

# **KSS PAC 2015/2016 AGM Minutes**

## **Tuesday May 10, 2016**

### **In attendance:**

Janice Loukras, Sarah Mariott, Tom Morgan, Joy Godel, Brenda Maier, Valary Chidwick, Terri Birker, Darlene Kinakin

**Welcome/Meeting start 6:45 pm**

**Quorum confirmed**

**1. Adoption of AGM Agenda** - adopted by Valary Chidwick

**2. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes** - March 10, 2015

Motion to accept by Terri Birker, seconded by Janice Loukras, all in favour, motion carried.

**3. Officer's Reports for 2015-2016**

**Chair - Janice Loukras**

- The 2015-16 PAC Executive were elected in March 2015 and the fall 2016. It was a pleasure to have the executive positions filled and to work with the dedicated individuals giving their time and efforts to support our school and students.
- In the spring of 2015, Work Ethic bags were distributed to students with work ethic distinction on three report cards and KSS PAC awards were given to 25 deserving graduating students nominated by KSS teachers or others working with the students.
- There were a number of significant "new" things including our new principal, Scott Maclean, the new school database program and a new district superintendent. It has been a pleasure working with Scott as he learned about the school, listened to concerns and observations of KSS PAC members and looked for ways to work with us and address concerns raised. We are sorry to see Scott leave the school after this short time but wish him all the best in Edmonton.
- Parent Ambassador meetings were coordinated with PAC meetings and these were an opportunity to hear more about what is happening at the school and for a number of presentations of interest to PAC members including a presentation on the revised curriculum by Vice Principal Leclair, on Anxiety by the school based mental health clinician (ARC Programs Ltd.), on the Library Commons by the school librarians Wynter Oakes and on drug and alcohol use by youth. My Blueprint was also introduced to the PAC, a new program for education and career planning for students.
- An Interior Health condom pilot project was introduced in February 2016 after parent input was received. The project was to address sexual health of teens by making condoms accessible. Initial reports from administration were that condoms were being accessed and it was not disruptive at the school. Student feedback is part of the project and hopefully the PAC will be provided the results.
- Our Constitution was updated and revised and that included providing greater discretion in how funds are distributed. This year we followed the traditional model and allocated approximately the same funding to the various faculties as well as continuing with PAC Awards to graduating students and work ethic awards.

- School communication with PAC members continued with the weekly “Whoos news” email. However, communication on the various activities and sports could still be improved and PAC members continue to look for better ways for communication including improved use of the school website. Wynter Oaks has been a great liaison with keeping the PAC page on the website up to date.
- A lunch time math club to address members concerns around student struggles with math was ended. This continues to be a concern and was partially addressed by administration with the homework club. Members found a tutor list previously provided by the district helpful and would like to see that returned.
- PAC Executive represented and promoted the PAC at a number of school meetings and events including P/T interviews and parent information nights.
- Because the PAC members really appreciate the efforts of the staff at KSS to make this a great place for students, we will be providing an appreciation breakfast for staff in June 2016. Just a small token of our big gratitude.
- It has been a pleasure to work with the many dedicated PAC members and KSS staff these past six years, including the last two as chairperson. KSS is a place of many opportunities for learning, athletics, music, arts and student engagement that is all the better for the relationships of parents/guardians, administration and staff.

#### **Vice Chair - Sarah Marriott**

- Took on position of Vice-Chair in October 2015
- Responsible for PAC Awards this year
- Responsible for AGM Nominating Committee

#### **Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin**

- Gaming Funds: The KSS Pac received \$36,080 in gaming funds in September 2015 and an additional amount of \$3,714 in March 2016. The PAC approved expenditures of \$36,952, leaving a balance of \$5,714 in unallocated funds. To date we have spent \$22,574.
- General Revenue: A few minor expenditures were made from this account and a deposit of \$1,697 from a PST refund. Our Balance is \$1,808.
- Contingency Fund: We have bonds totaling \$5,614.

