

## **Executive Committee**

**Sheri L**: Chair **Brad G**: Vice-Chair **Heather A**: Secretary **Erin M**: Treasurer/Zoom Coordinator **Chris P**: Member-at-Large. **Valerie N**: Member-at-Large

2021 April 20th at 6:30 PM General Meeting Minutes

4.	Dress code policy – Presented by SKSS:
3.	Review of Previous Minutes: *could not access during meeting and did not go back to this
2.	Review of the Agenda: Added- "New Business g) SD 73 Budget" Erir M. first, Chris P. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Carried
	a) In Attendance: Chris P., Sheri L., Heather A., Val N., Erin M., Alaa A., Courtney B., Rhonda K., Erica B., Holly, Leesa S., Melinda (Arthur Hatton), Rachel G., Scott S., Cara M., Tammy B., Terry S., Walt. Katie C., Danielle M., Emma R., Kacie L., Alana L., Andrea V., (30 participants).

- in early October SKSS had a dress code incident and caused much concern amongst parents and students. Mr. Kirschner, Mr. Simpson
- -Created community consultation process with staff and students to develop an updated inclusive dress code policy.
- -Focused this process on research to focus on a language that fit the needs of the students. Introducing: Emma, Kacie, and Lauren, Rachel (students of SKSS)

What exactly is DPAC?

- DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Council. We are the official parent voice for school District 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).
- Each PAC is encouraged to elect 2 DPAC reps to attend our monthly meetings.

1. Welcome/Call to Order: 6:30pm

- We elect an executive to conduct business between meetings, but our direction is determined by our members, just like at PACs. What is the role of DPAC?
  - Our mandate, according to the School Act, is to advise the Board of Education on any matter relating to education in the school district. We funnel parent input to decision-makers in our district.
  - We facilitate communication we send a lot of information out to the PACs on upcoming events and programs that might interest
    them.
  - We provide training and education for parents, as well as opportunities for exchanging ideas. We host speakers as well as workshops and networking events.
  - We function as a resource for individual parents and PACs as they do their work at the school level.



- -"Dress Code Reform"
- Why? Internalized systemic Sexism
- Too much emphasis of modesty.
- New policy maximises diversity and inclusion
- eliminate the vocabulary of "distracting" and social constructs.
- There was significant backlash and criticism in the stages of development.
- New policy focuses on school safety
- new policy focuses on "socio-economic norms"
- This policy references human rights code
- Key points: It is the parents rights to parent the child not the right of the school, the teacher shall not confront a student regarding an issue/concern
- -The development of the dress code is viewed as a learning opportunity and the students think they learned a lot from policy development.
- Revision is planned semi-annually to ensure current socio-economic norms are represented and criticism is valued in the process.

Question: Can you share this presentation would you be willing to present at other PACs?

Answer: Haven't really considered this yet, but if this is welcomed, they would love to consider this.

-**Sheri** L. was involved in a meeting with administration. Administrative Procedure 350.2 Take the draft back to PAC and analyze, criticize, pick 3- words that describe that draft. Prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> needs the feedback.

# 4.1: Danielle M. (Chair Indigenous Family Voices for Education IFVE):

- This group is hoping to Gather as many indigenous voices as possible to create a safe space for these families.
- -Encourage collaboration with the district
- Coming out soon will be a re-share of a survey to gather of where the families are feeling where they are at.
- -Next meeting Wednesday May 13th at 7pm

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a) FoodSafe:



- Nothing to report

#### b) Follow up BCCPAC Nominations

- Erin has been asked to be the treasurer for BCCPAC – not an interest of hers, but if no one steps up, she make take on this role.

### c) Budget announcement Summary

- This was asked prior to the meeting regarding questions that Chris P. has placed to the school district. Please find budget announcements on SD website.
- Question: 5.4 million was given regarding covid response and the question was if this was all used. Answer: yes, this has all been allocated. This report was posted in a public board-meeting: custodians, masks, sanitizers, MERV HVAC-13 filters, etc.
- \* find more on public website school board (does not seem to have complete breakdown)
- Superintendent Sullivan: No programs were cut; board has funded resources with respect with students with behaviour concerns etc.
- \* not subtracting staff, actually added staff
- \*funds can come from international education program
- \*surplus in benefits programs
- \*this budget wanted to create flexibility for funds going forward with new Superintendent and treasurer in July. Will continue with added custodial staff.
- -With the provincial budget being announced today they have not had time to analyze.

