

DTSS & Open Doors PAC Meeting OCT 6th, 2020 7pm via TEAMS

Attendance: Glen Sage (Principal), Karen Nowicki, Andrea Hopkins, Alex Kolesh, Chenoa Paccagnan, Nadine Hale, Gerri Brightwell, Katie Andruschuck, Penny Powers, Jolene Aelick, Colleen Booth, Tammy ?, NK? Guest -Sherry Doer with the Summit Youth Centre

1. Welcome - Alex Kolesh

2. Review of the Agenda and Approval

3. Review of Minutes of June and Sept meeting – accept both June and Sept minutes as written Andrea Hopkins

4. Summit Youth Centre Presentation – Sherry Doer (chair of the board)

- Thank you to the DTSS PAC and School for the financial support for the snack box program. Showed a brochure highlighting the success of the program 189 kids per week for a total of 15,000 snack boxes.
- Prior to the pandemic a wonderful youth mental health program happening under the leadership of Kelsey Pritchard. Hoping to restart programming like this in the schools when possible
- Have developed a youth mental health app – can access it where ever you access your apps.
- New centre manager is Alison- and a new program manager Devon. Sierra Franklin youth worker.
- COVID response, close March 15th, online programming, snack programming, purchased an outdoor skate board park, trying to do as much outside as possible. Open Tues, Wed, Thurs 3:30-7:30 Friday ? Hand Sanitizer and Masks and all COVID protocols are in place. Masks worn inside. Nov 9th 7:30pm looking for data base manager and volunteer coordinator.
- Centre Weekly Schedule
 - Tuesdays – free music lessons
 - Wednesdays – computer based
 - Thursdays- cooking classes
 - Friday -outdoor skate board focus and bbq
- We are inviting any parents interested to consider joining the board. Having parents engaged on the board, strengthens the board. Several of the board members no longer have teens utilizing the centre. The AGM is
- Question - Do you still require funding for food programs?
Answer - Not unless the schools close again.

5. Treasures report -Karen Nowicki (Please see attached)

- Gaming Account has 2 outstanding amounts for bursaries - balance after this is \$6785.51
- Operating Account \$2
- 3 outstanding grant applications – creative contest, art club, reach art show -these are applications that we have supported on a yearly basis. Will delay this decision until our next meeting
- Have not received this year's gaming grant yet

6. Principals Report – Glen Sage

- Thank you for the goodies and coffee for Staff – this was much appreciated

- 427 students registered at school (this enrollment is down a bit from last year, but where we projected it)
- International Student arrival has been delayed again. We do have 9 students waiting to come.
- Grade assemblies last week – reviewed expectations, code of conduct, reminders, there was a revised health check from the ministry issued last week, reduced to 7 symptoms.
- Stepping Stones -This Friday Gr 8 students will participate in Rock Solid put on by East Kootenay Addictions – tema building, advocating for themselves through experiential learning. Rock Solid is not happening due to COVID. DTSS has brainstormed a reinvented event called Stepping Stones at Mt Nelson Park this Friday
- School Success Plan being presented tomorrow evening the focus is on social emotional wellness for the students
- Provincial Assessments for Numeracy at gr 10 and Literacy at the Gr10 and 12 level(Gr12 assessment is not rolled out for this year – is coming for future years). There are 3 opportunities to write these assessments this year end of Jan, April and June. DTSS has a goal to develop a junior numeracy assessments for students entering DTSS we do have literacy assessments for students entering DTSS.

7. DPAC Report – Chenoa Paccaganan

- We will be meeting Wed Oct 28th meeting via Teams for the first time since March
- The DPAC executive had been asked to review the COVID safety plans – we reviewed these plans and made a few suggestions.

8. School District Policy Updates

- no updates

9. Correspondence

- BCTF magazine

10. Round Table

- Andrea Gaming Grant review – I have reviewed the application form and made sure that the wording on the form is consistent with the rules around what can be done with gaming funds.
- Nadine question for Glen regarding Student’s bringing their own devices to school for school work- 5 year lease is up next year on laptops - 2 class sets. Most of the time classes are using them for word processing and internet searches. In the new lease we are looking at decreasing quality and increasing durability 2 or 3 for the price of one. Next year there should be increased computers.
- Chenoa- Masks for kids that may not have masks – Chenoa provided the school with 75 handmade reusable masks as a donation. The school is not washing masks for kids- this is not advised. District has purchased disposable masks for students -there is a large supply of these available. The school does have access to funds that could be used to purchase cloth masks. Glen will investigate this and report back. Penny – comment that providing disposable masks may cause the kids not to use the cloth masks they have been given.

11. Adjourned at 8:04pm