# ... a Distributed Learning School



South Central Interior Distance Education School

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# **SCIDES PAC Meeting Minutes**

Principal: Colleen Mullen

# Teleconference, 6:00pm, Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016

- 1. Greetings and Introductions:
- Yvonne K.
- Christine P.
- Kandace B.
- Colleen M.
- Kar D.
- Tim K.
- 2. Words from our Assistant Superintendent (Dr. Christine Perkins)
  - a. Greetings from the SBO
  - b. Once a year visit is the plan going forward for the school PACs
  - c. DPAC
    - i. Allows for access to more resources, guest speakers for SD58 parents, funding
    - ii. We can nominate a member from our PAC
    - iii. Want to start in April 2016
    - iv. Prov. Conf. in Kelowna at the end of April 2016, want to send out new DPAC members
    - v. Will meet 3 to 4 times a year, agenda used etc.
      - Topics like... new curriculum, new school calendar, fine arts tours (send parents to lower main land to scope out potential presentations)
  - d. New marketing/communication piece to get info. to rest of district
    - i. Brochure
    - ii. Can use when we go places to share info about our district
  - e. SD58 has a new website, will update any meetings open to public on our SD58 calendar
  - f. Twitter, @SD58connect, please share info. to post on Twitter, pictures of events etc.
- 3. SCIDES-updates from Principal Colleen
  - a. Venables Valley Updates (from Kar)
    - i. Cross-Canada Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge

A year-round greenhouse that has earned them a semi-finalist spot in the cross-Canada Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge (STEM). Phase one was in the fall (submitting problem to solve, short growing season... needing winter green house, will yield four seasons of growing). Because they only have until March 7 to complete the project and submit the video, they're going to build a smaller-scale model to test their theory. Just

by making it this far, the class has earned \$1,200 in technology for use in creating the video (digital camera). 12 students in total from Venables.

In total there are 55 semi-finalists across Canada (out of 800 applications), and five are from B.C. Eleven prize-winning finalists will be awarded \$20,000 in classroom technology. Two of those will compete for two grand prizes of \$50,000 in Samsung equipment.

#### b. New courses at SCIDES:

- i. Cosmetology 12
  - Students will explore career options in the field of cosmetology. Research into some of the common techniques used in caring for hair, nails, and skin in salons, spas, and other cosmetology-related businesses will also be presented.
- ii. Theater, Cinema & Film Production 12
  - This course will introduce students to the basics of film and theater productions. Students will learn about the basics of lighting, sound, wardrobe, and camerawork for both film and theater settings. The course also explores the history of film and theater and the influence that they have had on society. Students will analyze and critique three influential American films, *Casablanca*, *Singin'* in the Rain, and *The Wizard of Oz*
- iii. Early Childhood Education 12
  - Want to have an impact on the most important years of human development? Students will learn how to create fun and educational environments for children, how to keep the environment safe for children, and how to encourage the health and well-being of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children.
- b.) Student numbers (as of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016):

Sept count: 
$$K-9=68$$
  
10-12 (this is 613 courses  $/8=1$  full time student)= 76.63  
Insight = 43

Feb count (these are the number of new students being added):

$$K-9 = 13$$
 10-12 (this is 645 courses  $/8 = 1$  full time student)= = 80.63   
 Insight = 4

Total for the year (Sept. to Feb.), but not the official numbers:

$$K-9 = 81$$
  
 $10-12 = 157.26$   
 $Insight = 47$   
Total SCIDES FTE= 285.26

### c.) New School Vision, Motto and Values:

#### KLC Vision:

Success for ALL Learners ~ Today and Tomorrow

#### KLC motto:

**Creating Connections in ALL Directions** 

### Values of KLC team:

With...

Respect, kindness, acceptance, and personalized learning We promote...

Confidence, compassion, perseverance, and purposeful learning So everyone will be...

Happy, fulfilled, inspired, and empowered to be successful

### 4. Trustee Report – Tim K.

- a. Board meeting yesterday
- b. Young lady from Princeton went to Youth Parliament, in Victoria BC. Visited the Legislator, the office of the *Lieutenant Governor of BC*, and created mock bill/policy discussion. Worked hard all day, 8 am 10pm, was quite the learning experience, was involved in last election (not sure in what capacity),
- c. Draft calendar approved for 2016/2016. Will be on website next week
- d. Fair Play discussion at SB meeting. This covers codes of conduct for both spectators and student athletes. Will put signs up in schools in visible locations.
- e. 12 BAA courses approved
  - i. Exciting one was the Jr Fire fighters group, Essentials of Firefighting 12, in Princeton. 6 students. Going to calls already. Can go into the "yellow zone" with training (ex. Fetching hoses etc.). The course allows them to get closer to "action"
  - ii. Others were: Aboriginal Leadership 10, 11, 12; Adventure Tourism 11/12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Cosmetology 12; Early Childhood Education 12; First Nations Home Economics 9 12; Fitness & Conditioning 11/12; Learning Strategies 10/11; Peer Tutoring 10, 11, 12; Theatre, Cinema and Film Production 12
  - iii. Hockey academy via MSS was supported. 26 registrations thus far, very happy with response thus far
- f. LEA with lower Nic. Indian band was signed. In process of signing with other four
- g. All elementary schools involved in science fair this year

#### Comment from Kandace:

Her daughter Grace is going to Ottawa this weekend. First responders is the first part (police, fire and \_\_\_\_\_). With "Encounters with Canada." Rebecca in April History (Vimy ridge, Canada remembers). All camps tour parliament buildings, changing of the guard... \$675 is the total cost... just need to get them to Kamloops Airport. Runs every week of the school year. Different themes every week.

### 5. Brain Pop – Kandace

a. Had Brainpop last year, but emails going to wrong email (to Mike Brenan), was attached to Kandace's credit card

- b. PAC needs to reimburse Brainpop
- c. If less than 5 kids can continue to use Nicola Canfords License
- d. \$350 US, \$524, good for us to grade 5
  - i. ACTION: Kandace will touch base with Anita again. Will wait for Anita's feedback to buy Brainpop. It is a year from when you buy it.

# 6. Scholastics BONUS money (K-7)- Kandace

- a. Anita ordered some packages with BONUS money from Scholastics
- b. Enrichment kits
- c. Will be used for enrichment
- d. Kandace is trying one now, loves it!
  - i. ACTION: Kandace will be in touch with Anita regarding more orders

# 7. Mary Poppins - Yvonne

- a. Attendance was decent
- b. Usual organizational issues
- c. Seats let unused, but near play date, requested seats back
- d. Only concern really had, one of the older kids were dropped off and parent did not stay, did not stay with group and did not know where they were for the duration of the play.
- e. Difficult organizing through teachers, esp. Insight parents were reluctant to respond

#### 8. New business- Yvonne

- a. Teachers need to make up a proposal for a year end trip (where, costs, date(s))
  - i. ACTION: Colleen will follow up with teachers on Friday.
- b. \*\*Wildlife park have a couple of different scenarios, like a presentation. On website there info on different topics listed for presentations. Afterwards there is a walking tour. Dates fill up pretty quick.
- c. Scholastics order. Do we want to do another one? Could do a March or April order? Maybe just for K-9 grades?
  - i. ACTION: Will follow up with emails over the next month

## 9. Treasurer Report

- a. Balance \$8500
- b. Only cheque outstanding \$750 bursary
- c. If not collected, we have \$9,250 (minus the Brain Pop refund?)
- d. Geographic spread of our students. Colleen stated that most are in the Kamloops., Kelowna, Merritt, Salmon Arm, Ashcroft area
- 10. Next Meeting- Thursday, March 10 (6 pm)