#### **Secretary - Brenda Maier**

- Took on position of Secretary in October 2015
- Responsible for taking minutes of each meeting and once reviewed and approved sending them to Wynter Oaks to post to PAC page of school website
- Worked with Janice Loukras to plan/organize the Parent Appreciation Breakfast

#### **Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman**

- Students at KSS continue to benefit from academic course selections including honours/AP and French Immersion classes.
- KSS students are given opportunities to challenge themselves at the various academic competitions offered throughout the year. For instance, KSS hosted a regional debate tournament in which several students qualified and subsequently competed at the provincial level in Vancouver at the Law Foundation Cup.
- In addition, the PAC will continue the recognition of work ethic by students who have been on the Work Ethic List on their report cards for 3 consecutive terms.

### **Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan**

- The 2015-2016 school year saw another year where KSS students in Applied Skills disciplines worked and tried hard and displayed their talent at Skills Canada District and Provincial Competitions:

#### **District Competiton**

Robson Carrier - 1<sup>st</sup> place Mechanical CAD

Sonia YU - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Architectural CAD

Jaiden Pearson - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Carpentry

Justus Reid - 1<sup>st</sup> place Electronics

Tijana Nelson - Cabinet Making; didn't place but featured in the Daily Courier

#### **Provincial Competition**

Robson Carrier won a silver medal in Mechanical CAD (Computer Aided Design)

- The acquisition of a 3D Printer, bought with PAC Gaming funds, helped this year's students see the fruits of their computer designed labour.
- Additionally the printed Circuit Board milling table and router bought with PAC Gaming funds has been a great help to the Electronics Club in its first year of use.
- Many thanks go to Mrs. Fallan Freeman, Applied Skills Department Head for her willingness to share her valuable time keeping the PAC updated. We wish her well with her Maternity Leave and look forward to once more working with Mr. Kendall Thomas who will take the reins in her absence.

### **Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre**

#### **Fine Arts in Review 2015 - 2016**

- In November, KSS Fine Arts hosted a trip to Washington DC and New York (Tim Mayer & Jon Derksen, chaperones). The 38 students took in the cultural sights of the U.S. capital and the Big Apple and paved the way for a second trip, now in the planning stages for next November. 50 students have already enrolled for the trip which will plant them in DC on Election Day (November 8th). Should be...interesting.
- Tim Mayer submitted 22 pieces of quality student art for the Art in Action display at the Kelowna Art Gallery (which ends June 6th). Jon Derksen (Journalism & Media Arts) submitted 12 short films for viewing--the first time film has made it into the repertoire.

#### **Theatre**

- Director Lee Schwarz has done an admirable job filling in for Anne-Marie Holmwood. His '39 Steps' was a hit and currently the Fringe Festival, featuring student-produced monologues and duologues is wowing audiences.
- In the last part of the year, Lee and Jon Derksen will be collaborating on a video project to profile acting students talent on-camera and to practice auditioning.

#### **Music**

- As always, it has been a very busy year for the music program at KSS. We have had two international clinicians come in and work with our group, as well as dozens of visits from local musician mentors who have worked with our students.
- We have had three large scale concerts: Our Winter Concert in December; Encore in February; and we will be having our Year End Concert next week. Each of these involves hundreds of students and over 20 performance groups.
- We have performed in several festivals this year. The Jazz Bands, Combos, Vocal Jazz and Vocal Jazz Combos all took part in the BC Interior Jazz Festival, where they received high praise from the adjudicators. Many of our groups received invitations to Musicfest Canada (aka Nationals).

- The Concert Bands took part in the Okanagan Concert Band Festival in Penticton, and the Gr. 10 Concert Band participated in the Kiwanis Concert Band Festival in Winfield. Both groups received Musicfest Canada invitations.
- Our chamber choirs took part in the Kiwanis Choral Festival, wowing the adjudicator and receiving very high marks and some more Musicfest Canada invitations.
- The Night Owl Orchestra was invited to participate in the Kiwanis 90th anniversary gala, and also performed in the orchestral component of the Kiwanis festival, and our small ensemble clarinet group impressed the adjudicators with their performance in the small ensemble component of the festival.
- We also traveled with 50 students to New York and were able to take them to three Broadway shows, a performance by the New York Philharmonic, a performance by a university group at Dizzy's Jazz Club, a tour of Lincoln Center and many more experiences.
- On top of all this, we have had dozens of performances out in the community from our Jazz Combos, and our clarinet trio took part in the announcement ceremony for the new South Kelowna Elementary playground.

