

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

In attendance:

Janice Loukras, Darlene Kinakin, Valary Chidwick, Liliana Perez-Lefleur, Leilani Lansang, Anita Blasé, Sarah Marriott, Jodi Kvist, Sandy Rasmusen, Michelle Kam, Brenda Hudson, Angela Munson, Brenda Maier, Sarah Morris-Probert, Isabel Withler, Rachel Fleming, Joy Godel, Susan Zimmerman

Welcome/Meeting start 6:45 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - agenda adopted by Rachel Fleming

2. Approval of the Minutes - September 15, 2015; motioned by Valary Chidwick, seconded by Rachel Fleming, motion carried.

3. Principal's Report - Scott Mclean

- Parent Teacher interviews on Wednesday October 21st 4:30-7:30pm in the gym (coral style) - efficient way of conducting interviews.
- Interim Reports due this week - parents should receive feedback via e-mail
- Best of the West Senior Girls Volleyball tournament at KSS this weekend - 80 teams from Western Canada attending unable to host all games at KSS.
- New Curriculum being introduced when current grade 10's are in Grade 12- switch from content based curriculum to concept based, competency-driven curriculum; an introduction to the redesigned curriculum can be found on the BC Ministry of Education website.
- Upcoming Professional Development Day - teachers will spend time discussing how the new curriculum will be introduced in the classroom.

4. Executive Reports

Chair - Janice Loukras

- Fundraising information is sent to PAC regularly; if anyone knows of a group within the school that may be interested in this information please let Janice know and she will pass along.
- Opportunity for a parent representative to sit on a District Committee called the "Early Learning Partnership Committee"; focused on developing safe/seamless well supported transitions from home to early learning programs (including Kindergarten). First meeting October 20th 3:45-5:15.
- Kelowna Safe Meters is hosting "The Good the Bad and the Ugly about Wireless Technology" by Magda Havas on Fri Nov 13, 7-9 pm at Evangel.

Vice Chair - vacant

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Gaming funds totaling \$36,080.00 received; decisions on gaming fund allocation to be made at next PAC meeting November 10, 2015.

Secretary - vacant

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman - no report

Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan - no report

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez-Lefevre - no report

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker

- Fall Sports are in full swing and I hope to sit with Arnar Bernhardtsson next week and get a list of all the sports, what season they are in and who the coaches are for 2015/2016.
- Best of the West Volleyball is this Friday and Saturday. There are 80 schools that will be attending at KSS and other nearby schools. Many schools from the Lower Mainland as well as out of province. This event is for Senior boys and Girls Volleyball.

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- Trustee Report; back to school - student numbers are up possibly due to those returning from private schools that left during the strike last year.
- Superintendent Beaudry discussed the procedure in place when a major incident occurs in a school (alert goes out) to heighten awareness and prepare for the possibility of a copycat incident.
- Task Force on French Immersion Dual Track Schools; looking for (4) parent representatives to sit on steering committee to look at options to accommodate growing number of students in program.
- Canadian Mental Health and UBC Okanagan are sponsoring "Worries and Woes" by Dr. Lynn Miller (free event) Nov 5, 7-9 pm at the Laurel Building Mental Health First Aid Course (OKM) started tonight running for 5 weeks Mental Health Forum; Counsellor & 8 students attended
- SPC - new legislation in the Spring removed School Planning Councils - still no word on what will replace these councils going forward.

5. Old Business

KSS PAC Awards; tabled to November meeting

Work Ethic Awards Update

- Susan/Tom will update us on numbers of awards given at next meeting
- Some feedback from parents that their children did not receive an award from PAC even though Work Ethic was stamped on their report card.

Executive Elections

- Brenda Maier willing to let her name stand for Secretary
- Sarah Marriott willing to let her name stand for Vice Chair
- Motion made by Valary to elect both, seconded by Darlene, motion carried.

Constitution Review

- Proposed revisions to KSS PAC Constitution reviewed
- Joy motioned to accept changes, Brenda seconded, motion carried.
- Revised Constitution to be posted on PAC page of School Web site

Gaming Funds allocation review

- Feedback from Department Heads; Change format that would allow for a larger purchases, ensure equality amongst departments, save part of the money to be allocated in the spring.
- Letter to go out to teachers asking them to submit funding requests/wish lists to Principal (by November 6th) and he will then forward on to the PAC
- Committee Chairs to encourage their department heads to submit requests

6. New Business

Condom Pilot Project at KSS

- Pilot project proposed to parents at Parent Ambassador meeting prior to PAC meeting; parents seemed supportive of providing condoms at school as long as information supporting other messages like “its ok to say no” are also provided.

Fundraising Opportunity

- Jodi is willing to coordinate a Poinsettia fundraiser at KSS if PAC are interested in doing some fundraising and/or she is willing to work with specific groups if there are teams or clubs interested.
- Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Janice to proceed with fundraiser. Scott will put the idea out to the teachers to see if any specific groups are interested. Motion carried.
- Jodi also mentioned the possibility of a WestJet ticket raffle and Janice suggested this might be a great way to fundraise for a larger “Legacy” item at the school.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting Tuesday November 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

Vice Principal to attend next meeting in Principal's absence (Scott McLean away in Japan at KSS sister school celebration in Kasugai)