

**KSS PAC Meeting  
Tuesday April 12, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**In attendance:** Susan Zimmermann, Cat Marrs, Troy White, Sarah Marriott, David Cochrane, Myrna Stark Leader, Iryna Storozhuk, Belkis Toredi, Janet Dillon, Abbey Westbury, Lori Raible, Valary Chidwick

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

**Adoption of the Agenda:** by Iryna, second by Janet, all in favour

**Approval of previous meeting minutes-** February 8, 2022 by Abbey, second by Janet, all in favour

**Principal's Report - Troy White**

1. Hope everyone had a great Spring Break. New COVID protocols: no protocols, but encourage mask wearing, if want to continue. Sensitive to situation with masks for all. Has been a huge shift in culture. Students able to be kids, and the MPR is alive and AirBand is being organized for April 19-22. Shown at lunch for students, & on April 22nd open to community. Not 100% capacity...going for 75%. Selling tickets to ensure not going over the 75% limit.
2. Calendar: every year, SD has to go through calendar process. This last year, have done 2 years in a row for approval. (2022-2023 and 2023-2024). This will be put out in the WHOO's News on Thursday.
3. April 27<sup>th</sup>: in school setting, to have Grad, must have Numeracy/Literacy 10 & 12 Assessments. Structural tool. It is an assessment, not linked to grades. Cancelled the session in January, due to COVID. Hoped there would be an exemption, but came back with April and June sessions that are mandatory. Some secondary institutions may require a score of 3 or higher. Dates for assessments are week of April 25<sup>th</sup> and end of June. Would have had to pull out 7-9 students/class and put them in another room (but no free ones in school). April 27<sup>th</sup>, suspending instruction that day and students will know where they need to be and when. Have some technology issues (not enough to use) Resource teachers

- have reached out to students who are welcome to come to school. If students want to come to school to come to a study room, there is a plan in place with a room that they can do so. No new learning that day. 3 hour assessment. Doing the timing by grade.
4. Assessment (different one): PISA is an international assessment. All countries (220) on reading, writing, numeracy. Based upon age (15). Every 3 years the world does the assessment. Had to provide all names to Minister of Education and they are choosing 52 students to take the assessment. If they have an issues, they can opt out. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the PISA assessment.
  5. Last week KSS Information Surveys were taken. Went well.
  6. Safety: first Spring Fire alarm done, and last 2 coming up. Q3 coming to an end April 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup> is Q4
  7. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Core Competencies reflection. (have been doing this for the past 5 years at KSS) Changing the reporting order and now it is mandatory as of 2023-2024. Already have a structure in KSS school system. Only change is adding a goal component, and unsure what that will look like, so getting more information on that. New Reporting Order: K-3 not much changing, 4-9 no letter grades and will be a proficiency scale. High school still letter grades and %.
  8. April 13<sup>th</sup> first really great Spring Fling for Grade 12's. Have 350/630 tickets sold. Thinking similar numbers for Prom. Thank you for all parent supervisors, and would love to have more. Have a group of parents who have been working for Prom. This Thu there will be information for all parents regarding prom. Have amalgamated Dry Grad and Prom and having an amazing Prom. May 20<sup>th</sup>
  9. June 4-5 Grade 12 Crossing of stage
  10. Last ½ day is June 1<sup>st</sup> because all Grade 12's doing Capstone.
  11. 2.5 months until end of year. Busy making timetables for next year. When your child registers for a course, 90% of courses can accommodate, but not all students can get into everything. Some courses get filled up quickly. Spin the timetable and randomly selects. Can go into see Troy/counsellor regularly to see if there are any openings. This year at 1840; looking at 1844 students for next year, so should be able to accommodate those students in catchment (new catchment areas). No new refugee/temporary displaced families slated to come next year. Have a Welcome Centre at HRES and they support them during the transition. Numbers will be over 1900 in September because many people don't tell KSS that they have moved. There will be a Google doc coming to all parents. Can't give new timetables to new students

because of this transition time. Usually lose 50-80 kids.

