

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday September 11, 2018

In attendance: Joy Godel, Sarah Marriott, Brenda Maier, Janet Dillon, Lori Raible, Iryna Storozhuk, Christyane Dorssers, Yuanita Terra Gamboa, Sergei Babrowski, Jimmy, Debbie Hoffele, Charles Elliston, David Cochrane, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Susan Zimmermann, Kristy Tremblay, Martin Tremblay, W. John Braun, John Coyle, Coleen Blancy, Holly Routlry, Nicole Johnson, Jennifer McKenzie, Eunhee Kim, Sharmine Spencer-Liebb, Lane Lovig, Anita Manalo, Pamela Bell, Jennifer Monaghan, Shawni MacPherson, Brigitte Ketch, Jackie Kurkjian, Gwynn Van Der Ross, Cinzia Miles, Eugenia Caroline, Venus Chan, Cindy Bothe, Tanya Brown, Cathy Dictaan, Neil Adams, Kerry Ann Johnson, Troy White (Principal)

Regrets: Kim Cresswell, Marc Miles, Jennifer Bomford, Valary Chidwick,

Welcome & Introductions/Meeting start 6:35 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted by Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

2. Principal's Report - Troy White

- A big welcome to everyone and especially our grade 10 parents that are new to KSS
- Smooth start-up to the year- special thanks to our custodians
- KSS predicted 1787 students, 1913 students registered, 1845 actually attending
- 595 grade 10's, 645 grade 11's and 605 grade 12's
- 151 staff members including teachers, Teaching assistants and custodians
- Vice Principals did a great job with the timetable this year and it worked out perfectly
- Best way to contact teachers is by e-mail; staff directory on website
- Upcoming meeting for Grade 10 parents Thursday September 13th at 6:00pm
- Upcoming meeting for Grade 12 parents Thursday September 27th at 6:30pm includes presentation by Post-secondary institutions; chance for parents to ask questions.
- New BC Revised Curriculum; grade 10's on new grad program, grade 11's have a bit of a messed up year because they are no longer following the old curriculum and not quite on to the new curriculum. Grade 12's are the last year to write provincial exams
- Recently attended a meeting with our OC neighbours to discuss roles/expectations and frustrations. Struggling with parking (OC students parking in KSS parking lot) had to tow a few vehicles already.
- Parents please be sure to get a visitor parking pass when visiting the school and please do not pull into staff parking lot to pick-up or drop-off your students.
- Many sports and extra-curricular activities are underway including Volleyball, Football, Field Hockey and Soccer. Please see handout attached for a list of KSS Clubs for the 2018-2019 School year.
- Course Changes this week; specific grades on specific days
- Vice Principals; Last name A-G is Mr. Labrie, H-N is Ms. Leclair and O-Z is Mr. Mansley
- Counsellors; Last name A-G is Mrs. DeMug, H-N is Mrs. Curran and O-Z is Mrs. Corrado
- Outdoor basketball court currently being built out back at KSS with local donor support; great opportunity to see it in progress

3. Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Joy Godel and Brenda Maier

- Welcome to everyone from the Co-Chairs - we are pleased to see so many in attendance at our first PAC meeting and looking forward to a great school year!
- Applied skills chair position is vacant; Sarah Marriott willing to let her name stand. Call for other nominations but hearing none **Iryna Storozhuk moved to elect Sarah Marriott as chair of Applied Skills, seconded by Christyane Dorssers, all in favour, motion carried.**

Treasurer - Janet Dillon

- Have not received gaming funds yet but estimate we will receive \$36,000.00

Secretary - Kim Cresswell (absent)

- PAC page of school website is a great source of information including names of executive members and all PAC meeting minutes are posted there

Academic Co-Chairs - Iryna Storozhuk and Jennifer Bomford (absent)

- Nothing to report yet
- Jennifer Bomford has stepped down from Academic Department co-chair

Applied Skills Chair - Sarah Marriott

- Nothing to report yet

Fine Arts Co-Chair - Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

Music

- Jazz concert coming up on Thursday September 27th at the Forum
- **Sarah Marriott has stepped down from co-chair Fine Arts**

Athletic Co-Chairs - Valary Chidwick and Marc Miles (both absent)

- a budget request for the PAC to purchase some canopies (awnings) for use by teams throughout the year and possibly a banner with the school logo to hang from it

Student Support/Resource Chair - Lori Raible

- New position this year; includes information from Aboriginal Advocates

COPAC Reps - Valary Chidwick and Kim Creswell (both absent)

- Valary Chidwick sent COPAC report via e-mail
- First COPAC meeting of the school year was Monday September 9, 2018
- COPAC conference is scheduled for November 10, 2018; topics may include jobs for tomorrow, parent mental health, Fresh Grade/new report cards, Cannabis, Vaping, split classes and the Foundry
- PAC's are asked to confirm their constitution and bylaws are up to date (remove anything to do with School Planning Council)
- Make sure safe/secure procedures for handling PAC funds (ie. two signing policy)
- COTA encourages parents to get in touch with their children's teachers
- Superintendent's report; 22,761 students in district, over 205 new teachers hired
- Canyon Falls Middle School is being built and will open in September 2019
- School community learning plan conversations to take place at KSS Oct 23, 2018

4. Old Business

5. New Business

Nominations

- Sarah Marriott elected as Chair of Applied Skills (see Co-Chair report)

Teacher Funding Request Letter

- Letter has been drafted and will be sent out to staff this week asking for their wish lists for PAC funds. Forms to be completed and handed in to Troy by Wed Sept 26th.

Guest Speakers for 2018/2019 PAC Meetings

- Suggestions from parents for guest speakers the year:
Parents as Career Coaches
Mental Health; The Foundry
Internet Safety/Social Media issues (White Hatter)

General Questions/Comments from parents

Communication

- Possibility to have a list of school field trips available to parents? PAC department chairs to compile this information for parents? Information for students on Display Monitors at school is available via twitter feed on school website

Concert Band

- Risk of Concert Band being cancelled due to lack of enrolment? Currently running program with 10 students but teachers trying to entice more students for next year; last minute cancellation of field trip last year left many disappointed and may have affected student interest and enrolment this year

Foods Program - Mrs. Kraft (presentation to parents)

- Students made chocolate chip cookies for parents at PAC meeting ... Thank you!
- Foods is a fantastic program; Mrs. Kraft teaches 10's, 11's and 12's
- Teaches nutrition and how to get along and work together
- New "Cafeteria Class" being taught by Mrs. Schmidt - Culinary class making healthy foods at school - receive credit for lunch time (out of timetable) class.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 9, 2018 @ 6:30 pm