

DTSS PAC Minutes

May 14, 2025

Place: DTSS Cafeteria

Attendees: Jillian, Brandi via zoom, Christine, Heather

Start Time: 7.10pm

DPAC update: AGM was last night May 13. Solidified a board for future, 3 from Invermere and 1 from Golden, Brandi- elected as Vice Chair. June 3 will be first meeting with new executive. Checking if money from past DPAC can still be spent.

Admin Report: Heather busy building postings for next school year. Challenging to guess the number of students and what blocks they will be in. This will determine staffing. Also, we have declining enrolment – decline affects funding- Looking to expand international funding, Heather is new at this so it's a learning curve – positive note- stable staff, not a huge amount of hiring required. New staff getting along well.

Attendance : This is a country wide program – consultant hired to implement strategies. Student agency forum trying to implement strategies to promote better connections with students, better friendships, next event: Dodge ball tournament- very beginning stages of this group but doing good work.

Heather attending Spirit trail tomorrow to learn more about Ktunaxa lands with district leadership team will report back at next meeting.

Board meeting updates: New policies- under review amended for use:

-6300 use of district facilities by staff – more details re use of shop and materials, limiting use to protect liability/injury

-5250 attendance policy – going to second reading, feedback form attached, designed to promote attendance, schools to inform families that they are expected to attend school etc. Can be found on the district website and looking for feed back via feedback form.

Celebrated Climate Action club- many students leaving this year – one grad created a manual on how to run the club as a capstone, did a garbage sort – took all organics and recyclables out and ended up with much less.

Questions to follow up– why does the CUPE staff not remove the recycling? Maybe it is time to change the policies, ask why?

Recycling infrastructure in cafeteria perhaps needs to be looked at aka with grant money.

Treasurer's Report: many funds still have yet to be invoiced, Heather to follow up with outstanding invoices to get these paid. Still have over \$10K in account.

Funding Requests:

Grad funding requests: \$2500 from Grad- this is up from a \$2000 request last year. Christine motioned. Brandi 2nd. Approved.

Discussion around purchasing gowns.. Heather looking into that. PAC funds from this could go toward the purchase of gowns, saving this and future classes up to \$3000 in rental costs.

Bussing costs are out of control – sports like track, xc, skiing have doubled in price this year, need to do better- share bussing, have shared bus schedules, communications with all the schools in the district- cut on costs and cut on bus drivers. DPAC – can Brandi take this to the DPAC level. Can SD6 start to communicate more for track and field, xc running and smaller teams where various teams can share bussing etc.

New Business- Track and field will bring a funding request- Jillian putting together list of needs for track and field. Need hurdles. Singlet/uniforms

End Time: 8.04pm