12. If your child is in grade 10 or younger, new grade requirement will have to have a 4-credit course in Indigenous Class behind his knowledge. This has been in the works since 2018. When students come into school, they are mandated to take an Indigenous Course, but not saying which one they have to take. If take English First Peoples, is an English and an Indigenous Class, for example. There is a bit of an issue with the way this is being rolled out because the students in grade 10 now already chose classes, so they will have to take one of 3 classes that will be offered. April 22<sup>nd</sup> can provide feedback. Schools are not being provided funding for implementation of this, so when do feedback, say need to provide funding. Looking to other classes to support this. EG. Indigenous Outdoor class, etc. Often not much room in timetables. EFP is already recognized as an Eng class in universities. Follow link: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/indigenousgradrequirement/>

## **Executive Reports**

**Co-Chairs** – Sarah Marriott & Susan Zimmermann: Sarah is at Edmonton choir/band trip and realizing that amazing thing about KSS is that so many teachers go above and beyond. SO proud of the staff/teachers at KSS. There is a BCCPAC AGM parent Education and Conference April 29<sup>th</sup> and AGM. (AGM: 30<sup>th</sup>). KSS can have someone attend as a voting member or send a proxy. There was a Treasurer 101 that BCCPAC put up and it is available on video for a refresher for our new Treasurer. There is a new Food Guideline that is put in place. This may not have a big impact on high schools like KSS. They are looking at feedback from parents.

**Treasurer**- Janet Dillon: Gaming: \$ 41,586.90, General:\$ 3367.67 as of Mar. 31. Our GIC matured and we dropped into account until we determine how much we will need for Teacher Appreciation and then drop the rest back into a GIC in May. Have 35,654 outstanding. NEW request: looking at PAC purchasing 3 new microwaves for the students to use. Will chat about it later in the meeting. \*\*\*Can get PST back as a PAC, so Janet will apply for this before she leaves...she does this every 3 years. Kudos to all teachers in SD23!

**Secretary** – Cat Marrs

**Academic Chair** - Iryna Storozhuk: AP exams happening in May.

**Athletic Chair** - Lori Raible: Girls soccer team just went to Van. Ultimate frisbee happening. Football happens all year, so they are training. Rugby happening right now. Girls rugby has joined with MBSS so that they can play. Lots of very good things happening in KSS sports now.

**Fine Arts Chair** – Abbey Westbury: Choir/band trip in Edmonton

**Indigenous Chair** – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

**Student Support Chair** – David Cochrane

**Technical Education Chair** – Belkis Toredi: Cedar boxes and lacrosse sticks have been made. Indigenous requirements; students were able to make one or two sticks. The boxes turned out incredibly. Currently working on their own. Textile designs, as well. Guitar club is increasing in popularity, as well. Want to also express appreciation for teachers; they see students from holistic perspective, which is so incredibly appreciated.

**COPAC Representative** – Valary Chidwick: Trustee said pressure on the budget because of portable. SD has 8 used, 2 new, 6 moved portables. Delaying vaccine mandate for SD 23 employees. Masks need to be worn by people returning from international travel for 14 days. Susan Bauhart has let them know Provincial Bargaining starting soon. COPAC exec: many positions available, and voting in May if you want your name to go forward (let Valary know). Dr. Dan Duncan has his video available online for anybody to watch. (Highly recommend)

## **Unfinished Business**

-Spring Funding Requests- Review and approve new & revised requests for BC Gaming Funds for second semester: 1. Put on hold request for PaperCuts Magazine until we had more information. Students with writing in the magazine would get a copy, and library. \$10/copy. Could be \$750. Executive said would be good with it 2. French food for students (executive said would approve up to \$1000). 3. Microwaves (about \$199- \$250 each, including tax.)

Motion for up to \$1000 for French program: food for students

Motion for up to \$750 for PaperCuts magazine

Motion for up to \$800 microwaves

Motion to pass all 3 requests. by Sarah, Dave second, all in favour.

-PAC Bursary & Scholarship update: 16 applications for scholarship and 13 for bursary. The people who would be on selection committee (by AGM) Maureen, Lori, Valary, and Sarah. 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships we will be giving. PAC cannot present due to COVID restrictions.

## **New Business**

-Annual General Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All positions are for a one year term and are open for nominations. Need to recruit for coming years. Have sent letter to feeder schools to give to PAC's to encourage. Send letter to Grade 10 parents. Tell people that there is a special meeting in June to entice them. Wondering about format for AGM (Zoom/in person/hybrid). Troy has received feedback about comfort levels for people, so maybe do

last one in June as Zoom? Possibly a hybrid with Executive together. If people want to sign up via email, send a link.

-Teacher Appreciation: early June (set date?): All restrictions are gone. Date that works well is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Second last week of school.)

-For AGM, provide report (executive): a summary of the year in paragraph form.

### **Parent Questions/Comments**

Vast appreciation to all teachers. Super shout out to Troy, who is second to none. All executive members are super appreciative of all staff at KSS; would love to have them hear how they are excited to have our children with the outstanding KSS staff.

Thank you to Janet for her amazing many years of PAC support!

Parent information can be found on KSS website & in weekly Whoo's News

Parents can contact the PAC at [kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca)

### **Meeting Adjournment at 8:17 pm**

### **Next Meeting -**

Tuesday May 10th, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom / AGM

\*No PAC meeting in June\*