

Sun Peaks Education Society

2014

Annual Report

Since incorporating in June of 2010, the Sun Peaks Education Society (SPES) has successfully raised approximately **\$423,500.00** to establish, and support a community based education facility for local community children.

Student numbers attending school at Sun Peaks have shown continued growth, with 19 students in year one, 36 students in year two, a combined total of 53 students in year three, and a combined total of 69 students for year four. Unfortunately we have seen a slight decline in our 2014/15 year with approximately **39 students in K-6** and **16 in grades 7-12** for a combined total of 55 students

In August of 2012, School District 73 (SD73) entered into an agreement with the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (SPMRM) to provide 2 full time teaching staff for grades K-5. For the current school year, the grade level has remained to grade 6 and with 39 students registered, SD73 now employs 3 full time teachers in Sun Peaks, along with some support staff. As part of their commitment to community growth, the classroom space is generously provided by the SPMRM with the SPES Board adding support to building improvements, maintenance and expansions whenever possible.

The current catchment area remains as Sun Peaks only, due to walk limits. Students outside of the catchment can apply for a transfer to Sun Peaks Elementary, provided that they provide their own transportation to and from the school, and there is capacity at the school.

The Discovery Centre for Balanced Education (DCBE) moves into **year 5** with **16** students, as a grade 7-12 facility. Operated by the SPES in a partnership with @kool, who support the education portion of the program. Ms. Kirsten Flinn and Mr. Keith Massey who are job sharing one full time position, are hired by the SPES to work on site with the grade 7-12 students. Ms. Flinn itakes the lead teacher position with some additional hours allotted for SPES administrative duties that tie into the classroom. SD73's @kool Distance Learning program provides the offsite teaching support, as well as limited on site support one day a week, led by Mrs. Laurel Seafoot.

Fundraising will remain as important as ever for the SPES as they continue to move ahead with the middle and high school program. These funds are needed to cover the costs of operating the centre, including the cost of one full time on site educator, and providing opportunities for enhanced education programs and sporting programs for all students in the Community. Although the numbers in the DCBE currently remain stable, we are anticipating a rise by the 2017/18 school year at the latest and need to ensure there is enough classroom space for elementary students to move into.

Current Planning includes working with Mayor Al Raine and the SPMRM to ensure the sustainability of a successful long term education program for all school age children in the community. Continued discussions with SD73 and review of future space due to climbing enrolment are ongoing.

Volunteers have continued to play an essential role in the success of the DCBE and Sun Peaks Elementary School. Without the strong support of all volunteers, including all parents and community members, many of the services provided may not continue to be possible.

The community, including Sun Peaks Resort Corporation and the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality has been fully supportive in helping us to achieve our goals so far. Fundraising is essential to the success of the education program in our community, and there will be numerous fundraising events again this year in order to support the goals of the SPES. Listed below are some of our fundraising events and approximate amount of funds they provide to our non-profit organization.

- Fireman's Gala \$13,271
- Big Little Golf Tournament \$10, 275
- Serenade in the Snow \$12,330
- SPES Lottery –not active for 2013/14
- Acorn Cards \$ 675
- Top to Bottoms Race \$ 180
- Magazines – not active for 2013/14
- Spartan Race approx. \$1,000 (not confirmed)
- Honorariums – amounts not available.
- Returnable bottles \$4130
- Membership \$ 805
- Summer Concert tent – amounts not available

Students are very involved in educational activities and sports in the Community. They are able to attend special conferences such as WE day in Vancouver and participate locally and globally to fundraise and support their Community and the Communities of those less fortunate. Some of the activities promoted and/or attended by our students are listed below.

- WE day (inspirational student conference)
- WE are silent (fundraising for those who have no 'voice')
- WE scare hunger (collecting none perishable foods for the local Food Bank)
- Volunteering at local events ie. Spartan Race
- Our new Summer Concert Fundraising Tent
- Golf, Tennis, Stand-Up Paddleboard, x-country mountain biking, ultimate Frisbee, street hockey
- Alpine skiing, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating

These are activities and initiatives that all of our high school kids are participating in; experiences that are making their education a whole lot more than just book learning.

The last four years of educating our kids at Sun Peaks has shown that what we've started is important, and valued, and necessary to the Sun Peaks community. Our number one job is to educate the kids we have here, but at the same time we're bringing new families into Sun Peaks, and working toward building the infrastructure that makes a community. The SPES has had many successes in its four years – the biggest of which is the successes of our students.

We're looking forward to a very bright future with many more successes to come. – THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT !

