm along the way. Of this I am a very proud principal!
- We continue to provide excellent programming – having an al fresco Talent Show was one example of how outside the box thinking has allowed for the show to go on so to speak. We will be having a final concert on Friday, June 11 as our intermediate band will be performing. We hope to have that filmed for all to see.
- An update on the garden – it is still a work in progress and we can't thank enough Time Haine and Paul Knipe as they have created most impressive garden planters – that could probably withstand an earthquake!
- We have completed our fire drills for the year – and I cannot stress enough how orderly and well behaved our students are when attendance is taken and when then wait to be allowed back into the building! Kudos to the teachers and their classroom management!
- As it is June, we do have quite a few field trips on the way. It is a great way to let off some steam as well as being outside and breathing some great East Kootenay fresh air.
- Please expect one last newsletter to go home that will celebrate the Gr. 6 students and will have some points regarding what to expect for next year. Fingers crossed we return to a normal schedule in the fall.

Teachers Report:

- Kindergarten classes are learning about life stages (Cross' Class chicks, Lindaric's class butterflies)

Trustee Report:

- That the Board write a general letter in support of the need for child care in Elkford.
- That the Board send the BCSTA letters written to various ministries to the appropriate committees or to district personnel for further discussion
- That the Board send a letter to BCSTA in support of their recommendations to the BC Government for increased school life cycle funding
- That the Board of Education's position and response to the Child Care Policy be referred to and discussed at the next public Board meeting
- That the Board approve the draft 2021-22 Board and Committee meeting dates attached to the agenda. Meeting locations in schools will be considered once the Public Health Officer's COVID-19 protocols allow
- That the Board refer the documentation and question from Heather Halliday's presentation to Superintendent Yardley

New Business:

- Kindergarten classes asked for PAC to help fund their year end rodeo (roughly \$91)
- A motion was presented for PAC to purchase Grade 6 grad sweatshirts from Naveko for \$2500 - 1st Jo 2nd Paula Approved
- Discussion about getting new basketball nets was pushed until the 2021/2022 school year

Next PAC meeting: September 13, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 7:02pm