



# General Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016 Henry Grube Educational Centre

Chair: Wil Dekker-Lonquist (McGowan Elem)

Attendees:

Amber H.	Juniper Ridge	Jessica K.	Beattie
Valerie N.	David Thompson		
Lisa	McGowan Elem		
Don K.	SKSS	Rhonda Kershaw	Trustee
Kristin	South Sahali	Karl deBruijn	Superintendent
Tibor	Raleigh		
Sheri L	Westmount		

1. **Meeting to order** at 7:05pm
2. **Agenda.** Approved without additions.
3. **Minutes from the previous meeting.** Corrections: ***Under Superintendent's report.*** "Playing Principals" should have read "Provincial Finals". Jesse Miller – March 10 instead of March 9. ***Under Attendees:*** Add Jessica K. Remove Wil D-L as Chair: Minutes approved with noted corrections. Moved by Kristin. All in favour.
4. **Treasurer's report:** No cheque writing since November. Total of \$14,973 in the bank. There has been a letter written to the BC Community Foundation and their board has accepted our intention to set up a bursary of \$5,000. There will be more information available at the next meeting.
5. **Executive Report:** The executive met to discuss parent education sessions, the accountability framework request, the literacy week and Jesse Miller.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a. PAC Package has been received from the SD office. Erin now has a list of PAC representatives for schools across the district.
  - b. **UBC Online Parenting Study:** The following was received from UBC:

*Hi Moms and Dads!*

*Is your child 6-12 years old? If yes, we need your help! Our study is called the Online Parenting Study and it looks at child behaviour and parenting cognitions. We need both moms and dads to fill out several questionnaires about their child, themselves, and their parenting, as well as to complete three computer tasks.*

*You can complete the study at home or wherever you have access to a computer with an internet connection.*

*Compensation: Each parent will receive \$10 upon completion of the study and an additional \$5 once the other parent has completed as well.*  
*How to get involved: Contact the UBC Parenting Lab via email at [cjlab@psych.ubc.ca](mailto:cjlab@psych.ubc.ca) or call 604-822-9037 (1-866-558-5581 toll free)*

## 7. Old Business:

- i. **Food Safe Feb/March.** Traditionally held on a Saturday. We are waiting to hear from the Grube centre as to what dates are available for the room. We have a tentative date of February 20<sup>th</sup> in room 1B but this is still to be confirmed. Erin will send out a notice as soon as the date and time is solidified.
- ii. **Askable Adult:** A question was posed to the group: What time should the in-service be held – evenings during the week? On the weekend? Most people agree that a weekday would be best, in the evening. The executive has been able to book April 14<sup>th</sup> room 1B in the evening but we are still awaiting confirmation that the presenter is available on that date and time. As soon as this is confirmed, Erin will send out the event details. (note: Room 1B holds a maximum of 96 people).
- iii. **BCCPAC April 29<sup>th</sup> weekend.** Will be held in Kelowna. No agenda is yet available, however DPAC has traditionally paid the cost of conference/gas/hotel/food for a representative to attend. We ask that a report be presented to the DPAC group upon return. Usually the speakers are very interesting and touch on a wide range of issues important to parents across the province. ***We invite you to check out the BCCPAC website to learn more, and hope you will volunteer to attend this fantastic conference.***
- iv. **Accountability Framework.** Don attended the first meeting. There were representatives from all stakeholders, including students, parents and unions. There were great ideas presented. ***The next meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30-noon at Henry Grube in room 6*** and we are looking for other parents to attend. Please take this back to your schools and ask for representatives. The accountability frameworks is a longstanding series of reports that comes out through the school district. Most parents have found these reports quite thick and difficult to navigate. As a result, these old reports have been discarded and the SD is now looking to redo these reports at the district level. What is meaningful to us, as parents? The district will compile the feedback from parents and stakeholders then try to address these areas. All areas will be considered: Academics/School Spirit/certificates/etc are some areas that have been mentioned.

## 8. New Business. None.

## 9. Superintendent's remarks:

- a. **Jesse Miller, "Mediated Reality".** School District No 73, DPAC and the Kamloops RCMP offer a parent presentation with Jesse Miller on Social Media Education and Awareness. ***This presentation will be held Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>***

at 7pm with a possible video conference link with Barriere, Clearwater, Chase, and Logan Lake and other SD73 schools if there is interest. **Question:** Should this be a ticketed event, or first come first serve, or...? **Discussion:** Some form of ticketing seems appropriate, whether it be online, email, or paper so we can determine room/seating arrangements. **Action:** Exec will meet post GM with anyone interested in joining a planning committee for this event. They will brainstorm and report back. DPAC reps are asked to spread the word at their schools about this presentation and as soon as we know how ticketing will be accomplished we will send that information around.

10. **Trustee's Remarks:** Budget meeting dates have been set. Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Board's budget presentation to DPAC at 7pm at the board office.

The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Diplôme des études en langue française (DELFI). The presentation was made by Language Coordinator Lana Blais, teachers Susan Kabotoff and Teresa O'Brien, and student Peter Chalmers from Westsyde Secondary School.

The Board enjoyed a presentation from Literacy Outreach Coordinator Fiona Clare, on Kamloops Early Language & Literacy Initiative (KELLI) and from Literacy Coordinator Tricia Persad, on the 'Heap the Honda' and 'Unplug and Play' events.

