

DTSS & Open Doors PAC Meeting Minutes

Dec 7, 2021 - Via Teams

Attendance: Nadine Hale, Hillary Page, Andrea Hopkins, Andrea Haworth. Dara Allen, Jolene Aelick, Katie Andruschuk, Penny Powers, Glen Sage

Call to Order: 7:01

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect and with gratitude that we are meeting this evening on the unceded traditional and contemporary homeland of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc people and that this land is also a chosen home for the Metis. We are grateful to be raising our children here.

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Hillary Second: Dara

Approval of Nov 2, 2021 meeting minutes as circulated with the Addition – to include our Thank you to Karen Nowicki: Motion: Jolene Second: Dara

Treasurer's Report: Jolene Aelick

Circulated via email -see attachment



DTSS Treasurer
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Administration Report: Glen Sage

1. Electronic Sign Board at Laird- The tech dept, the school and the company that made it cannot make it work. They cannot work the software, in anyway. Many people have tried to fix this over a period time. A decision was made to take it down.
2. Second semester – There are/will be 3 positions posted
3 positions: 1) band teacher, (band 8, band9-12, Stage band), 2) Tessa Riley will be on Mat Leave (Physics 12 and 2 science 9 blocks. 3)½ time position of career 8 and 9 and science 10.
3. COTR is working with the school district to develop an ECE education program within the high schools. In order to run they will need 15 students from East Kootenay area to enroll. These students will earn both high school and college credit. This is in response to the MoE provincial decision to link primary schools with daycares. Having a day care at every primary school beginning at 7:30/8:00 in the morning. This model is province wide. COTR is attempting to meet this employment need by offering this program. Approx. 6-8 DTSS students expressed interest by attending a presentation session.
4. Our teachers of Gr 9 students got together to look at common behaviors we are seeing. We have agreed to reinforce the already established classroom expectations of cell phone use, no energy drinks, one student out of class at a time etc.
5. Every school in the district will be launching a new website – to be launched Jan 4, 2022.
6. Interior Health COVID restrictions have been lifted effective Dec 3rd - E.g. The entire school can now meet for an assembly, Guests are welcome (w/the same health check, sign in and masking requirements), Staff and students no capacity limits, 50 additional people or 50 percent capacity whichever is greater. The gym can contain 50% of its capacity (unsure of its capacity- will be made aware). Outdoor Events can have up to 5000 individuals or 50% of

capacity whichever is greater. The CDC requirements are still in place = e.g. students wearing masks.

Funding Requests:

- No requests at this time

DPAC Report: Andrea Hopkins

- Nothing to report – there has been no correspondence from DPAC. Andrea will touch base with the DPAC to make sure she is not missing correspondence from them.

Old Business:

1. Trauma informed teaching – Nadine expressed interest in learning more about how DTSS is implementing this teaching practice to address a significantly higher yellow slip rate for boys – as mentioned as a strategy in the school success plan. Glen said that he could look at emailing information about this and the possibility of presenting DTSS practice on this at a future PAC meeting
2. Thank you for Karen Nowicki – ensure this is recorded in Nov minutes. Discussion around a thank you for her – wondering about previous practice on this. Will continue the discussion at the Jan PAC meeting.

New Business:

1. Letter from a community member circulated to us by Chenoa Paccaganan, regarding safety on 13th Ave. 1) changes to the roadway/walkway on 13th Ave, - ensuring that these changes make it more pedestrian friendly/safer for the children 2) requesting increased RCMP presence. The community member who wrote the letter says that she witnesses many drivers speeding and checking cell phones. She has asked if the PACS will consider sending letter to the DOI and RCMP requesting these safety measures.
Katie- expressed agreement with wanting to ensure safety on 13th Ave but needing to know more about the scope of the 13th Ave project as it appears that additional safety measures are already being put in place
Nadine- expressed agreement with Katie and offered to be contact with the DOI to learn more about the scope of the project
Glen – the need for a streetlight where the cross walk is from Mt Nelson Park to DTSS. The lack of the light here makes this intersection very dark and thus very difficult to see pedestrians crossing. Glen mentioned that he plans to address this with the DOI. Nadine also expressed interest in this concern from a PAC perspective.

District Policies & Procedures

Policies were circulated Nov 15th. Glen will email policy updates out whenever he receives them

Correspondence:

Calissa Tamelin submitted the needed paperwork to access her PAC bursary. P
AC will write a cheque for her. Amount to be confirmed.

Next Meeting–December 11, 2021 (moved to the 2nd Tuesday of Jan rather than the 1st Tues)

Adjourn 7:48 PM