

Kootenay Lake District Parents Advisory Council
Thursday February 19, 2026
6:00 pm - 8 pm PST // 7:00 pm - 9pm MST
Video conferencing Via Zoom
Minutes

- 1) Call to Order @6:03pm PT by Michelle
- 2) Land acknowledgement
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.
- 3) DPAC Code of Conduct
 - a) *At general meetings, members will not discuss individual personnel, students, parents, or other members of the school community.*
 - b) *Council will refrain from partisan political action or other activities that do not serve the interests of the school or the public school system*
 - c) *Open discussion is encouraged with orderly conduct & respect for alternative points of view.*
 - d) *Maintain a democratic process*
 - e) *Respect all confidential information*
 - f) *Work to ensure that the well-being of students is the primary focus of all decisions.*
- 4) Welcome and introductions -- Quorum has been established
 - a) Michelle Harris - DPAC Chair; Nataliia Nazaroff - DPAC Rep MSSS/DPAC EdCom Rep; Lorien Quattrocchi - DPAC Vice-Chair/DPAC Rep for TF/LVR; Amanda Gimby - Wildflower Creston DPAC Rep; Nadia Wallis - DPAC Rep for Rosemont Elementary; Tilly - KRSS DPAC rep; Cindy Pfitzenmaier - South Nelson Chair/DPAC rep; Daniel Wiens - Winlaw DPAC rep; Dee - Hume DPAC rep; Jon Breisnes - Parent/Tafalgar PAC Chair; Trish Smille - Superintendent of Schools; Ben Eaton - SD8 Director; Murray Shunter - SD8
- 5) Adoption of the Agenda - no additions or changes. Motioned by Michelle to adopt the agenda, 2nd Natalia. All in favour
- 6) Approval of Minutes - Motion to accept January meeting minutes - no changes. Motion by Michelle 2nd by Tilly. All in favour
- 7) Guest Presentation - CONNECTED LEARNERS - Director Ben Eaton
 - a) The presentation included information on how the district is engaging students in various ways including magic shows, etc.
- 8) Superintendent's Report
 - a) Acknowledged tumbler ridge and various changes that are being made to school and student safety and mental health supports being provided.
 - b) Also reviewed various learning opportunities that are happening in the area including the upcoming Powwow in May.
- 9) Treasurer's Report

- a) Unfortunately still trying to obtain access to the bank accounts still in process. All previous signers have been taken off the account, in process of putting on Lorien, Jon & Michelle
- b) BCCPAC cheques have been sent out in January - check your mail and make sure to cash chq.

10) Correspondence/Read only items

- a) BCCPAC communications re: Board Information Sessions

11) Ongoing Previous Business

- a) *Constitution & Bylaws and Policy committees renamed "Governance Oversight Committee". Priority to be given to the creation of a Fiscal policy. Update*
- b) *Collection of PAC contact information for 2025-2026*

12) New Business / Discussion items

- a) Call for Secretary
 - i) No interest or nominations at this meeting. Please let us know if you have anyone that is interested in filling this role.
- b) BCCPAC AGM - selection of board members to attend in person AGM
 - i) \$1000 of gaming funds can be used towards this.
 - ii) Jon is willing to attend the AGM in Vancouver
 - iii) Michelle is unable to attend due to conflicting commitments
 - iv) Lorien is able to attend if no one else and we can afford it.
 - v) Policy & Procedures do indicate that the delegates need to share a room, so preferred to send 2 people of the same sex. Need to make a motion to go outside of the policy & procedures so that we can have things to be correct so that we can send out delegates. Lorien has been in the past so good idea to have someone go that can help show the ropes to someone new and do it the correct way. Can take anything over the \$1000 out of the chq account and great parent education so that a report can come back.
 - (1) Natalia motioned that we approve the expenditure for Lorien & Jon to go and pay for 2 separate hotel rooms, so long they book now and get part of the block rate. Booking airplane tickets now and/or carpooling with another person. 2nd by Tilly. All in favour.
 - (a) 1 plane ticket is cheaper than 1 person driving - Kendra will be travelling from Warfield and can carpool with them. There is some info on BCCPAC on what they will reimburse.
 - (b) Jon & Lorien have been approved to book everything
 - (c) PAC representatives - proxy forms will need to be submitted and can let the DPAC reps know how they

would like to vote. Resolutions can be changed on the floor and may not be what is actually voted on.

