

Kootenay Lake District Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2022

6:00pm-8:00pm

Video Conferencing via Zoom

Minutes

1) Call to Order, 6:02PM

We acknowledge, respect, and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.

2) Welcome and Introductions

Natalia Nazaroff - DPAC Chair/Vice Chair MSSS/Elev8 DPAC Rep; Kendra Mann - DPAC co-Vice Chair/ELEV8 PAC Chair; Taryn Stokes - DPAC Secretary/CBESS parent; Avairy Meyer - MSSS DPAC Rep; Breanne Boehmer - CLES PAC Chair; Chris Goggins - PAC Chair Redfish; Colleen Bayly - Wildflower Creston DPAC rep; Corinne Grubbs - BK PAC Vice Chair/DPAC Rep; Dawn Leslie - Salmo Elem DPAC rep; Eden Dupont - parent at LVR/MSSS; Trish Smillie - Superintendent of School/CEO; Mo Choudhary - Manager of Finance/Comptroller; Lenora Trenamen - Board Chair/Trustee North/East Shores; Sheri Walsh - Trustee Nelson/Bealby Point; Sharon Nararoff - Vice Chair Slocan Valley/Bonnington; Raeanne Gow - Redfish parent; Tyler Rice - Redfish parent; Crystal Langford - Redfish parent; Michael Heddon - Redfish parent; Kwala; Lisa's phone; Jenny Hide - Redfish parent

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motioned - Colleen Bayly; Seconded - Eden Dupont; Opposed- nil

4) Approval of Minutes

Motioned - Chris Goggins; Seconded - Natalia Nazaroff; Opposed- nil

5) Superintendent's Report

- District Pro-D Day April 25 - Kevin Lamoureux - reconciliation and path forward
- May 5 - recognized Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Red Dress Day
- School district pow-pow
- School learning tours coming up next week
- End of the year grad events, capacity restrictions are now removed
- Superintendent's report out for May - Check out the school kit app as well

SD8 Guests: Johan Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO and Mo Choudhary, Manager of Finance/Comptroller

- Introduced accounting department and the role of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Final budget being presented next week on Tuesday
- Tough budget year because of fixed budget & declining enrollment as budget needs to be balanced - have focused on maintaining staffing in the classroom (teacher FTE increasing by 1.4)
- Introduced finance department as well
- Prepare financial statements on a monthly basis and is submitted to the board

6) Treasurer's Report

- Cheques issued for parent educational sessions last month.

7) Correspondence

- Received parent information package from LegalAid BC - Natalia will send to Trish to help distribute
- Redfish School email - the 5th classroom slated to be eliminated in the fall due to enrollment numbers
 - Believe enrollment was based on January numbers, concerned will lose teacher and impact continuity if it turns out a new teacher is needed in September
 - Background provided by Superintendent - process is to wait until September for enrollment numbers
 - That is why the first week is part days and a shorter week - by noon every day principals input their numbers and adjustments are made

8) Discussion Items

a) BCCPAC AGM (update by Kendra Mann)

- Finished early, everything was voted on, results have been distributed to BCCPAC DPAC members
- Need board members, are having a by-election
- Talked about the breakout sessions we attended (as a reference, no details)

b) BCCPAC accepting nominations and By-election voting June 1-8th

- Each PAC has a right to vote once the voting is open, need everyone to do it, if BCCPAC doesn't get quorum need to do it again

c) Scott Rothermel presentation on Digital Parenting

- Corrine attended - age of consent, when consent is consent, when there are legal implications

d) Looking at having a parent education event in the fall regarding trauma informed lens/open parachute

e) SD8 Pow-wow (virtual)

- <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/events/sd8-pow-wow-0>

9) Committee Reports

Governance & Policy

- Natalia attended briefly, update from Eden - review of some of the field testing policies, 2 new policies (Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety & Naming/Renaming Schools)
- First the board will approve for field testing and will then go up on the website

Operations & Finance

- Colleen attended the finance committee, has been to all the meetings, thinks they are exciting
- She is a fan of parent empowerment and education, sat through the draft presentation of the budget 3 times, given the opportunity to ask questions
- Interest is thinking about our children and how budget constraints will play out in the classroom
- Survey results - 71 people or so, valuable feedback, overwhelmingly in support to not take resources away from the classroom
- Down 6.8FTE EAs based on full-time enrollment for next year, big difference in grad class #s this year vs kindergarten cohort

Education Committee

- Taryn shared info on the framework for enhancing student learning, school learning tours are virtual next week, scholarship presentations recently, Red Dress day on May 5 (National Day of Awareness for Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, & Two Spirit Peoples)

10) School Reports

- Redfish - year has been fantastic, exiting the winter/covid is a relief, attendance was spotty, morale is up, looking forward to winding down the year and next year
- Wildflower Creston - is losing a teacher due to declining enrolment, some parents/students are moving on to new schools, celebrating with a camping trip wrap up next week
- BK - wrap up, finished up plant sale
- MSSS - had Aimee McKenzie youth mental health support worker, SART
- representative come to speak with them, invitation for school learning tours, grad class has been doing fundraising with a wellness fair last weekend, highlight is auctioning off a logging truck with firewood, giving bursaries to some grads - can also give non-traditional grants for training like first aid courses
- DESK - still running garden club for the PAC, 22 children registered,
- CBESS - mentorships for the secondary programs
- LVR - student travel/field trips again, grateful with the transition of the principal this spring
- South Nelson - basketball is alive and well there, 4x more players than Redfish at last game

11) Adjourned at 7:23 pm PST, next meeting June 9, 2022 at 6:00PM