## Schedule of Free Events 2016

*Activities are open to all ages unless otherwise noted.*

<p><b>Screen-free Saturday, January 23</b></p> <p>ABC Family Literacy Day, 9:00 am-12:30 pm Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Cres.</p> <p>Create Your Own Storybook, 9:30 am-4:30 pm Kamloops Museum &amp; Archives, 207 Seymour St.</p> <p>Author Visit: Danielle M. Pederson, 1:00 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St.</p>	<p><b>Social Media-free Sunday, January 24</b></p> <p>Family Floorball, 11:00 am-1:00 pm TCC Fieldhouse Courts, 910 McGill Rd.</p> <p>Drop-in Family Storytime - Unplugged, 1:00-1:30 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St.</p> <p>Drop-in Basketball (age 14+), 1:00-3:00 pm John Tod Centre YMCA-YWCA, 150 Wood St.</p>	<p><b>Mobile-free Monday, January 25</b></p> <p>*XploreSportz - Tennis &amp; Curling</p> <p>Run Rhyme Read, 1:30-2:15 pm John Tod Early Years Centre, 150 Wood St.</p> <p>Creative Cooking &amp; Grammar Games, 3:30-5:30 pm Salvation Army, 344 Poplar St. Registration required - call 250-554-1611</p> <p>Drink &amp; Draw, 6:00-8:00 pm Zack's Coffee, 377 Victoria St.</p> <p>Ukulele Circle, 6:30-9:00 pm Plura Hills United Church, 2090 Pacific Way</p>	<p><b>Tech-free Tuesday, January 26</b></p> <p>*XploreSportz - Snowshoeing &amp; Outdoor Hockey</p> <p>Seniors' Tea (age 60+), 2:00-4:00 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St. Register at 250-372-5145</p> <p>Teen Night: Life-sized Candyland, 6:30-8:00 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St.</p>
<p><b>Web-free Wednesday, January 27</b></p> <p>*XploreSportz - SNAG Golf and Run, Jump, Throw</p> <p>Active Star - Move Your Body! (ages 2-5), 11:00 am-2:00 pm Tournament Capital Centre - Middle Court, 910 McGill Rd.</p> <p>Family Board Game Night (ages 10+), 5:00-8:00 pm All Aboard Games, 238 Lansdowne St.</p> <p>Skate for Literacy, 6:00-8:00 pm Valleyview Arena, 353 Highland Dr. Loonies for Literacy donations accepted</p> <p>Teen Night: Life-sized Candyland, 6:30-8:00 pm North Kamloops Library, 693 Tranquille Rd.</p>	<p><b>TV-free Thursday, January 28</b></p> <p>*XploreSportz - Wheelchair Basketball &amp; Yoga</p> <p>Baby &amp; Me, 11:00-11:45 am Kamloops Art Gallery, 465 Victoria St.</p> <p>Mad Hatter Tea Party, 6:00-7:00 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St. Register at 250-372-5145</p> <p>Harsh Crit (Adults), 6:00-9:00 pm Kamloops Art Gallery, 465 Victoria St. Bring in your own artwork and have it critiqued. Register at 250-377-2405</p> <p>Parenting in a Digital Age (Adults), 6:30-8:30 pm Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Cres. Presentation by Meryn Horton, SafeOnline</p>	<p><b>Facebook-free Friday, January 29</b></p> <p>Yoda, You, and Me!, 2:30-4:30 pm North Kamloops Library, 693 Tranquille Rd.</p> <p>Seniors' Tea (age 60+), 1:00-3:00 pm North Kamloops Library, 693 Tranquille Rd. Register at 250-554-1124</p> <p>Ice Tower Pool Party, 3:30-5:30 pm YMCA-YWCA, 400 Battle St.</p> <p>Chromesthesia, 6:00-9:00 pm Barnacle Records, 290 3rd Ave. Listen to records and make prints and zines</p> <p>Family Night, 5:30-7:00 pm John Tod Centre Boys &amp; Girls Club, 150 Wood St. Registration required - call 250-554-5437</p>	<p><b>Screen-free Saturday - January 30</b></p> <p>Science Literacy Fun!, 10:00 am-4:00 pm BIG Little Science Centre, 655 Holt St.</p> <p>Low-River Camera Obscura Workshop with Donald Lawrence, 11:00 am-3:00 pm Riverside Park beach</p> <p>Paper Bead Jewelry, 1:00-4:00 pm Kamloops Museum &amp; Archives, 207 Seymour St.</p> <p>LEGO Building!, 2:00-4:00 pm Kamloops Library, 100-465 Victoria St.</p> <p>Hot Wheels, 2:00-4:00 pm North Kamloops Library, 693 Tranquille Rd.</p>

**More activities . . .**

Various Unplug and Play Week Activities  
9:30 am-4:30 pm, Tue-Sat (January 26-30)  
Kamloops Museum & Archives, 207 Seymour St

\* XploreSportz (ages 6-12)  
3:30-5:00 pm, Mon-Thurs (Jan 25-28)  
John Tod Centre, 150 Wood St

**Thank you to the community organizations for hosting these free activities.**

Post what you did to Unplug and Play on Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week.

The Board was pleased to present the first distinguished OWL Award to the Kamloops North Rotary Club. This award was established by the Board of Education of SD #73 (Kamloops/Thompson) to recognize an individual, a group, or an organization that has distinguished themselves by providing outstanding service to public education in the Kamloops/Thompson school district.

11. **KTTA Remarks:** No remarks.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm. **NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2015 7pm. HENRY GRUBE CENTRE**