

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday November 8, 2016

In attendance: Joy Godel, Brenda Maier, Sofia Simeonidis, Shawni MacPherson, Krista Berrigan, Liliana Perez-Lefevre, Valary Chidwick, Darlene Kinakin, Janet Dillon, Maxine Walker, Amos Walker, Susan Zimmermann, Ken Chung, Jennifer Nemet, Sarah Morris-Probert, Armelle Moran (French Immersion Teacher), Alexandra Light (French Immersion Teacher), Mark Steen (Vice Principal)

Welcome/Meeting start 6:52pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda** - adopted by Shawni MacPherson
- 2. Approval of the Minutes** - October 11, 2016; Motion to accept by Sofia Simeonidis, seconded by Joy Godel, all in favour, motion carried
- 3. Perspective Mondiales (new French Immersion Course - Global Perspectives)**
KSS French Immersion Teachers - Armelle Moran and Alexandra Light
 - New French Immersion course being proposed for grade 11 & 12 students
 - Designed to be exciting/challenging/engaging
 - Includes a possible trip to Senegal (French speaking Country) and would include humanitarian work. Morocco is another possible option.
 - Awareness of global issues while communicating in French
 - On-line conversations in French with other students located in other parts of the world
 - Mentorship component with French Immersion students in local Middle Schools and Elementary schools
 - Fits with new revised BC Curriculum; hands on experience in collaboration, critical thinking and communication (self-awareness, personal development and social & cultural component)
- 4. Principal's Report** - Mark Steen
 - Daily announcements link now on KSS website for students/parents to view; extremely helpful for those students who spend parts of their day taking classes off-site.
 - November 23rd-25th KSS Fall Theatre production "Dracula"
 - December 5th & 6th KSS Music Concerts 7-8:30pm (accepting donations)
 - December 7th MAP Presentations - Grade 12 students present to community members (early dismissal at 12:30).
 - December 16th - Last day of school before Winter Break
 - January 3rd - First day back to school after Winter Break
 - Senior Boys Basketball plaque for wall of Fame is underway - 2015/2016 Provincial Champions (haven't forgotten about them).
 - School is willing to run A & B teams for grade 10/11/12 boys and girls basketball if coaches available but only one team can play in the league so the other teams will play exhibition games. There is a lot of pressure on the gym this year so practice times for B teams may not be ideal.

- Display of an “infinity box” from Metal Work classes; students are making various infinity boxes (mirror boxes with LED lights) such as jewelry boxes and display cases with the help of PAC gaming funds. Mr. Sookochoff set-up the display so the parents could see what students have been able to do with the funding and to say thank-you.

5. Executive Reports

Chairperson - Sarah Marriott (absent) - report read by Jennifer Nemet

- Sent letters to all teachers whose funding requests were approved - will finish sending a quick e-mail to those whose requests we were unable to fund in the next day or two.
- Fiona Irvine looked into getting tablets instead of iPads per our request. She contacted Nick Martens at HRS and he replied to say that they had done a pilot a few years ago with the Android tablets and it didn't go well. As a result the District only supports iPads now. With iPads they have full control over the device including being able to remotely manage the programs/apps on them. KSS is part of the management system AirWatch for iPads being used in the French Program.
- Lori Raible is the new Parent in Residence (PIR) for the institute of Families (FORCE) here in Kelowna. She would like to visit a PAC meeting to introduce herself and explain some of the resources and services she provides.

Vice Chairperson - Jennifer Nemet (no report)

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Have not spent any funds yet this year
- Will check to be sure all PAC Award cheques were cashed from June 2016
- Changes to signing Authority for PAC account is in the works

Secretary - Brenda Maier - (no report)

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman

- KSS Debate team won their tournament in Trail. The Junior team took first place and the Senior teams took first and second. Congratulations!

Applied Skills Chair - Ken Chung

- Ken wondering if Cheryl Foster has purchased the microwave she requested with the funds that PAC approved? Cheryl is away at a conference this week but Mr. Steen will confirm with Cheryl when she returns.

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- Music and Drama classes are busy getting ready for upcoming presentations including Remembrance Day
- Photography and Yearbook are also plugging away at their respective projects
- Drama; Night Owl theatre presents “Dracula” and “Sherlock Homes” from November 23rd to 26th. These plays are excellent and sometimes under attended. It would be great if PAC could help spread the word, as students put in a HUGE effort to prepare for these, so come join in the fun!
- Media & Art; Tim Mayer and Jon Derksen embark on Round 2 of the Washington DC - New York City Media & Arts trip. Last year emphasis was placed on the Remembrance Day/Veterans Day Observance at Arlington Cemetery. This year we will be in the

middle of the outcome of Election Day - that's today, the night of the PAC meeting. We will be posting highlights of the trip upon our return on the school website as well as on Censor This! (www.ksscensorthis.com)

- There is discussion about a Fine Arts Night in May. More details to come ...

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick

- Armar away with Girls Field Hockey team at provincials
- Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball tournaments happening this week
- Basketball tryouts underway
- Jr. Football team undefeated
- Sr. Football team now done for the year

COPAC - Valary Chidwick & Krista Berrigan

- Superintendent Kaardal spoke about the tragedy in Abbotsford and it being a random act of violence. The incident took only 90 seconds to lockdown and recognition of the attack assisted in saving the second child's life. Tragedy felt by all and months of assistance ahead. Many counselors and trauma experts on high alert for those affected by the incident.
- Just to note in our district most elementary schools have one point of entry and secondary schools have two. There is a sign-in procedure for guests. School resource officers are in place and there is a protocol to respond to intruders.
- New BC revised curriculum K-12 is a journey being explored; will keep improving on it
- Provincial changes for grades 10 -12 ; now asking for delay on roll out - more time and space needed
- French Immersion options; input deadline extended - decision affects many schools
- New reporting order assessment policy; parent input survey on-line at engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress
- CMHA workshops being offered at Okanagan College for parents; Nov 8, 16, 23rd from 5-8 pm. See COPAC website for more information.
- Lenore Skenazy - New York Journalist speaking on risk/parenting January 23rd at Kelowna Community Theatre (100 seats set aside for parents before open to public)
- Central Okanagan Bursaries and Scholarships Society - application process opens November 30th; there is \$450,000 in bursaries/scholarships (20 PAC Bursaries). 625 students applied last year and 546 students received a bursary/scholarship.
- 465 SD 23 students in grades 5-9 attended WE Day; event evolving/great success
- Next meeting January 9, 2017.

6. Old Business

Additional Fundraising Requests

AAAA girls Volleyball program

- Funds for "Provincials" available from school/PAC funded larger items this year
- Pipe & Drape for various extra -curricular activities
- Gaming funds committed - will revisit request later in the year if funds available

7. New Business

Motivational Speaker Angelo Meijers; Teacher, author, coach, speaker

- Liliana will contact Angelo to find out more about his presentation

Parent questions/concerns

- Parent asked if KSS would be moving to 2.5-3 hour classes which would make a 4 block timetable similar to other high schools in the District? Mr. Steen said there is no indication that this change will happen at KSS within the next few years. New Curriculum changes are the priority at this time.
- Parent asked about the burned hedges around the smoking area next to the KSS student parking lot? Mr. Steen said the incident was caught on camera and that it was a homeless person (known to police) that was responsible for the incident.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 13th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm