

KSS PAC Meeting

Tuesday January 10, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

Called to order at 6:35 pm

In Attendance (Zoom only): Susan Zimmermann, Sarah Marriott, Dave Cochrane, Cheryl Gawley, Scott Parker, Lori Raible, Matthew Kresnia, Carlos Rockhill, Jayme Bush, Karen Hatch, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Robyn Springer, Amos and Maxine Walker, Carrie Broughton, Terry Lum, Myrna Stark Leader, Cat Marrs

We gratefully acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Okanagan People.

Purpose of the KSS PAC: The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

Adoption of the Agenda: Terry Lum, Carrie Broughton, all in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes (the last 2): October: Cheryl Gawley, Susan Zimmermann, all in favour; November: Karen Hatch, Matthew Kresnia, all in favour

Principal's Report – Scott Parker

1. Semester One coming to a close. Lisa Mayne is going to retire and tomorrow is her last day at work. She has taken a position in COBSS. Wish Lisa well. Candace Picklyk to be new head secretary.
2. Timetables for next year are coming together. Indigenous grad requirements getting worked out re courses that are options. Looks like 3 at this time.
3. Very excited to have Western basketball coming up.
4. Grad photos in MPR currently.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Sarah Marriott / open: Happy to have new people coming in because not many executives left at the end of this year. To Scott, let know teachers can put requests in still; deadline for teachers February 10th or no approvals before the end of April.

Treasurer- Cheryl Gawley: Proposed budget originally \$34918.61. Gaming \$44000. Still have \$ 5000 to allocate

Secretary – Cat Marrs

Academic Chair – Susan Zimmermann: Some people have been requesting funds and we have been receiving thank you's from multiple academics for their funds. Dayna Marguettes says thank you for her field trip funds; recycling stations were turned down (she understands) but it was a big year for asks and PAC felt that this should be addressed by the district.

Athletic Chair - Lori Raible: basketball going strong. Maureen asked about update for website still has 2020. Scott to follow up on this and be sure the website is updated.

Fine Arts Chair – Abbey Westbury

Indigenous Chair – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette: - students will provide land acknowledgements for Westerns basketball tournament at KSS Feb. 2-5

- students recently learned the Okanagan Song on drums (paid for with PAC funds) and program hopes to have a new drum group in semester 2

- upcoming in Semester 2: MMIWG event on May 5 and Indigenous Grad in June

Student Support Chair – David Cochrane: Thank you's for us from groups and shared photos from groups. Snowshoe trip with Japan sister city. Student Support room.

Technical Education Chair – David Cochrane: Robotics competition competing in Surrey this Saturday (will there be a live video feed?)

COPAC Representatives – Valary Chidwick & Carrie Broughton: (Carrie) COPAC Report for KSS January 9th, 2023

Carrie Broughton and Valary ChidwickE school Presentation by John Marrone

Available K to 12 in our district. 20 teachers presently. Can have as many as 1,500 students. Courses can be either async or sync.

Students seeking eSchool23 learning opportunities are generally requiring flexibility with...

- a. supplementing school schedules
- b. catch up for graduation requirements
- c. accommodating other commitments (i.e. sports)
- d. hybrid options
- e. prefer learning at home
- f. travelers
- g. medical needs
- h. mental health concerns (i.e. anxiety)

Supports K-G12 students including graduation and adult learners. Not home schooling.

Currently e-school provides 3 indigenous course credits with more coming this school year.

- Effective July 1, 2023, eSchool23 programs will only be available to students who ordinarily reside within the Central Okanagan Public Schools' catchment boundary

The presentation is available to be sent via email - let me know if you want it.

Trustee Johnson Report

On the agenda for the next Public Trustee Meeting on Weds, January 11, 2023 will be a motion to "remove the public comment period". This is the comment period in the meeting in which public can speak to items that are not on the agenda.

COPAC has concerns about the removal of this item. And is suggesting that the Board takes time to consult partner groups before removing. At this point COPAC is not in favour of having the public comment period removed. COPAC members instructed COPAC to voice concern and request that the vote be deferred to allow for proper consultation and/or to defeat the motion.

The board meeting will be broadcast beginning at the "business" part of the meeting ie after Inside 23. Feel free to attend in person and voice concerns or write email to the board but know COPAC is also responding.

Link for board meeting: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8341176781>

Meeting ID: 834 117 6781

Another motion on the agenda is to bring back Trustee query and discussion period as a defined time during Board Meeting for trustees to bring up matters during meeting that are not on the agenda

where one can make general comments, bring up concerns, etc. on current events, items in the media garnering attention, etc.

Superintendent's Report

Operations team was busy over the winter break with burst water pipes and heating systems.

Last year was highest grad rate with 96%.

CUPE Report

They are presently bargaining. It is not going as well as they had hoped. Still at the table. They were very busy over the holiday break with weather-related issues as Superintendent noted.

Learn nsylxcan Language course is being offered at the Kelowna Museum. Starts January 17, 2023 and runs four weeks.

As a way of measuring the collective efforts of PACs to improve public education, COPAC will be sending a survey to PACs to assess how much each PAC raises each year and how much they donate to school improvement projects. They will be looking for amount of volunteer hours as part of this.

7. COPAC is looking for members for their nominating committee - if you are interested contact Simon Adams.
1. Nominations for BCCPAC are open. Also if you
2. would like to submit a resolution to BCCPAC COPAC is available for support.

New Business

- Grad funding: \$1000.00 Motion by Sarah, second by Abbey, all in favour
- KSS PAC awards funding: This will be the last year we will be able to do this from Gaming funds. Later on if PAC wants to give money, then would have to fundraise. \$1000 to 2 students as a bursary and \$1000 to 2 students as a scholarship (\$4000 in total). Will have a small committee of people to decide. Preferably, parents who do not have a child in grade 12 can be on the committee, so looking for volunteers. If necessary for grade 12 parents to help, the applications will be blinded. Going to connect with Janet to help. Regarding COBSS: 580 + applications for COBSS awards, unfortunately funding is down this year. Close to \$500,000 to hand out this year. Close to 500 awards to be handed out. Motion by Abbey, second by Jayme Bush, all in favour.

Parent Questions/Comments

- Parents can find information on the KSS website and in the weekly WHOO's News

Next Meeting -

Feb. 14, 2023, 6:30pm: Treats will be available!

Meeting Adjournment @ 7:22