

KSS PAC Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023

In attendance: Sarah Marriott, David Cochrane, Lori Raible, Veronique Brogen, Myrna Stark Leader, Leslie Atwell, Robyn Springer, Jayme Bush, Abbey Westbury, Valary Chidwick, Pavla Horak, Matthew Kresina, Cheryl Gawley, Susan Zimmermann, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Scott Parker, Jeff Prasad

Adopt the February Minutes: Motion, Maureen; Second Dave; all in favour

Agenda is not available, will follow usual order.

Welcome and introductions.

Principal's Report

Scott Parker

Three international school trips happening this March/April.

1. Marine Biology in Hawaii - early starts with many activities, e.g. hikes, submarine trips, and observing endangered species.
2. Japan Trip - 26 students exploring Japan with Tom Carlson
3. Music students going to New York.

Indigenous Academy planning for orange shirt day for next year.

Congratulations to KSS grade 12 student Blake Roberts (Mrs. Kulak's son) who was awarded a position as a House of Common Page. Only 40 chosen per year, and he will attend University of Ottawa in the fall.

Air Band Competition is next week.

New Provincial graduation requirements for students include 4 Indigenous learning credits starting the 2023/24 school year. Teachers are working on this, and planning student timetables is ongoing. Will be more challenging for some grade 12s to fit this into their schedule, but school will work with them.

Chair Report

Sara Marriott

Encouraging people to sign up for KSS PAC executive next year. Bring friends to May meeting when we will have PAC elections

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Gawley

We received a PST refund of \$3989 which was put into our general account. Thank you to Janet Dillion, our past treasurer for applying for the rebate!

Gaming Funds at approximately \$34,000 remaining in account, although \$30,238 has been allocated. Principal Parker will remind staff who were allocated funds to submit their receipts.

We have \$3907 left in the gaming fund to allocate.

Academic Report

Susan Zimmerman

AP exams are the first two weeks of May.

AP banquet is June 1st at 6 pm.

FI grade 12 dinner is May 29th - 65 students, secret location

Capstone - May 31st

PAC Bursary and Scholarship applications are due April 12, 2023

Numeracy and literacy tests will be at the end of June.

Applied Skills Report

David Cochrane

The robotics club received the judges award at a competition in Surrey

Athletics Report

Lori Raible

All Spring tryouts have now been completed, and Spring sports are now underway. KSS has girls soccer, coed ultimate frisbee, boys rugby, girls rugby, tennis, golf, track and field, and mountain biking teams. Track and field recently participated in Track and Field meet. KSS has an athletics website where you can follow for tryout information , see <http://www.kssowlathletics/>. Lastly students who are interested in Football should watch for info as it starts up quite quickly in the Fall.

Fine Arts Report

Abbey Westbury

The annual district Visual Art show at the Kelowna Art Gallery opens on Friday April 21. KSS has 20 students participating. Show runs to June 25th.

Music has many things happening. Their trip to New York leaves tomorrow, there is the BC Interior Jazz Festival in Kelowna this Thursday and Friday. They also travel to Whistler next week for another Jazz Festival.

Drama is working on the spring production, Clue. Runs May 3-12. Check out Night Owl Theatre's Instagram page for fun rehearsal videos!

Yearbook with Ms. Nichol has gone to the printers.

Indigenous Report

Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

Indigenous Graduation is May 25.

Event on Missing and Murdered Indigenous will be hosted in May.

COBSS update

Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

Last week was donors helping to select their award recipients, and this week the rest of the awards will be matched with grad applicants.

It would be good if KSS can have a COBSS rep from the PAC next year. Maureen will not be at KSS, so would be good if KSS can select a new rep from the PAC.

Student Support

David Cochrane

All the support we have provided is much appreciated.

COPAC Report

COPAC Report March and April 2023

Prepared by Carrie Broughton KSS COPAC Rep.

March:

No guest speaker.

