

Kootenay Lake District Parents Advisory Council

Thursday March 12, 2026

6:00 pm - 8 pm PST

Video conferencing Via Zoom

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order @ 6:04pm 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
 - a) Michelle Harris - DPAC Chair; Natalia 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; Rebecca Fuzzen - CBESS; Christine Gassoiff - BK DPAC Rep; Lisa O'Connor - Homelinks DPAC rep; Daniel Wiens - Winlaw DPAC rep; Dee - Hume DPAC rep; Jon Breisnes - Parent/Tafralgar PAC Chair; Trish Smille - Superintendent of Schools; Murray Shunter - SD8 Trustee; Deanna Holitz - Assistant Superintendent; Lenora Trenaman - Trustee
- 5) Adoption of the Agenda - removed - HL guest speaker // only addition re: School Safety. Motioned by Lorien to adopt the agenda, 2nd Natalia. All in favour
- 6) Approval of Minutes - unfortunately Feb minutes were not yet prepared. Will review at April's meeting.
- 7) Guest Presentation - INCLUSIVE AND CARING COMMUNITIES - Assistant Superintendent Deanna Holitzki
 - a) Reviewed actions that the district is implementing to make sure that the school environments are both safe, caring and inclusive. Touched on ERASE reporting. Report is available online
- 8) Superintendent's Report
 - a) Spring break starting this week. Report is available online. Welcome to Kindergarten.
 - b) School safety was covered during this report - regular training to staff for school safety. Safety drills performed. Door safety - external doors are locked except for the front doors - however some schools have strange entrances - so various strategies are being used. Looking at each school separately. Safer school

trainer on staff and they conduct various assessments. ERASE anonymous reporting tool. Continuing to respond to various information that they get from the province on tumbler ridge & updating policies accordingly. Focussing on sign in & will get a visitor tag. Work closely with police partners.

9) Treasurer's Report

- a) No update yet. Very long process. He has DPAC chqs & files, been to the bank numerous times. Hopefully by next month. No access for the last month and a half.

10) Correspondence/Read only items

- a) BCCPAC communications re: Gaming Grant Info sessions
- b) BCCPAC AGM

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.
 - ii) Lorien was willing to possibly swop roles in the event that someone was willing to be Vice-Chair instead. There was a Suggestion to use AI generated minutes
- b) Draft School Calendars - 2028/2029 - Has been approved and is posted online
- c) Parent Engagement/Training - What night of the week?
 - i) Monday/Tuesday nights do not work as PAC meetings those night
 - ii) Seleema Noon was brought up again as a really wanted one.

13) Committee reports

- a) Governance, Policy, & Finance
 - i) Call for nominations of Volunteer - need one more
- b) Education Partner Advisory
 - i) Natalia & Lorien - Natalia attended via Zoom. Inclusive and caring communities were discussed. Various tools used in the classroom were covered in the meeting. Info sheets on what body needs, etc.

14) School Reports

- a) BK - winter activities finishing up. Swimming lessons after spring break. Mural this summer - trying to work out all the logistics. Soccer nets ordered and will do an official playground opening in the spring.

- b) MSSS - staffing changes - ongoing thing. Doing some education with Gr 7 & 8s re: kindness. Made for trades day & market for grad fundraising coming up.
- c) Winlaw - started planning spring fling. Renting a dunk tank - if you know where to get one let them know. Grade 4 & 5 classes are meeting penpals from Nakusp in New Denver. Local book faire in April. Looking at spending gaming grant money.
- d) Trafalgar - super focused on course selections. Participating in cool event this summer in a mural project at Lakeside this summer. Boys basketball team went to provincials - no longer based on who is applying than standings.
- e) LVR - super focused on course selections. From blog students recognized in Legion remembrance things. Participating in cool event this summer in a mural project at Lakeside this summer.
- f) Wildflower - finished seed fundraiser. Discussed year end trip. Fundraiser for class pet gecko.
- g) Rosemont - discussed carnival that just finished up. Winter activity wrapped up. Next fundraiser - something for mother's day. Projects - published book of short stories by the kids.
- h) KRSS - couple things that happened in the school. Ski team - 1 person went to provincials. Course selections - great attendance. Student council asked if PAC could help put on a breakfast but as needed to be there at 7am they didn't want to do it. Golf, badminton, etc. enhanced visitor requirements. Teachers will be wearing their ID badges. Talked about HL program - concern with what happened at other schools - will this be happening at all schools. Looking at having new PAC Chair
- i) Hume - seed fundraiser complete. Glitter dance. Grade 5 year end celebration funding. HL program issues ongoing.
- j) CBESS - half school worked hard to showcase a play. Have been a lot of after school sports & art programs. PAC spring plant sale, fundraiser in May. Things are going good.
- k) Homelinks - dance in Creston. Seeds fundraiser just finished. Parents planning trip to Fort steel.

15) Adjourned at 7:40pm - Next DPAC meeting is our AGM followed by our regular meeting Thursday April 16 at 6:00 pm