

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday September 12, 2017

In attendance: Sarah Marriott, Joy Godel, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Darlene Kinakin, Brenda Maier, Susan Zimmermann, Krista Berrigan, Nicole Kleemaier, Janet Dillon, Iryna Storozhuk, Shelley Hoffmann, Cathi Durrell, Monique Tonogai, Jackie Kurkjian, Troy White (Principal)
Regrets: Valary Chidwick

Welcome & Introductions/Meeting start 6:35 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted by Krista Berrigan

2. Principal's Report - Troy White

- KSS has a major focus on Anxiety and Mental Health this year.
- Assembly for all grade 10 students with Scott Backovich, a catalyst for growth mindsets who spoke about believing in yourself and being kind to others. Additional workshop was attended by 120 KSS Leadership students.
- KSS has 27 new staff this Fall and 1803 students; 608 grade 10's, 592 grade 11's and 603 grade 12's.
- KSS Athletics off to a great start already; Jr. & Sr. Football, Volleyball (Junior girls have both A & B Teams), Soccer and Field Hockey.
- Grade 10 Parent meeting this Thursday September 14th at 6pm.
- Grade 12 Parent meeting September 28th at 6:30pm followed by Career Fair at 7pm.
- Grade 12's will write Provincial Exams this year but this will be the last year.
- New Provincial Assessments in Numeracy and Literacy are being introduced and will be written in grades 10 & 11.
- Numeracy Assessment will be written by grade 10's and 11's this year and will be offered three times; January, June and over the summer at Hollywood Road.
- Numeracy Assessment is made up of 24 multiple choice and 4 long answer (choose 2). Students are given 2 hours to write the assessment and it is marked on a 4 point scale.
- Assessments are similar to Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA's) originally given to students in grade 4 and 7.

3. Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Sarah Marriott & Joy Godel

- Motion made by Joy Godel to allow Executive to approve/deny individual funding requests of up to \$500.00 during the year as needed. PAC has had problems in the past when requests come in last minute and approval is required but general PAC meeting is weeks away. Motion seconded by Darlene Kinakin, all in favour, motion carried.
- Letter of thanks received from Jordan Blashill and thank you card received from Connor White for 2017 PAC Awards

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Gaming Summary report for 2016/2017 School Year is complete and requires Sarah Marriott's signature. Once report is submitted to Gaming Commission funds for 2017/2018 school year will be released.

Secretary - Brenda Maier

- PAC page of KSS website has been updated with new Executive contact information.
- Still require a few Executive reports for 2016/2017 year to complete draft AGM minutes and post to PAC page.
- Also require list of 2017 PAC Bursary award winners to update PAC page.

Academic Chair - position vacant

Applied Skills Chair - position vacant

Fine Arts Co-Chairs - Liliana Perez-Lefevre and Shelley Hoffmann

- On August 1-10, 2017 eight KSS students (including 5 grads) and Jon Derksen attended a media-based Ecology Project International course in Yellowstone National park. The group was featured in the Capital News on July 28th just prior to the trip.
<https://www.kelownacapnews.com/news/yellowstone-trip-to-explore-media-making-a-difference/>
They are currently editing a video of the high lights which should be completed soon.
- Welcome to our New Drama Teacher Dorian Elliott. She will be teaching Drama 10, Acting 11/12, Theatre 11/12, Theatre Production 11/12 and Career Education 10. She will be revealing her fall line-up of productions soon.
- Next Monday the department will be meeting with our Curriculum advisors to discuss Communication, Thinking and Personal/Social development and how to scaffold within our respective areas.

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick (absent) - report sent via e-mail

- Cross Country running, Archery, Soccer and Volleyball have started.
- It would be great if the KSS Athletics webpage could be updated to 2017/2018 coaches; however I suspect that this may be tricky as we do not know all coaches at this point. Maybe we could update just the ones that have been confirmed?

COPAC - Valary Chidwick (absent) - report sent via e-mail

- First COPAC meeting is October 2, 2017 (first Monday of the month)

4. Old Business

Executive Positions

- Academic chair and Applied Skills chair positions are vacant
- Susan Zimmerman was willing to continue as Academic chair but unable to attend the AGM in May to be voted in
- Shelley Hoffmann is willing to take on the Applied Skills Chair position (in addition to Fine Arts Co-Chair) if no one else wants to do it.
- Krista Berrigan is willing to Co-Chair COPAC with Valary again this year.
- Motion made by Joy Godel to elect Susan Zimmerman as Academic Chair, Shelley Hoffmann as Applied Skills Chair and Krista Berrigan as COPAC Co-Chair. Motion seconded by Sarah Marriott, all in favour, motion carried.

5. New Business

Guest Speakers

- Looking for suggestions for guest speakers for future PAC meetings ...
- Lori Raible, our Parent in Residence would like to come and talk to us in November about the new “Foundry” Centre. The Foundry is a collaboration between several organizations where youth can go and receive assistance that will be free and confidential for a variety of needs including mental health, counselling, sexual health and so on. The Centre plans to open mid to late September on Kirschner Road.
- Other suggestions for speakers were the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) and approaching KSS staff to come and tell us about the many things happening right here in our own building.
- Troy suggested the new Curriculum team (Wynter Oakes, Dayna Margetts and Crystal Garbelya) to speak to us on the core competencies.
- Troy also mentioned that Lynn Lyons will be presenting to parents on October 5th at the Hollywood Road Educational Centre. She is a clinical social worker and psychotherapist who will be speaking about anxiety and depression prevention.

Coffee/Snacks at PAC meetings

- Suggestion that we eliminate the coffee/tea/snacks being provided at general PAC meetings. All were in favour and felt it was not necessary to provide coffee/snacks.

Date change for October PAC Meeting

- Due to the short time line for teachers to get their funding requests in and the need for the PAC Executive to review and approve a suggestion was made to move the next PAC meeting a week later and meet on Tuesday October 17th instead of Tuesday October 10th.

PAC Meeting Dates

- Discussed the possibility of moving the PAC meetings to a Monday or Wednesday nights as Tuesday doesn't work for some. Other members felt Tuesday was the best night and would prefer it remain on the second Tuesday of the month. A vote was taken of those in attendance and the decision made to leave the general PAC meetings on the second Tuesday of the month (with the exception of next month's Budget meeting).

Budget Meeting in October

- A budget meeting of the PAC Executive is proposed for October to review teacher funding requests ahead of the General PAC meeting and propose a budget for the 2017/2018 school year to be presented at the General PAC meeting on Tuesday October 17th.

Teacher Requests to be submitted by October 10

- A letter will be drafted and sent to Troy to send out to all staff asking that they submit their funding requests for the 2017/2018 school year by October 10th, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 17th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm