



Minutes
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Hollywood Road Education Services
9:00 am – 10:14 am
8:50 am Coffee/Networking
 Welcome/Introductions
 Confirmation of Agenda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Board of Education	Moyra Baxter – Trustee and Board Chair Lee Mossman - Trustee
City of Kelowna	Ryan Donn - Councillor
COTA	Lori Dawson-Bedard – First Vice-President
CUPE	Margaret Varga – Vice-President
Crime Stoppers	Gerry Guilteneane Lori Holland
RCMP	Federico Angulo – School Resource Officer Leslie Smith – School Resource Officer
District Staff	Kevin Kaardal - Superintendent of Schools/CEO Al Lalonde, Chair, District Principal – Learning Support Services

REGRETS:

BrainTrust Canada	Magda Kapp
City of Kelowna	Dave Gazley – Bylaw Services Manager
City of West Kelowna	Rusty Ensign - Councillor
COTA	Susan Bauhart - President
COPAC	Deannie Dacosta Zahara Cherylee Morrison
CUPE	David Tether
District of Lake Country	Penny Gambell – Councillor
Kelowna Fire Department	Rick Euper
RCMP	Fred Arnold – School Resource Officer Sherri Lund – School Resource Officer
District Staff	Rolli Cacchioni – Trustee and Board Vice-Chair Jared Birkeland – Elem Principals, N. Glenmore Elementary Dave Cavezza – District Health & Safety Manager Dave Gibson – Traffic Safety Officer Peter Molloy – Director of Student Support Services Curtis Schreiber – Middle/Sec Principals, CNB Middle Scott Sieben – Elem Principals, Ellison Elementary Gregg Weavers – District Health & Safety Supervisor

WELCOME

Al Lalonde welcomed everyone to the Central Okanagan Committee for Safe Schools and everyone introduced themselves.

Al introduced presenter Kristi Field, School-Based Drug & Alcohol Prevention Counsellor, A.R.C. Programs. Ltd.

PRESENTATION

Kristi Field, School-Based Drug & Alcohol Prevention Counsellor, ARC Programs Ltd., shared that she works in the Changes Program with drug and alcohol counselling (specifically targeted prevention & early intervention at the Middle Schools). She also works in the Learning Centers and provides individual group counselling for students that are at-risk or beginning to show risk.

Kristi also shared that A.R.C. Programs Ltd. has mental health counselling at Mount Boucherie Secondary, Kelowna Secondary & Rutland Senior Secondary as well as in two elementary schools; South Rutland Elementary and Raymer Elementary. They have elementary school support workers to provide support for counsellors at Chief Tomat Elementary, Hudson Road Elementary, George Pringle Elementary, Casorso Elementary & North Glenmore Elementary. Currently there are three counsellors in the program that provide the following services:

- Positive Alternative to Suspension Series
- Targeted Prevention/Early Intervention (Kristi Field)
- Addictions counselling
- Community & school-based education

Kristi explained that A.R.C. Programs Ltd. engages students through using the 'Stages of Change' – Motivational Interviewing & Harm Reduction as well as focuses on educating students in order to build students' resilience.

Kristi outlined the biggest trends in drug & alcohol use (based on the referrals A.R.C. receives) and confirmed that A.R.C. Programs Ltd. is documenting this information.

Kristi provided a Cannabis Talk Kit that is free to order at: <https://www.drugfreekidscanada.org/> and recommended the following drug & alcohol resources:

- Centre of Addictions Research of BC: <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/cisur/>
- iMinds: <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/cisur/publications/helping-schools/iminds/index.php>
- Helping Schools: <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/cisur/publications/helping-schools/index.php>
- Foundry BC: <https://foundrybc.ca/>
- Cannabis information & support: <https://cannabissupport.com.au/>

The Committee discussed the implications of the upcoming legalization of marijuana and the need for governments to increase funding towards prevention and education.

Al confirmed that a number of teachers in the District are using the program CARBC and mentioned that Safer Schools has been in conversation with Colorado regarding the legalization of marijuana.

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Partner Group Updates

Federico Angulo – (School Resource Officer)

- Shared that the Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy will be held at the Vernon Army Camp from May 6-12, 2018 (for students aged 16-18 who are interested in police sciences or law enforcement as a potential care).
- Recommended that a standardized alarm be implemented for lockdown drills (similar to a standardized fire alarms).

Margaret Varga – (CUPE)

- Nothing to report.

Gerry Guilteneane (Crime Stoppers)

- Shared that at the recent BC Crime Stoppers Conference in Victoria, a new software program that tracks images and videos of illegal content about child exploitation was presented. A discussion regarding human trafficking in BC (including immigrant and seasonal workers) also occurred at the conference.

Leslie Smith (RCMP School Resource Officer)

- Shared that there is a D.A.R.E. graduation at Anne McClymont Elementary this afternoon and emphasized the importance of D.A.R.E., especially at the grade 5 level. She also mentioned that her recent open forum classes (Q & A period) at Central was very successful and recommended that 'open forum' discussions continue.

Lori Holland (Crime Stoppers)

- Shared that Crime Stoppers participated in Law Day at the Kelowna Courthouse on April 21, 2018 and the event was well attended.

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

- Nothing to report.

Lee Mossman (School Trustee)

- Shared that at the BCSTA AGM in Vancouver last week there was a presentation on Wellness and he would like to see that continue for students and staff in our community.

Ryan Donn (City of Kelowna Council)

- Shared that the City of Kelowna has approved 4 new bylaw officers and recognizes the need for more RCMP officers in Kelowna. The next elected City Council will determine the number of RCMP officers they approve.

Moyra Baxter (School Trustee and Board Chair)

- Shared that SOGI 1 2 3 (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is about inclusion and providing safe schools for all students. She anticipates that there might be a lot of parent/community opposition about SOGI 1 2 3 and the District needs to ensure that parents and the community know that SOGI 1 2 3 is not a curriculum and parents can't opt out of this initiative.

Meeting adjourned: 10:14 am

Next Meeting: June 6, 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.