Sun Peaks Education Society AGM Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014

1. Call meeting to order: 6:05 pm
2. Attendance: Barb Kupferschmidt Linder, Terra Stebner, Kirsten Flinn, Barney Mouat, Tarrah Clements; Rob Bremner, Danielle Renaud, Tannis Sorge, Catherine Mcgauchie, Karen Kilba, Al Raine, Maria Cannon, Mario Pozza, Colin Cannon
3. Annual Report (attached)
 - President – Barb Kupferschmidt Linder
 - Secretary – Kirsten Flinn (student/classroom update)
 - o Strong student volunteerism in the community and through the Free the Children local and global initiative is strong
 - o Students are on par with their @KOOL district curriculum
 - o Students have maintained active lifestyle through sport in the fall season, and are on track for a strong winter sports curriculum with various winter activities including skiing and snowboarding with Keith Massey, DCBE facilitator with level 3 CASI certification.
4. Financials (attached)
 1. Treasurer – Terra Stebner
 2. SIDIT funding – additional funds to be expensed from grant money including science supplies and furniture.
5. Questions
 1. Mario Pozza: where are the missing corporate donations funds from 2013? Terra Stebner: The donation revenue is stable, but was allocated in 2013 to corporate donations, and to fundraising in 2014.
6. Elections:
 1. Rob Bremner to run election:
 - Barb Kupferschmidt Linder – Barb acclaimed as president
 - Nominations from the floor for VP – called third time; position will remain vacant
 - Nominations from the floor for Treasurer – called third time; position will remain vacant
 - Nominations from the floor for Secretary – Barb nominates Danielle Renaud. Daniel is acclaimed
 - Terra Clements will let her name stand as director – acclaimed
 - Barney Mouat will let his name stand as director – acclaimed
 - David Street will let his name stand as director – acclaimed
 - Vacant Director Position – Karen Kilba let her name stand – acclaimed
 - Kirsten Flinn to assume position as Associate Director, Educational Liaison

7. Closing Remarks – Barb Kupferschmidt

- Thank you to Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality for continuing to support the centre and students.
- Al Raine – no recent discussion with SD73 re: Community Education Plan proposal over the summer, but conversation with superintendent is imminent. Student growth is flat, so we continue to do good operations over the duration and hope that growth increases.
- Maria Cannon: catchment possibly affecting enrollment.
 - Good to engage elementary parents with the operations of the Discovery Centre for Balanced Education
 - More engagement and information needed for existing and new elementary parents
 - Barb: we struggle to come up with ways to dialogue with the elementary parents. Any ideas for how to open the conversation would be appreciated. Maria: propose that SPES puts out a survey to parents. Important information in finding out the plans from the elementary parents. Maria is happy to help.
 - Tannis: if the kids are involved, visibility is improved. Students become ambassadors for the school; students can bridge the conversation between youth and parents.
 - Maria: question she'd been asked from visitors: is it a private school? SPES should promote the framework for the Centre to make it clearer to outside parties.
 - Colin: Plan for Grade 6/7 students for next year (2015-16)? Barb: we have a position of managing DCBE enrollment on a case-by-case basis. If the elementary numbers require a 2-teacher situation for 2015-16, discussion will need to take place to determine best grade split for elementary and DCBE.
 - Maria: when will the back-and-forthing about who keeps the grade 7s conclude?
 - Barb: it is early to make a determination for this query. The Board has been monitoring it, and the decision will rest with the numbers as they present. SPES feels strongly that it looks at this on a case-by-case basis, especially as the SPES takes international students who might fall into overlapping grades.

8. Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

9. Next SPES Board meeting Wednesday, November 5.

SUN PEAKS EDUCATION SOCIETY

Financial Statements

Year Ended July 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of SUN PEAKS EDUCATION SOCIETY as at July 31, 2014 and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Kamloops, British Columbia
October 1, 2014

Munro & Company

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

SUN PEAKS EDUCATION SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Position

July 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 104,558	\$ 74,555
Accounts receivable	774	672
Inventory	7,579	5,176
Prepaid expenses	1,100	1,100
	\$ 114,011	\$ 81,503
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,000
NET ASSETS		
General fund	113,010	80,503
	\$ 114,011	\$ 81,503

Director

Director

SUN PEAKS EDUCATION SOCIETY
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended July 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Corporate donations	\$ 500	\$ 54,899
Individual donations	27,500	49,062
SIDIT Grant	45,000	-
Fundraising	34,536	12,262
GST/HST recoverable	774	672
Miscellaneous	805	300
	109,115	117,195
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	2,589	1,503
Audit and legal	1,180	1,120
Bank service charges	140	109
Dues and membership fees	-	25
Fundraising	6,390	1,996
Insurance	2,358	2,348
Janitorial	210	994
Office, printing, stationary and postage	135	127
SIDIT grant	1,520	-
Supplies	2,606	545
Tablets	10,064	-
Wages and benefits	49,416	52,183
	76,608	60,950
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 32,507	\$ 56,245

SUN PEAKS EDUCATION SOCIETY
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended July 31, 2014
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2014	2013
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 80,503	\$ 24,258
Excess of revenue over expenses	32,507	56,245
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 113,010	\$ 80,503

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. NATURE OF SOCIETY

The purpose of the Society, which was incorporated on June 16, 2010 under the B.C. Society Act, is to provide and operate an education and study facility, and enrich education, including distance education, for Sun Peaks, BC area children.

The Society is a registered charitable organization as defined by the Income Tax Act and to maintain its charitable status for income tax purposes, it must spend specified minimum amounts on charitable activities or as gifts to qualified recipients each year.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Equipment

The Society follows generally accepted accounting principles for non-profit organizations. The cost of equipment is charged to operations in the current period.
