

Kootenay Lake District Parents Advisory Council

Thursday January 15, 2026

6:00 pm - 8 pm PST // 7:00 pm - 9pm MST

Video conferencing Via Zoom

Agenda

Quorum established

1) Call to Order @ 6:04pm

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; Chase Leushner - outgoing DPAC Treasurer; Nataliia Nazaroff - DPAC Rep MSSS/DPAC EdCom Rep; Christina Gassoff - BK DPAC Rep; Lorien Quattrocchi - DPAC Vice-Chair/DPAC Rep for TF/LVR; Lisa O'Conner - DPAC Rep for Homelinks; Amanda Gimby - Wildflower Creston DPAC Rep; Nadia Wallis - DPAC Rep for Rosemont Elementary; Amy Leblanc - JVH DPAC rep; Cindy Pfitzenmaier - South Nelson Chair/DPAC rep; Daniel Wiens - Winlaw DPAC rep; Rebecca Fussen - CBESS DPAC rep; Jon Breisnes - Parent/Tafalgar PAC Chair; Trish Smille - Superintendent of Schools; Ken Wiens - District Principal online learning; Lenora Trenamen - Board Trustee for North/East Shore; Julie Bremner - Board Trustee Vice-Chair

5) Adoption of the Agenda - Natalia motions to adopt the agenda 2nd Christina. All in favor

6) Approval of Minutes - Nov. meetings - Cindy motioned. 2nd Natalia. All in favour.

7) Guest Presentation - Ken District principal online learning. (DESK & Homelinks)

- a) Presentation included information on how some students are cross enrolled for one or more courses & that there are also students registered outside the district.

b) Reviewed difference between DESK, Homelinks & Elev8 programs

8) Superintendent's Report: See attached report posted on the SD8 website

a) Highlights: Powwows, Kindi registrations open, Feb will have info night on 3 year grad plan & Scholarship night.

9) Treasurer's Report - provided by Chase

a) CHQ account - Bank Balance: \$20,161.11 // Available balance: \$18,461.11

b) Gaming account - Bank Balance: \$2320.97 // Available balance: \$2245.97

c) Differences between account balance & available balance are due to uncleared cheques that have not been cashed.

10) Correspondence/Read only items

a) BCCPAC communications re: Advocacy

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) Appointment of Treasurer

i) Lorien motions to appoint Jon Breisnes as DPAC Treasurer effective Jan. 2026. Lisa 2nd. All favour

b) Signing Officers - PROPOSED MOTION by Lorien, seconded by Lisa. All in favour. Two signing officers were added in November 2025 - Michelle Harris and Lorien Quattrocchi; 1 additional signor to be added Jan 2026 - Jon Breisnes. All current signers will be removed.

i) Natalia motioned to amend the signing officers for the SD8 DPAC accounts (both chequing & Gaming) at the Bank of Montreal to: Michelle Harris, Lorien Quattrocchi and Jon Breisnes, all other signors to be removed. 2nd by Lorien. All in Favour.

c) Call for Secretary

i) No interested parties at this time.

13) Committee reports

a) Governance, Policy, & Finance

i) Lisa O'Connor volunteered as a rep

ii) No other volunteers - one more rep position available.

b) Education Partner Advisory

- i) Draft policies on the SD8 for input/review - there will be 5 - discussion at the Feb. 10 meeting.

14) School Reports

- a) BK - getting back after holidays, pie bingo coming up, finalizing playground stuff & spring ribbon cutting
- b) Homelinks - not much to report
- c) MSSS - approved gaming requests for 1st intake, ski club, juggling, school wide pizza lunch, drama club and new equipment for fitness centre. Ran coffee fundraiser, trying burger & beer in Jan for Breakfast program
- d) South Nelson - busy december - online holiday market, santa's workshop parents can bring items to donate & every child gets to purchase something for siblings, etc for \$2.00. Paint & sip fundraiser at the Hume. Struggling with school lunch program - they were audited re: lunches offered // having to go back to vendors - found away through it. Taste test for Indian food.
- e) CBESS - pizza/bake sale fundraiser. Lunch program heavy subsidized by the PAC
- f) Winlaw - new rep. Bake sale/poinsettia and then spring fling & 50/50. Ski trips to whitewater, hot lunch & new basketball nets for gym
- g) Trafalgar - enrollment has gone down for next yr. Skiing, discussion re: swag - school branded stuff - do they give out? Did students buy it? Winter market - successful event - community members & students.
- h) LVR - no Dec meeting - Grad in full swing. Term 2 starts
- i) Wildflower - new rep. Growing smiles fundraiser, bottle drives, considering adding onto playground. Teacher mention re: assessment training for literacy.
- j) Rosemont - 1st time - new to regular PAC, ramping up for carnival, coffee fundraiser, hot lunches and making sure they are running properly and balanced.
- k) JVH - distributed gaming grant money - basketball, grad banquet, theatre production, etc. privacy concerns over technology usage at school.

15) Discussion on ideas for parent education: Gaming funds

- a) Sexual health & education and how to talk to children- parent info
- b) Anxiety
- c) Advocacy
- d) Can use \$1000 towards BCCPAC AGM (2 reps)

16) Adjourn - Next DPAC meeting is our AGM followed by our regular meeting Thursday
February 19 at 6:00 pm

a) Adjourned at 7:25pm