

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

In attendance:

Janice Loukras, Darlene Kinakin, Liliana Perez- Lefevre, Brenda Hudson, Brenda Maier, Joy Godel, Sarah Marriott, Faith McKenzie, Jackie Kurkjian, Terri Birker, Valary Chidwick, Tom Morgan, Pam Morgan, Susan Zimmermann

Welcome/Meeting start 6:48 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - agenda adopted (with additions) by Joy Godel

2. Approval of the Minutes - December 8, 2015; motioned by Joy Godel, seconded by Valary Chidwick, motion carried.

3. Principal's Report - Scott McLean

- Hugh Gloster retired Dec 31, 2015 and our new SD23 Superintendent Kevin Kaardal officially took over on January 1, 2016. Kevin recently attended a KSS Band concert as well as an Owls vs Bears game.
- Math 10 is going to be offered in French next year
- Third French Immersion Task Force Meeting is this Wednesday January 13th.
- Early dismissal this Friday Jan 15th at 12:30 for KSS. Other schools in the District had their early dismissal day in the Fall.
- District Wide Release Days are planned for February 9th and May 24th for teachers to plan implementation of the new curriculum. KSS will be hosting 1500 educators/administrators in our building on February 9th.
- Parent teacher interviews have been cancelled for Feb 10th but will be rescheduled.
- Wynter Oakes is responsible for putting information on the school website. If you know of something going on at the school that others should know about please help by sending the information to her.
- The end of the Semester is coming up; in-class exams are Thursday Jan 21st and Friday January 26th. Provincial exams are Mon-Thurs the following week (Jan 25-Jan 28).
- Reminder that COBSS Grade 12 Bursary applications are due January 19th.
- Civic Award applications are available in the Counselling office. Any High school student at KSS is eligible for these awards. Students can self-nominate. Deadline for applications is Feb 1st. Teacher references are required.
- Non-Grad List has been posted - most students on the list are on the list because they have unpaid fees.
- Grade 12 Winter Semi-Formal coming up on February 11th.
- BC Excellence Scholarship applications are available on-line (or from counselling office) and must be handed in to the school counsellor by Monday February 22nd at 12:00 noon. All applications will be forwarded to the SD23 selection committee and one application per secondary school will be forwarded on to the BC Ministry of Education to be considered for this scholarship.
- Some families are not receiving the "Who's News" this year and it has been determined that there was a glitch when some of the information was transferred over to MYEd. If you are not receiving school e-mails please contact the office.

- Proposed SD23 2016/2017 calendar is posted on the school website. Parents are encouraged to provide their input. Deadline for input is February 12, 2016.
- Condom Pilot project will take place at KSS starting February 1st with distribution from the counselling center. Student feedback will be collected.

4. Executive Reports

Chair - Janice Loukras

- PAC mailbox has been relocated to the front of the office due to some changes in office procedure and a need to have the mailboxes secured.
- BCCPAC conference in Kelowna coming up at the end of April. COPAC will sponsor a parent from the school to attend if anyone is interested. Janice also wondering if anyone might have a resolution to put forth at the conference?
- Janice inquired about Vice Principal Barb Leclair's presentation from last meeting on BC's revised curriculum. Barb had agreed to put it up on the school's website for all parents to view but was having some problems with the link. Scott will follow-up.
- Wynter Oakes has agreed to do a presentation on Library Commons at the next Parent Ambassador meeting.

Vice Chair - Sarah Marriott

- Sarah will be sending out the PAC Awards nomination forms to all teachers via e-mail this week so they can nominate students from the first semester. Agreed to continue with previous year's criteria which focuses on students that are not often recognized for their efforts/don't qualify for other awards.

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Still one PAC Award from last year that has not been cashed. Office is following-up.
- Currently have \$6,469.00 in the PAC general account. Some of these funds could be used for a teacher appreciation event.
- Fundraising cheques to be issued to Global Awareness and Archery club from Poinsettia fundraiser.
- PST rebate paperwork sent in, hoping to have rebate cheque soon.
- Update on Gaming Funds spent; we have received invoices and paid out approximately \$9000.00 of our gaming funds. Department Chairs please follow-up with your department heads/teachers and encourage them to spend the funds and/or submit invoices to the PAC for those expenditures that have been approved.

