



Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Hollywood Road Education Services
9:00 am – 11:00 am
8:50 am Coffee/Networking
 Welcome/Introductions
 Confirmation of Agenda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Board of Education	Moyra Baxter – Trustee and Board Chair Rolli Cacchioni – Trustee and Board Vice-Chair Lee Mossman - Trustee
City of Kelowna	Ryan Donn - Councillor
City of West Kelowna	Rusty Ensign - Councillor
COPAC	Deannie Dacosta Zahara Cherylee Morrison
COTA	Lori Dawson-Bedard – First Vice-President
Crime Stoppers	Gerry Guilteneane
RCMP	Leslie Smith – School Resource Officer
District Staff	Al Lalonde, Chair, District Principal – Learning Support Services Scott Sieben – Elem Principals, Ellison Elementary

REGRETS:

BrainTrust Canada	Magda Kapp
City of Kelowna	Dave Gazley – Bylaw Services Manager
COTA	Susan Bauhart - President
Crime Stoppers	Lori Holand
CUPE	David Tether
District of Lake Country	Penny Gambell – Councillor
Kelowna Fire Department	Rick Euper
RCMP	Federico Angulo – School Resource Officer Fred Arnold – School Resource Officer Sherri Lund – School Resource Officer
District Staff	Jared Birkeland – Elem Principals, N. Glenmore Elementary Dave Cavezza – District Health & Safety Manager Dave Gibson – Traffic Safety Officer Kevin Kaardal - Superintendent of Schools/CEO Peter Molloy – Director of Student Support Services Curtis Schreiber – Middle/Sec Principals, CNB Middle Gregg Weavers – District Health & Safety Supervisor

Welcome

Al Lalonde welcomed everyone to the Central Okanagan Committee for Safe Schools and shared that at the February meeting a couple presentations were made regarding two homeless initiatives: Journey Home and A Way Home Kelowna.

Ryan Donn shared that since the last meeting the Journey Home Task Force has facilitated Design Labs and Open Houses for the public. A full report regarding the feedback received from surveys, design labs, and open houses will be presented to City Council in the near future. Further updates will be provided at future meetings.

Al Lalonde provided a copy of the article *'Feature Friday: Keeping Central Okanagan schools safe in a new era'* that was published in the Kelowna Capital News on March 16, 2018. The article speaks about safety threats posed to students and staff and how the School District has extensive response protocols to assess threats.

Al Lalonde reiterated that all threats are treated seriously and a threat assessment occurs involving an entire team of people. The District is also educating students on their responsibility when using social media.

Deannie Dacosta Zahara shared that the White Hatter Team will be presenting in Kelowna on the subject, internet/social media safety and digital literacy. Presentations are free and are taking place on:

- o **Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services** (Middle/Secondary Parents)
- o **Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Quigley Elementary School** (Elementary Parents)

Moyra Baxter thanked Al Lalonde and the RCMP for their involvement and response to the recent Mount Boucherie Secondary School/Kelowna Secondary School threat.

The Committee continued to discuss the importance of messaging when a threat has been made and the critical timing of sending messaging to the media and parents.

Partner Group Updates

Cherylee Morrison (COPAC)

- Nothing to Report

Leslie Smith (RCMP School Resource Officer)

- Shared that she recently moved from Prince George and that Spring break went well.

Lori Dawson-Bedard (COTA – First Vice- President)

- Shared that COTA and the District have recently established a Safety Advisory Committee.

Ryan Donn (City of Kelowna Council)

- Shared that Law Day is on April 21, 2018 and the City of Kelowna is starting a shared bike program (500 bikes). The main focus of the shared bike program will be in the downtown core; however, there will be 'drop' zones where you can request a 'drop bike'. This is a potential opportunity for schools to request a drop bike at their site.

Partner Group Updates - Continued

Scott Sieben (Elem Principals, Ellison Elem)

- Now that the snow is gone, speeding in School Zones has increased. Schools need to keep an eye on speed in School Zones and contact Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer, if there is a concern.

Gerry Guilteneane (Crime Stoppers)

- Vehicle break-ins/thefts are still high and bike thefts are on the rise. Message is to 'lock it up'.

Deannie Dacosta Zahara (COPAC, PAC RAY)

- Shared that Terri Scott, Central Okanagan Family Hub Community Engagement Facilitator, is meeting with schools to offer assistance in connecting people with community resources. Currently, Terri goes to both A.S. Matheson Elementary and Raymer Elementary weekly to provide assistance.

Moyra Baxter (School Trustee and Board Chair)

- The School Board Office has moved to 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Lee Mossman (School Trustee)

- No updates.

Rolli Cacchioni (School Trustee and Board Vice-Chair)

- No updates.

Rusty Ensign (City of West Kelowna Council)

- With the grade reconfiguration in West Kelowna, parents are advocating for a pedestrian overpass near Constable Neil Bruce Middle School. (Moyra to send Rusty the recent questionnaire the Board of Education received from the Ministry of Highways regarding this matter).
- Two additional RCMP officers have been hired for West Kelowna and will start their positions next year. In the interim, the City of West Kelowna has two Reservists (retired RCMP Officers) who will focus on speed control in West Kelowna.

Meeting adjourned: 9:47 am

Next Meeting: May 2, 2018 – HRES – Room 3

An integrated team of professionals, parents and community members who maintain a high community profile by providing strong leadership in the area of school and community safety.

Our Mission is to positively impact school and community safety within School District No. 23 by:

1. providing an effective venue through which safety concerns of parents, students, staff and community members can be voiced,
2. increasing public awareness of safety related issues, initiatives and resources,
3. formulating safety related recommendations for school and community members, and
4. reviewing models and research data related to school and community safety.