Trustee report - Chantelle D trustee rep shared that Level 1 sexual health review - how these programs are delivered to students - will be reviewed at the April 19th Ed and Student Services committee. Finance and Audit comm: The financial survey is now closed. Indigenous Ed council is making budget recommendations to the board. Academy fee increase and bussing increases coming. (Carrie note: have now both passed)

Superintendent's Update given by Terry Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent as Kevin was away. Student & Family Affordability Fund updaters - 63% of fund has been spent as of March. Our district budget info will come out around spring break (has now come out - see Fin committee info on district website). Thank you to COPAC for contacting Indigenous Ed council to offer support to Indigenous Parent Family and Education Council (IPFEC). COPAC President and VP invited to attend the April Indigenous Education council mtg. (This is a first so very excited and grateful). IPFEC has not been active for a few years and they are looking forward to starting back up and getting Indigenous parents involved in COPAC again.

CUPE Update: new President Teri Wishlow. We may see new CUPE ads featuring local workers.

DSC District Student Council Update Zach Johnson Co-President: looking forward to break. No other updates.

COTA: Attending BCTF mtg over Spring Break. Busy in schools getting report cards done.

There is an SD23 PAC Slack - link: <https://sd23pacexecutivechat.slack.com>

Notice of Motions to update COPAC bylaws (mostly wording changes or to update old information) coming to email soon.

Nominations form for COPAC next year - is ready to go [https://forms.office.com/pages/](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=fm6MqPyOx0uVb-gXBFxeLq0KbywAYdPmsNWVI-cRJtUMVpLMFVRMFhTUEhHNURNWINENU1OQjBSNC4u)

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- every position up*
 - Nom Yourself or Someone else*
 - Need to be a copac member and Have to be a parent of kid in school district*
- Providing notice AGM may 1 - will elect leaders*

PAC Impact Survey - Sent survey to all 45 PACs. Only 16 PACs have replied so far. Please reply. Important. 16 PACs provided = \$230000 on improvements to their schools.

BCCPAC is the only recognized voice to the Ministry.

AGM is May 5 - conf. 6&7 meeting. If you are member, someone should attend. If not in person send a proxy voter! Vancouver sways votes heavily because they can send lots of people as it is local. Can still Submit resolutions.

Six COPAC is working on - Mostly cleaning up bylaws but also transparency:

1 increasing number of mtgs. Suggesting Four w one AGM

2 tidying up resolutions or bylaws

3 Duties of officers and position titles

4 - define job description of President

5 Transparency: email Mtg minutes, info

6 - asking these things to be posted increases transparency

- passed at COPAC

2017.6 reaffirming advocacy for funding for portables - also passed at COPAC

Member asked that rez be it forward for Improving air quality in schools - Nicola (VP) will put this together. (Note: has been done at April mtg)

Approval from PACs is required for changes to speciality academy fees. If your school has these academies they should be approving these increases at a full PAC meeting, not just exec. Still waiting for one pac to approve. There is hardship funding available.

ADHD presentation April 13th - Dan Duncan. Registration info coming.

Do you have ideas for other Parent Education topics or want someone to present to your PAC? There is funding available via COPAC.

There is information on COPAC website on two provincial K to 12 guides that have recently come out by the government. Supporting Student Health guide and the K-12 Anti-Racism. Email Simon (President) for more info.

COPAC social April 28th - open to all PAC Presidents and COPAC reps.

April:

Guest Speaker Dan Glasscock Regional Traffic Safety Officer - postponed.

President Simon Adams shared that Dan can come out to meet with PAC's and also share resources and information on how to get involved in the "Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 Schools" program. He also said we can visit the website for more info.

If your school has a specific safety concern please file an incident report (if appropriate) with your school and Dan will investigate.

Trustee Rep Lisa Guderyan shared that the Finance and Audit Budget Survey response rate was higher than in previous years which is great. April 19 the Education and Student Services Committee will review results of the Level 1 Sexual Health review and how the mandated sexual health classes are delivered to student in grades 4-10.

Superintendent Kevin Kaardal shared that he would be presenting important info to the finance committee regarding staffing and suggested budget.

District Student council rep Co-President Mehak Parihar shared that the DSC is going to Quigley Elem to share what they do and how important it is for students to get involved in the community. If anyone wants to get in touch with DSC to come to another school reach out.

If your child is looking to connect with District Student Council regarding high school student volunteer opportunities at Spring Fairs/Carnivals, special events, etc., email Nicola at copac.vicepresident@sd23.bc.ca

CUPE Rep President Teri Wishlow shared that staff came back from break feeling good and rested and grounds people are hard at work doing spring readiness and maintenance on fields etc.

