

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday November 8, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

In attendance (Zoom only): Jeff Prasad, Scott Parker, Jayme Bush, Jenny Beston, Susan Zimmermann, Cat Marrs, Dave Cochrane, Myrna Stark Leader, Lori Raible, Amy Soleski, Maxine Walker, Amos Walker, Carlos Rockhill, Valary Chidwick, Ward Willison, Abbey Westbury, Cheryl Gawley, Karen Hatch, Ilona Morrison, Matthew Kresina

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: Abbey W, second by Ward, all in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes: NEXT month

Principal's Report – Scott Parker:

1. Super happy to have outdoor ed trips; had mountain bikers on KVR last week; sports are going great, many going on and amazing thing happening. Volleyball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, etc. Soccer has been affected by the snowfall.
2. Given official yes that can prepare concept images with Indigenous Space. Moving forward will have to raise money but can start process.
3. Report cards are coming soon. End of Q1 soon.
4. Grade 12's happy to have Winter Formal this year. Policy on who will be allowed to attend, eg. dates. Don't know the answer yet and will report back as soon as this information is given.
5. Indigenous 4 credit course (one semester) to graduate starting next year; KSS to offer "contemporary studies", and then English "First Peoples"; in future will be offered through 10-12. During COPAC meeting, TerriLee Beaudry that external credits for Indigenous Students for Indigenous Skills. Is this a pathway to graduation? This whole thing is evolving and KSS will be responsive to this new credit prerequisite.
6. Hand paper/dryers vandalized. Will work on chatting to students about proper behaviours. *parents can help by chatting with their own children.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Sarah Marriott / open: new swearing in of Trustees is tomorrow night. There is going to be free parent meetings about online safety on Nov. 29th KSS and 30th MBSS at 6:30 pm.

Treasurer- Cheryl Gawley: waiting for in-person with Janet. \$44274 to allocate for this year, including Gaming Grants (\$36000). Have requests in and have gone through all of the requests so far. Looking to spend some and put some aside for Spring requests. Don't have updated banking balances yet.

Secretary - Cat Marrs

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmermann

Athletic Chair - Lori Raible: There will be no boys Sr. B team this year. Snow has stopped soccer games.

Fine Arts Chair - Abbey Westbury

Indigenous Chair - Maureen O'Hanley Doucette: In November, the Indigenous program students will be using the drums they were gifted from the PAC, going to Elementary/Middle schools and teaching the Indigenous students Drum protocol and songs.

Student Support Chair - David Cochrane: Pam Price said it is full steam ahead on all fronts. Counselors are busy with timetables, university applications, grade meetings with parents, and the non-grad list. ELL is busy getting to know their international, refugee and PR new students, LA is full steam ahead assisting students with their work and providing an alternative space for exam writing and IEP meetings. Same for Resource and Behaviour with IEP meetings. Indigenous support has over 100 students so supporting them all is busy, and library is also full steam ahead supporting classes with resources and information.

Technical Education Chair - David Cochrane

COPAC Representatives - Valary Chidwick & Carrie Broughton:

Prepared by: Valary Chidwick

Prepared for: KSS PAC Meeting November 11, 2022

Guest Speaker Jordan Kleckner, SD23 Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation

Topic: BC's new Student Reporting Framework

- Implementation date 2023/24
- Grade K-9 will have a four-point scale
- Grade 10-12 will have letter grades and percentage
- Grade 10-12 will have graduation update as it relates to students' graduation plan in report card.

Assistant Superintendent's Report - Terry Lee Beaudry

- November 12, 2022 swearing in of new Trustees
- Indigenous Veterans day November 8, 2022; recognizes indigenous people who enlisted. Indigenous
- people who enlisted lost their status. Lowering flags in recognition.

- Student family affordability fund
 - Must be spent this year
 - Application for waiving fees is available, contact either your administrator or clerical staff
 - can direct parents to the online version
 - Gift cards to support high-priority families over winter break are being purchased
 - Increase in breakfast and brown bag lunches, also including some higher-priced items
 - Increased funding for the backpack food program
 - Increased support for indigenous and refugee families
 - High-priority schools have had fees waived.

COTA - BCTF has a tentative agreement with the government. Will go to a vote with the teachers on November 28, 29, 30th. There is labour peace for teachers

Education and Student Services Committee

- External credits will soon be available to Indigenous students for Indigenous skills.

Meet all the trustees at next COPAC meeting. December 5, 7 pm.

New Business

- Gaming funds and teacher requests and met as an Executive and went through all requests and tried to figure out how to fairly support all areas of the school.
- Final total funded \$34,518.61: Dave Cochrane motions to be accepted, seconded by Myrna Stark Leader, all in favour. Motion passed to approve budget.

Parent Questions/Comments

- Parents can find information on the KSS website and in the weekly WHO's News
- Appreciated the teachers working on the Grad proceedings for all the work that they have done.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:05 pm

Next Meeting -

Jan. 10, 2023, 6:30pm