#### 6. New Business:

- a) School Enhancements and Catchment Changes
  - \*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\* this is a simple notification statement. We do not have any additional information than what has and will be given at townhall meetings for these affected districts.
    - i. Aberdeen/Pacific Way, Sa-Hali/SKSS, Dallas/RL Clemitson



For the proposed boundary reviews of Aberdeen/Pacific Way, Sa-Hali/SKSS, and Dallas/RL Clemitson, a period of public consultation will be held from Apr.13 to Jun. 4, with public meetings, livestreamed on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> channels, to be held on Tuesday, April 27, Thursday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

## ii. Juniper Ridge/Marion Schilling and Ralph Bell

For the proposed boundary review of Juniper Ridge/Marion Schilling and proposed re-opening of Ralph Bell Elementary, a 60-day period of public consultation will be held for Apr. 20 to Jun. 21, with a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Anyone wishing to speak at these meetings may register for a 10-minute time slot (check each consultation page for the link to register). Anyone with a question to add to the FAQ is asked to email facility input.

The Board of Education will be considering all the public input before making its decision on June 14, 2021 for the Aberdeen/Pacific Way, Sa-Hali/SKSS and Dallas/RL Clemitson catchment changes and on June 28, 2021 for the Juniper Ridge/Marion Schilling catchment changes and the reopening of Ralph Bell.

iii. For more information: https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/our-district-board/catchment-boundaries-consultations-2021.aspx

- b) Spring Break two weeks vs. one
- Tabled until a KTTA representative is available
- c) Website Redesign- Heather A:
- Almost completed website.
- d) Covid 19 Policies and Mandatory Masks:



- No real concerns except there was a few split classes grade 3/4 then the few grade 4's felt singled out that they were required to wear masks but grade 3's are not.
- Superintendent Sullivan: It is challenging but they can only follow the guidelines of the health minister and we will continue to follow and do the best we can.

# e) Year-end planning – Katie C.:

- In regards to grade 7s what kind of year-end planning is being done at other schools?
- Superintendent Sullivan: Students are trying to find a process that will be meaningful, was really hoping that vaccines would have been further more progressed but unfortunately supply has been limited. Unlikely restrictions will be lifted enough by the end of the school year to allow in person celebrations. Trying to provide something meaningful
- At Lloyd George 2 options: principal would participate in handing grade 7s awards in day in cohorts etc. and would be recorded.

Option 2 happens in evening, just teachers, principal, go through the presentation as if they had an audience but parents and students will be viewing from home to see awards of students.

## f) Children Safety Concerns (lockdown) - Courtney B.:

- On March 31 Schools were placed on lockdown, concern is with the notification system. Parents did not receive notification until much later than would have been reasonably expected. There was a lot of confusion and frustration because parents felt ill advised. The notification was not until 3:00 pm and school was supposed to be at 2:30 and parents did not know if they were supposed to go to school and pick up kids? Were busses going to still be there?
- Superintendent Sullivan will investigate this concern and see if protocols could be improved to parent information.
- Courtney: also cell phone policy in a lockdown. High schoolers can text but elementary kids were not allowed phones.