#### **Graphic Arts & Yearbook**

- Corinna Nicol has, as usual, put in a monumental effort getting the yearbook ready for print and due out later this month. She has asked that if any PAC members would like to help distribute Yearbooks on June 16th & 17th at lunch to please contact her.
- It's been a great year. While budget cuts have led to the cancellation of a couple of courses for next year (Graphic Arts & Drama, Film & Television), we are pleased to say that, regardless, we feel the Fine Arts Department is strong and covering new ground.

#### **Athletic Chair - Terri Birker**

- Overall the year has been good, we have had a large representation of our teams going to Provincials with the 4A Boys winning the first ever Basketball Provincials banner and going undefeated
- Fall
  - Soccer boys made provincials placed bottom 8
  - Field Hockey 4<sup>th</sup> place provincials
  - Volleyball Girls 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Volleyball Boys 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Football out first round playoff's
  - X Country went to Provincials
- Winter
  - Boys Basketball Provincial Champs
  - Girls Basketball Provincials 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Jr Girls Basketball 3<sup>rd</sup> Provincials
  - Jr Boys Basketball 11<sup>th</sup> Provincials
  - KSS Hosted Archery Provincials
- Spring
  - Track & Field; Zone and Valley Championships next week
  - Girl's 7's Rugby; great learning opportunity/playing in league
  - Boy's Jr. Rugby; we were the only school to field a team for 15's but played a number of games against other school's who had 7's teams
  - Boy's Sr. Rugby; Valley Championships next week likely to be hosted at KSS
  - Sr. Girls Soccer; headed into playoffs either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> depending on today's results
  - Golf continues league play this week/Zones and Valleys next two weeks

- Roughly 430 Student athletes participate in athletics at KSS
- Concern as budgets tighten so does athletic budget and so most likely we will start to offer fewer teams and restrict numbers for each team which will make our teams stronger but will also drive the cost up as we need to travel to competitions (increased transportation/accommodation costs).

#### **COPAC - Valary Chidwick**

- COPAC, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, is a school district wide Parent Advisory Group. Each PAC in SD 23 can send a member to COPAC to represent their school. The main purposes of COPAC are: to support and promote parental involvement at all levels school, district and province; to advise Board of Education, Superintendent, District staff and Ministry of Education on educational matter in SD 23; and provide educational opportunities for parents
- To fulfill these objectives COPAC holds general meetings the first Monday of every month. These meetings are held with all COPAC parents, PAC parents, School District Staff, Trustees and COTA representatives. The purpose is to share information and discuss issues pertinent to SD 23. All the agenda and minutes from these meetings can be found at <http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/meetinginfo/Pages/default.aspx>.
- COPAC members also sit on school district committees such as Health Promoting Schools, Safe Schools, Legal and Finance, Planning, etc. The COPAC role is to represent the parent voice. All committee positions were fulfilled in 2015/16.
- In the fall of 2015 COPAC hosted a free parent education day in which various speakers presented on issues pertinent to parents such a student mental health and planning for your student's future. In the spring of 2016 COPAC participated in the BCCPAC AGM conference hosted in Kelowna.

#### **4. Elections for 2015/2016 PAC Executive**

Chairperson - no nominations at this time  
 Vice Chairperson - Sarah Mariott  
 Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin  
 Secretary - Brenda Maier  
 Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman  
 Applied Skills Chair - no nominations at this time  
 Athletic Chair - no nominations at this time  
 Fine Arts Chair - Lilianna Perez-Lefevre  
 COPAC Representative - Valary Chidwick

#### **6. Signing Authority**

- Darlene to assist with change of signing authority; Janice Loukras and Heather Fashanu to be removed and Sarah Mariott and Brenda Maier to be added.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm**