## Southeast Kootenay DPAC 2015-2016 Year in Review

This year has once again been an exciting time for DPAC with the entrance of both new executive and regular members with eleven of our seventeen schools being represented. We continue to work on building collaborative relationships with our educational partner groups and providing parent voice and perspective both locally and provincially. We'd like to take this opportunity to share some of these events;

- DPAC provided every school with a membership to BCCPAC, giving them a direct connection to what's happening within the province, an opportunity to network with parents province wide via forums, valuable resources, a \$500 student scholarship opportunity, parent award(s) opportunities and a vote at the BCCPAC AGM
- Provided a letter of support for the BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Partner group letter re: Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
- Sent a letter of request to BCCPAC to also support the BCSTA Partner Group letter
- Approved a request from the DPAC District Traffic Safety Committee to write a letter outlining parent concerns re; safety issues at the Highway 3 Crossing
- Approved a funding request from our SD5 District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) to help aid and encourage our student leaders
- Provided funding for "Parents as Career Councillor" workshops in both Cranbrook and the Elk Valley
- Provided a "template" for PAC Constitution and Bylaws along with a "draft" PAC Procedure Manual
- Attended and provided notes and resources from the "Town Hall Meeting" re; Government Gaming Grant funds
- Provided a delegate to attend the BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM to vote via proxy on behalf of our district PACs
- All PAC's receive and are encouraged to supply parent feed-back via DPAC/Thought-stream on all SD5 policies
- Monthly representation at the District's Advocacy, Education Policy and public portion of the Finance and Operations Standing Committee meetings
- Accepted an invitation and attended the Cranbrook and District Teacher Association's Retirement Celebration

• Initiated and hosting the fall "Renewed Curriculum Presentation for Parents" with the SD5 District Curriculum Team

DPAC would like to thank all of the members, Trustees, District Leadership Team, Educational Partner Groups and Associations who have either donated their time and efforts or helped create opportunities to work together to make this district great.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to both working with, and for you next year.

Sincerely;

SD5 DPAC Executive