## 7. Reports:



### a) Treasurer's Report:

#### KAMLOOPS DPAC FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2021

Gaming Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
February 16, 2021	Website design – 50% fee from Trilogy	\$504.00 (with another \$504		\$1,924.86
	Solutions. Cheque to reimburse Erin Mitchell,	to be paid upon project		
	who paid via Visa to expedite process	completion)		
February 11, 2021	Navigating the Talk - Martha Solomon (1/3 of	\$425.00		\$1,499.86
	total fee for first of three talks)			
Feb 26, 2021	Foodsafe – Haldane elementary and Dallas	\$189.00 (2x\$90 + GST)		\$1,310.86
	Elementary (2/10 committed to in September			
	budget)			
February 28, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$1,308.91
March 4, 2021	Navigating the Talk - Martha Solomon (2/3 of	\$425.00		\$883.91
	the total fee for second of 3 talks)			
March 11, 2021	Navigating the Talk – Martha Solomon (3/3	\$425.00		\$458.91
	talks)			
March 31, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$456.96
April 30, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$455.01
Est. Balance - April 30, 2021*				\$455.01 (leaves enough money for approx. 4 more Foodsafes,
				which would mean the gaming money could fund 6/10 spots,
				with the other 4 having to come out of General Funds)

\*Italics indicate that debit has not yet appeared on monthly bank statement/cheque still has not been cashed by payee

General Account	<u>Details</u>	Debit	Revenue	Balance	
February 28, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$4,359.83	
March 31, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$4,357.88	
Committed funds	Other half of Website design from	\$504.00		\$3,853.88	
	Trilogy Solutions				
Committed funds	4 Foodsafe Tuitions	4x\$90 + GST = \$378		\$3,475.88	
April 30, 2021	Monthly Plan Fee	\$1.95		\$3,473.93	
Est. Balance – April 30, 2021				\$3,473.93	
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Bursary Account	<u>Details</u>	Debit	Revenue	Balance
February 28, 2021	Monthly Interest Credit		\$0.16	\$1,033.39
March 31, 2021	Monthly Interest Credit		\$0.16	\$1,033.55
April 30, 2021	Monthly Interest Credit		\$0.16	\$1,033.71
Est. Balance -April 30, 2021				\$1,033.71

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GIC Accounts	<u>Details</u>	<u>Debit</u>	Revenue	Balance
	1 year GIC of \$1,015.04 principal, Matures November 18, 2021 – 0.25% or \$2.53 at			\$1,015.04 (investment w/o interest)
	maturity			
	18 month GIC, Mature May 17/21 – 1.95% at or \$102.56 at maturity			\$3,500.00 (investment w/o interest)
Balance -April 30, 2021				\$4,515.04 (before interest)

Est. Balance April 30, 2021 (after disbursement of committed funds)		\$9,477.69

#### b) Superintendent Report:

- Was attempting to come up with a district code but when lawyers were looking at this instead of schools using district dress code and use as a guidline, lawyers say that it needs to be created to have one uniform policy for all schools in the district. Not saying that all SKSS students hard work in in vane but this will need to be taken back and looked at carefully. I don't think this policy will be set in stone, but will need to create a policy that allows review. Hoping to have opinions come in May 10<sup>th</sup> in order to best formulate this district dress code.
- Consultation process: reopening ralph bell and related catchment changes 60 days opened today
- other boundary reviews started April 13 th and will be 60 days.
- These create 2 parallel processes.
- on top of 4 public consultation, each PAC executive will be offered a presentation of affected schools.
- -FAQ will be posted with answers. Lots of opportunity to give input.



- people can book times to present **Question:** speaking times are already full to present? Would there be availability for more than one meeting? **Answer:** 

i. Mud concerns (Westmount)

- Did go to Westmount, problem is the trees is on private property. He has asked the questions but will be a challenging concern to address.

ii. Gr. 8 registration follow up – any news?

- Needs to be addressed with the high school itself.

c) Trustee Report:

- Not much more to add, already talked about budget, boundary changes, Ralph Bell re-opening. Long-Range facilities grant, parents should review. Looking forward to parent engagement in the consultation period regarding all changes.

**Question**: 3.5 billion to "expand replace and maintain and renovate schools in province is that inclusive of maintaintence? Does that mean that capital projects are not included? **Answer** (Rhonda K.): Many questions regarding this and we are always advocating for capital funding. We may not see these capital funding numbers until around May 10<sup>th</sup>.

d) KTTA Report: not present

e) BCCPAC: submitted report for minutes

8. Other Correspondence: none

9. Adjournment: 8:21PM