

KSS PAC Meeting

Tuesday February 8, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting at 6:38 pm

In attendance: Susan Zimmermann, Sarah Marriott, Abbey Westbury, Cea Mavritsakis, Cheryl Woods, David Cochrane, Iryna Storozhuk, Janet Dillon, Joana Pontes, Langhi Marini, Lara Ryan, Lori Raible, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Maya Peever, Myrna Stark Leader, Valary Chidwick, Ward Willison, Wayne Broughton, Cat Marrs

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

Adoption of the Agenda (by Abbey, seconded by Iryna, all in favour)

Approval of previous meeting minutes- January 11, 2022 (by Valary , seconded by Myrna, all in favour)

Principal's Report - Troy White:

1. Very busy January since last PAC meeting. Make aware of District Calendar Review, so please look at it and give feedback. There will be a survey to do it every two years as opposed to every year. Look in next WHOO's News.
2. Halfway through year at this time. Update for Grade 10 and 12: numeracy and literacy assessments were suddenly cancelled. Technology company behind the scenes came down with so much illness that could not support this to go through then. Next steps from Province have not come. April and June also other opportunities to write, but don't know if they will have to do this at that time. Will let parents know. For FI students, only in June, so Troy has been in contact and is waiting for response.
3. Report cards on Thursday. Core competency sheets have been issued last week.
4. Grad changes for commencement were sent out last night. Was booked for June 9th, but unfortunately has moved to **June 4th and 5th** in KSS gym. Will be crossing of stage and a video. Hoping for more people to be allowed in gym than last year with the stand up tables. June 24th a video will be released to view. Prom: have a parent committee working on it; hard to plan for unplannable. Feel that the restrictions will be lifted, but will do their best. Capstone were featured Jan 19th in the afternoon.

Students know themselves better and articulate who they are as people; very authentic conversations.

5. Had to cancel Basketball tournament last weekend.
6. Upcoming events: Grade 10;11: parent ZOOM night, sign up from WHOO's News to pick courses. Student-driven timetables at KSS. Grade 10s Wed, Grade 11s Thu. Will be electronic this year. They will go online and pick from system by February 25th, which is when timetable is built. Feb 22nd @ 6pm parent meeting. Math night hosted by Troy coming up. Focus on Pre-AP and differences between different maths. March 2: PT interviews (1:30 dismissal, Zoom meetings).
7. School board meeting last time: school trustees that MBSS won't be the new FI high school. They will wait until the new HS is opened, so KSS will be still hosting the FI students. Still looking for official funding for new HS, but expecting it. Optimistically opening 2025. 3 feeder schools to KSS: GMS, KLO, DrKnox
8. 2 students presenting to facilities and planning. They spoke to our facilities and planning committee for 15 minutes about their experiences at KSS, specifically the washroom experiences. Last 5 years have been advocating for single-use bathrooms and were accepted, but funding got pulled for leaky roofs. The board has put a motion forward for a study for middle and high schools to get the bathrooms in the schools. There are many students who need to utilize individual bathrooms from time to time. Troy is so incredibly proud of the two students for their bravery.
9. *Vaping is a bathroom issue at this time. There are students who are making not the best choices for themselves and others. There are teachers who are keeping an eye on the bathrooms. For grad, so many opportunities for grads to have photos, and tried to make the best of the situation given. Will have to wait until restriction limits are announced in order to plan. All restrictions are based upon Ministry of Health, which dictates Ministry of Education's choices.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Sarah Marriott & Susan Zimmermann

Treasurer- Janet Dillon: General \$ 312.08 Gaming \$ 45 723.78

Secretary – Cat Marrs

Academic Chair - Iryna Storozhuk

Athletic Chair - Lori Raible: Spring sports are starting, so let students know tryouts. There is a KSS Athletics page on website.

Fine Arts Chair – Abbey Westbury: Clarify Mrs. French that microphones have great longevity and Dave confirmed this. One of the things they are excited to use them for is a huge choral festival in April/May that other groups from around Canada are attending.

Indigenous Chair – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette: - grade 12 Academy students are currently in session. We just purchased the hides for them to make the drums that the PAC helped fund this last year. The students are looking at purchasing hoodies and designing a logo for the Academy. They

are extremely grateful for the contributions.

In addition to visiting the free exhibit at Kelowna Art Gallery (available until April 10), watch the Witness Blanket Documentary which can be found online through a quick google search. It is very powerful and highlights the importance of culture and healing. Photos of 700 items from Residential Schools from across Canada, as well as a documentary.

Student Support Chair – David Cochrane

Technical Education Chair – Belkis Toredi: Robotics club. Meeting two days a week after school. The team has entered the Mission Space Lab Astro Pi, and First Tech Challenge competitions. As yet we have not advertised the club to the school as we were hoping to establish a core group first and need to keep it manageable.

COPAC Representative – Valary Chidwick: Presentation of the budget by Delta Carmichael; 90% of budget goes to staffing. If get 2% in Provincial budget, the budget will be fine and all pressures will be met. More International students this year than last year, which brings a financial support. We are a growing school district and we need more classrooms; we typically get portables. Each portable is \$250000 new. Need to add 17 more portables next year = \$1.3 million. In other words, portables instead of rooms and teachers. So important to get funding for buildings because of this. Ministry of Education determines who gets money to build schools. Two kinds of budgets: rebuild budgets and new building budgets. Our PAC could reach out to school trustees to ask what could PAC do. Decision making happens at Provincial level for funding. School trustees know we need more money here, so parents should write in...COPAC, PACs, ***individual people/families/parents. This month is Human Rights month (pink shirt 23rd and harmony day 16th). No functional closures, decrease in absences. Rapid tests are coming to the school; 5 per student?) Sports tournaments to Kardaal let know that Ministry of Education decided that it would exacerbate staffing issues. Susan Bauhart wanted to thank parents for advocacy for mask wearing. Staff have been thankful.

Unfinished Business

Spring Funding Requests- Review and approve new requests for BC Gaming Funds for second semester: Had about \$15,000 that was held from previous round to allocate to new requests. Have some discussion remaining about Literary Magazine due to more details required. Need to vote on \$12,406 to be spent. (Only one we are not voting on is KSS Papercuts.) Football welcome to resubmit requests in the fall. Motion to accept: Abbey, second Lori, all in favour. Motion passed.

New Business

PAC scholarship and bursary applications for 2022 KSS graduates: Going to give away 4 x \$1000 (2 bursary/2 scholarship) with strict criteria needing to be followed. Must be based upon financial need/academic merit. Met up with Sandy Corrado to come up with criteria and she is supporting this process. Kept it simple with a fillable format for use on computers or could be printed up. Had done it through COBBS, but were told we could not do that by Gaming, so have done it this way now. This is a support for 4 of our graduates. Have Grade 11 and ½ Grade 12 to look at those grades. To put it on page in school for all students to access. Sending

information to counsellor with first, second, and third choices so Sandy can possibly let us know if someone has already received funding elsewhere. ***Amendment: that it has to be a post-secondary institution in BC to in Canada. ***Dave accept, Iryna second, all in favour, motion passed.

Parent Questions/Comments

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

Parents can contact the PAC at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

*Next meeting April.

Meeting Adjournment @ 7:48 pm by Dave, second by Sarah Marriott

Next Meeting -

Tuesday April 12th, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

No PAC meeting in March