(d) This year is only in person.

(e) Make sure your PAC has sent it in and cc'd the form to DPAC. Information on website has not been updated.

c) Draft School Calendars - 2028/2029

https://www.sd8.bc.ca/calendar_downloads#CalendarFieldTesting

- i) Up until March 9 - will be reviewed on the 10th.
- ii) Please review and send in comments.

d) Hot Lunch program discussions

- i) South Nelson & Hume school lead discussion
- ii) Changes to their hot lunch programs & aligning with the food guides, etc

e) Parent Engagement/Training - ideas

- i) Foodsafe - 2 parent from each school
 - (1) Either put on a foodsafe program and/or provide reimbursement if they do it on their own
 - (2) Tilly will be certified Foodsafe Trainer and would be happy to set something up.
- ii) Seleema Noon
- iii) Anxiety - Trish will send on resources
- iv) Advocacy training - need more advocates - Advocacy 101 & Level 1 approximately \$500 cost.
- v) Free workshop @ Nelson & district youth centre on periods - March 2
- vi) Provided info on district parent engagement nights.

13) Committee reports

a) Governance, Policy, & Finance - Feb. 10

- i) Call for nominations of Volunteer - need one more
- ii) Lisa attended the workshop but was not at the meeting so Natalia as an alternate so presented
- iii) Look at the revised budget due to numbers that have changed since created. Declining enrollment but not as sharp as projected.
- iv) Working on finalizing and clarifying policies.

b) Education Partner Advisory

14) School Reports

- a) BK - pie bingo /silent auction - well attended. Spring flowers - launching shortly. Soccer nets to finish off playground. Mural on the school - working to finalize costs, etc. Winter activities winding down. PAC going to rent the Castle theatre in Castlegar for the entire school.

- b) MSSS - staffing changes - ongoing thing. ORCA program - starts up in second semester as well as academy. Discussion on foundry. Black history month - posters on doors of school. Trade sampler next year. Grad fundraiser - PPTK @ Taghum Shell. Possible pie bingo
- c) South Nelson - no specific rep - rotating. West coast seeds & purdys wrapping up, Outdoor sports - 4/5 downhill skiing, primary cross country skiing. Book faire - local "Frog" bookfaire - person sets up, PAC parents set up & run - April. Parent came to the last meeting and wanted to donate some trees to the school, had plans drawing etc for these trees - PAC will help get people to plant them & make sure they are watered - aligning with earth day activities. Black history month - students will be going to the shoe box theatre and see a movie. PAC pays for a Gr 5 grad - purchasing T-shirts. Family fun night in June
- d) Winlaw - not much, glow dance/bake sale - fun. Finished up 50/50 no updates, waiting for spring fling.
- e) Trafalgar - band trip to Kelowna - fundraising. French exchange - students will be coming/going to Quebec. Set up a club for Gr 9 girls. Silk screen set up - potential merch opportunities. Treasurer was able to look back at how funds are spent and that yr over yr very balanced.
- f) LVR - Jr boys going to basketball provincials. Equitable spending discussion. Positive talks with Nelson Chocofellar - keen partnering with schools - details to come. Foundry Fridays. Art show. Recognition program started.
- g) Wildflower - starting new fundraiser - West coast seeds. Talked about year end trip. Talked a bit about what was happening with the bypass thing in Creston - recent article.
- h) Rosemont - not a bunch going on. Issues with HL, Carnival 1st week in March. Completed Coffee fundraiser. Planning mother's day stuff.
- i) KRSS - recent meeting. Done with virtual meetings - no longer wanted. Basketball tournament. 100 lunch 4x/week. Munch-a-lunch is used for ordering, PAC serves. Grade 9 parent night. Missing leadership class that used to be on the program - not having this class has had some issues. DnD class has been added. Salad bar has been turned into a microgreen growing centre. Pot holes
- j) Hume - no DPAC rep so alternating. Working with a company that designed Creston playground to add to the front playground. Hoping to get enough money with grants to pay for it. West coast seeds. Purdys. Tropical Hawaiian dance - kindness club. Photographers from MSSS. ice cream social end of May.

15) Adjourned @7:37pm - Next DPAC meeting is our AGM followed by our regular meeting Thursday March 12 at 6:00 pm