Secretary - Brenda Maier - no report

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman

- Debate tournament coming up January 30, 2016; competitors competing to qualify for provincials
- Reminder that COBSS bursary application deadline is January 19th

Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan - no report

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- Superintendent Kevin Kardall said the KSS Christmas Concerts he recently attended were outstanding!
- Encore event coming up Feb 15 & 16, 2016. Grade 9's from both Dr. Knox and KLO Middle schools have been invited to perform at Encore.

- Jazz at the Bohemian coming up January 29th, tickets \$25 at the door.
- Jazz Festival coming up in April.

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker

- AAAA Boys Basketball team 10 and 0 record in province
- AAA Girls Basketball team 3rd in province - tournament this weekend; Second team - AA Girls basketball team formed this year.
- AAA Soccer (senior) team - would also like to see a second team AA Soccer formed that would play exhibition games and travel outside valley since no League games here to play in. Allow those that want to play to develop their skills.
- Curling - Zone championships January 23rd.
- Discussed a recent competition between teams for highest overall GPA. Wondering if this is something we could do between teams at KSS or in a tournament. PAC award?
- Would be interesting to know how many of our students receive scholarships to go on and play sports in University.
- Susan recently saw the movie "Concussion" (at Theatres now) with Will Smith and highly recommends it.

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- 20 page booklet/newspaper "Together We Learn" being handed out - one for every student in the district; talks about what is happening in our school district.
- Aboriginal graduation rate up from 31% on 2001 to 75% in 2015.
- Province has tasked each School District to come up with a plan to replace the School Planning Council concept. Ideas brainstormed at last COPAC meeting. Valary looking for input on questions about what processes we should keep from the original SPC, what we should let go of, what we should enhance and what challenges we perceive to doing this? Suggestions included putting "A" back in PAC - Advisory and using PAC's instead of creating something new.
- Healthy Schools committee; Mental Health Summit - District Wide Hollywood Road Middle School. All High schools sent students to Summit who then went back to share this information with the rest of the students. Students were introduced to a number of resources including breathing techniques/activities.
- Mental Health First Aid Course; session at OKM in Jan/Feb 2016 full.

5. Old Business

Math Help - math club or peer to peer tutoring?

- Creation of Math club underway; Grade 12 Math and Grade 11 Math honours teachers are asking for volunteers to help with a Math Club to take place Tuesdays/Thursdays at lunch for students requiring assistance. This will go towards the students volunteer hours required for graduation.

Google Docs

- Sarah Marriott agreed to help Janice set something up for the PAC in order to store documents to be accessed by all Executive members

Cheerleading Club update

- Working towards getting this back up and running for next school year

6. New Business

Dry Grad - Faith Mackenzie

- Dry Grad event is planned for Saturday June 25th
- originally intended to replace grad parties after formal graduation ceremony
- allows grads to come together sober/connect/bond one last time
- Cost of the event is \$18,000 - \$19,000
- Hoping to sell more tickets than in previous years
- Looking for parent volunteers to help with the event
- Thank-you to the PAC for their support

Mother's Day Fundraiser

- Jodi Kvist willing to help PAC with Spring plant fundraiser. Janice agreed PAC would participate. More information to come on this ...

WestJet Fundraiser

- WestJet fundraiser still a possibility as long as Jodi is able to apply for tickets based on her volunteer hours. Money from this could potentially go towards a Legacy item for the school.

Staff Appreciation event

- Agreed we would like to organize something for the staff this year
- Scott suggested week of exams might be good timing; approximately 140 staff (93 are teachers)
- Motion made by Sarah Marriott to spend up to \$1000.00 for staff appreciation event out of PAC general funds. Seconded by Susan Zimmerman. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday February 2nd, 2016

Parent Ambassador Presentation on Library Commons @ 6:00 pm

KSS PAC Meeting @ 6:45 pm