

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday February 14, 2017

In attendance: Joy Godel, Brenda Maier, Shawni MacPherson, Ken Chung, Liliana Perez-Lefevre, Shelley Hoffmann, Sofia Simeonidis, Sarah Morris-Probert, Brenda Hudson, Valary Chidwick, Darlene Kinakin
Troy White (Principal)

Welcome/Meeting start 6:40 pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda** - adopted by Sofia Simeonidis
- 2. Approval of the Minutes** - January 10, 2017; Motion to accept by Sofia Simeonidis, seconded by Darlene Kinakin, all in favour, motion carried
- 3. Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS)**
Anne Pistawka
 - Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society started in 1971 by Mr. Harry Dewar
 - Reached out to community for support with students pursuing post-secondary studies
 - 7 original awards has grown to over 500 awards now
 - Awards available to public high schools between Winfield and Peachland
 - One application; many awards to apply for - some are based on academics, financial need and/or citizenship/sports achievements
 - Donors have the option to be involved in the process of choosing the recipient
 - Average award is \$750 (range from \$250-\$3,000)
 - 600-650 applicants; last year 533 awards presented totaling \$430,000.00
 - Money goes directly to institution/technical/trades programs.
 - Students must be continuing on to University next year
- 4. Principal's Report** - Troy White
 - Thank-you to all parents who volunteered to help with the Winter Semi-Formal; school was transformed into a beautiful space; approximately 250 students attended
 - "Westerns" Basketball Tournament was a huge success; girls basketball teams involved this year. More than 60 adults/coaches/parents involved in making tournament happen; largest tournament in Canada (lots that happens behind the scenes)
 - Course selections for next year's grade 11's & 12's coming up
 - Harmony Day this Wednesday February 15th
 - Parent information nights coming up for current grade 10 and 11 parents on February 22nd and on February 28th for those new to KSS (currently in grade 9).
 - Music Showcase February 20 & 21st at First Lutheran 7:00pm
 - Parent Teacher Interviews March 1st 4:30-6:30 pm in the gymnasium
 - BCTF court case decision; reverts back to contract language prior to 2013; class sizes not over 28 and 10% factor applies if less than 3 designated w/learning disabilities
 - 181 students at KSS with designations (approx. 10%) 60 per grade - will require 7 additional classrooms; looking at options including additional blocks, rotating lunch hours and additional learning support teachers.

5. Executive Reports

Chairperson - Sarah Marriott (absent)

Vice Chairperson - Jennifer Nemet (absent)

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Need teachers to spend approved funds if they have not already. PAC chairs to encourage their department heads to get invoices in as soon as possible.

Secretary - Brenda Maier - (no report)

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman (absent)

Applied Skills Chair - Ken Chung

- Career Life Program Coordinator (Patti Buna) reported on success of dual track trades program; mentioned recent BCIT grad students and current BCIT/OC Dual Credit students. Grad Ceremony was held at RSS on the evening of Thursday January 19th.
- KSS Tech-Ed; Sean Sookochoff confirmed the Beverley Sheer (bender) has been ordered and they are looking forward to its arrival.
- Foods; Debra Schmidt wanted to say thank-you for the generous gift of the microwave (donated by Spider Tech) as well as the other items that the PAC funded. They appreciate everything the PAC does for the school and its students.
- KSS Automotive Service Tech program; Kendall Thomas and the students in the Automotive shop expressed their gratitude for the PAC support of their program. Most students were wearing their t-shirts with pride. It should be noted that this program includes students from other High Schools as well.

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- KSS Music Showcase coming up on February 20th & 21st at First Lutheran Church; two different shows - tickets available at Mosaic books, Wentworth Music and from Sheila French (Adults \$15 or \$25 for both nights, Students/Seniors \$10 or \$15 for both)
- Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Moscow, Idaho (50th anniversary); students leave Wednesday Feb 15th and return Saturday Feb 18th.
- Kiwanis Music Festival and BC Interior Jazz Festival coming up in April

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick

- Basketball Season wrapping up ... Valley's in two weeks; both Senior boys and girls ranked #2 in the province. Provincials are in early March.
- Junior girls basketball team ranked #1 in BC
- Junior boys (OSCAA) season now complete; lost to Rutland Senior.
- Curling; Senior Girls and Boys attending Provincials in Smithers
- Rugby; Senior boys and Senior girls teams doing well
- Spring Athletics; Track & Field, Badminton and Tennis are all currently looking for coaches

COPAC - Valary Chidwick & Krista Berrigan

- Harmony Day Feb 15th - 10th year celebrating Diversity in our District
- Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day - Feb 22nd

- Snow Days are called when the school buses are unable to run. If we experience heavy snow parents can use their discretion on whether or not to send their child to school.
- Next Social Justice Committee meeting is June 8th.
- Health Promoting Schools Committee met
 - Sexual Health Education Policy is currently waiting to go through Policy Committee
 - Looking to update drug and alcohol training in district. Considering “iMinds” program from UVic. Please review website (iMinds.ca) and provide your COPAC rep any suggestions or comments you may have on this program.
 - IHA Committee Rep. Cathy Richards is stepping down and is looking for a replacement. She is looking for suggestions of what the committee needs in terms of IHA expertise.
 - Conversations around better ways to support communication in the district around mental health.
- Parent Education sessions are posted regularly on COPAC facebook page
 - Feb. 21 Peaceful Parenting with Maggie Reigh - Hollywood Road Education Center, 6:30-8:30. Free registration with Eventbrite - FREE. Childcare provided
 - Feb. 23 Supporting Student Mental Wellness - A Mental Health Literacy Workshop by FORCE
 - April 20 and 21 Social Media Education by Jesse Miller at Dr. Knox on April 20 and at OKM on 21st.
- Budget Presentation by Eileen Sadowski
 - We are a growing SD
 - We are at 104% utilization
 - We need 40 more classrooms to meet 2001 language requirements
 - SD looking creatively at a lot of solutions to maximize space and funding.
 - Many moving parts in determining budget and waiting to hear from government.

6. Old Business

PAC Awards

- Letters went out two weeks ago to teachers to nominate students for the first semester- due date on letter is June 1st.

Parking Plan; student pick-up/drop off

- Scott McLean looked into the possibility of swapping the student and staff lots last year and determined that the student lot does not have the required number of spaces to swap with the staff lot.
- Dave Gibson from City traffic department is coming to meet with Troy to discuss options to make the student lot more accessible/appropriate for student pick-up and drop-off - possibility of adding an additional exit from the student lot?

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

- Decision to proceed with appreciation breakfast again this year; date proposed June 21st (first day of in-class final exams).

7. New Business**Parent Information Meetings**

- Grade 10 & 11 meetings being held on February 22nd; Lilianna willing to attend and speak to parents about becoming involved in the PAC
- Grade 9 meeting being held February 28th; Brenda willing to attend and welcome new parents to KSS on behalf of PAC and encourage them to attend AGM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 11th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm (no March Meeting)