COTA Rep President Susan Bauhart shared that she attended the BCTF general mtg with 700+ teachers from across BC where the minister of education spoke and Susan tracked her down after to advocate for ore funding for portables so they stop coming out of our own operating budget. She also shared that teachers enjoyed the break as well and are happy to be back in the classroom with your kids and ready for the final push to the end of the year.

ADHD Inside and Out with Dan Duncan - special presentation sponsored by COPAC is April 13 at 6:30 pm. Registration is required:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5EscuqorjgpGdU9FLCmSAMopr0JfywPAPeQ>

The COPAC Social event is Friday April 28th at 6:00 pm. Any COPAC rep and President or another Exec member may attend to socialize celebrate and talk about district issues.

(Note from Carrie: I am away that weekend so someone can certainly take my place!)

AMG Reminder - it is May 1st via Zoom. COPAC will be voting in the new 2023-2024 COPAC executive. The future of COPAC is at risk currently as they need folks to step into these roles ASAP. Only one nomination has been received so far. Please see the COPAC website for description and other info on positions.

[https://copac.sd23.bc.ca/aboutcopac/constitutionbylaws/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://copac.sd23.bc.ca/aboutcopac/constitutionbylaws/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Nominations and self-nominations can be completed here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Nr3eefeU7L> - and must be submitted by end of day April 23.

A person nominated for a position on the COPAC Executive must be a current member of the COPAC Executive, or a current PAC Representative to COPAC, or a person who has previously been a PAC Representative to COPAC, or is currently a PAC Executive Member and be the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in SD23 for the duration of the term of office. No employee of SD23 can hold an executive position due to potential perceived conflict of interest.

Academy Fees Update. Academy Fees are reviewed every year. Meet with your school admin at the beginning of the school year to get a full understanding of this process. All fees must be approved annually by the school's PAC at a full PAC meeting.

PAC's Impact in Dollars report - Simon would like to remind treasurers to PLEASE fill out the survey he sent to presidents. Only 18 of 45 PACs have filled this out. The info they have gleaned already is impressive - 18 PACS have contributed approx \$335000 to the district! Imagine that actual number to be much higher but we need ALL the info!

Survey doesn't take long - 3 questions! <https://forms.office.com/r/CXEvxsYsMK>

Nicole C., Bellevue Creek Elementary Rep, attended a showcase of cultural performers in Vancouver to help select performers in dance theatre music etc for our district.

BCCPAC AGM is May 6-7 - there is PAC and gaming money to help attend. If you are interested you can give your proxy vote to someone who is attending.

Reach out to COPAC if interested in going in person. COPAC will be writing a letter to them to ask/advocate for Zoom attendance in the future.

Draft Motion to be submitted by Nicola Bakker COPAC Vice President: for the 2023 AGM to resolve that BCCPAC works with the Ministry of Education and Childcare in advocating for air quality standards and funding to achieve such standards within schools at the provincial level.

Other Business

Funding requests.

1. Chess Club requested \$285 for 5 chess sets and more t-shirts.

Dave motioned we provide the requested funds.

Abbey seconded.

Passed

2. Student Support requested \$151.25 for a microwave and salt lamp.

Lori motioned for Sara to donate a microwave and provide funds for the salt lamp. And if necessary the full amount to include the microwave.

Susan seconded.

Passed

3. French Teacher - Mme Hazel requested \$800 for 65 French classes to either bring in French lunches or go on a field trip to Sandrines.

Maureen motioned that we provide \$250 for the field trip.

Jamie motioned that we provided \$600 for the field trip.

We voted on both motions and Jamie's motion for \$600 passed.

4. Outdoor Education requested \$500 to offset the cost of a climbing field trip to Skaha Bluffs.

Maureen motioned that we provide \$250 for the field trip.

Abbey motioned that we provided \$500 for the field trip.

We voted on both motions and Abbey's motion for \$500 passed.

New Business

Teachers' Breakfast date will be determined. Scott Parker will email the PAC possible dates. Will be discussed at next meeting.

Dave motioned to adjourn. Matt seconded. All in favour.

Next meeting is May 9, 2023. Is the Annual General Meeting.