

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

In attendance:

Janice Loukras, Darlene Kinakin, Liliana Perez- Lefevre, Brenda Hudson, Brenda Maier, Sarah Morris-Probert, Joy Godel, Krista Berrigan, Sarah Marriott, Heather Fashanu

Parent Ambassador Presentation at 6 pm by Vice Principal Barb Leclair

- Condom Pilot Project at KSS – will take place for 3 months starting February 1, 2016, with distribution from the counseling centre. Student feedback will be collected.
- BC's revised curriculum - Grade 10-12 curriculum will be available for voluntary use in the 2016/17 school year. It will become the official curriculum in the 2017/18 school year. Barb's presentation will be available on school website. Draft document under review and parents can see at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/10-12>
- Request made for next Parent Ambassador meeting on Library Commons

Welcome/Meeting start 6:58 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda – agenda adopted (with additions) by Darlene Kinakin

Additions to Agenda:

Approval of allocation of funds for student benches

School Website information for parents

COBSS Bursary seeking support for Donor Appreciation Tea

2. Approval of the Minutes – November 10, 2015; motioned by Joy Godel, seconded by Sarah Morris-Probert, motion carried.

3. Principal's Report – Scott McLean

- Feb PAC meeting is scheduled for Feb 9th which is a non-instructional day. Next KSS PAC meeting was re-scheduled to February 2nd
- Report cards went out last week – everything went smoothly with MyEd BC.
- Remembrance Day Assembly went well while away in Japan. Kudos to everyone who played a part and thank-you to Mr. Labrie who filled in for him while away.
- Recently attended and enjoyed (2) one act plays performed by Night Owl Theatre. Congratulations to all who were a part of these performances.
- Grade 12 MAP presentations happened today; early dismissal for all students (feedback from parent re: background of students to be given to community members prior to presentations especially those students with disabilities)
- Grad Sleepover coming up on December 17th being planned and organized by our Leadership students. Concern was raised by parents over students leaving and driving at 2 am.
- New SD23 Superintendent Kevin Kaardal attended KSS on Nov 30th and visited classrooms including Mr. Stacey's grade 10 Socials class learning about Avro Arrow. Mr. Kaardal was able to speak about the Canadian Aircraft from personal experience. Kevin came from the Burnaby School District and has been the Principal of many high schools. His specialty is specifically in the areas of Fine Arts and Physical Education.
- Winter break coming up; School closed for two weeks from December 21 – January 1.

School re-opens on Monday January 4, 2016.

- January 15th early dismissal day to introduce teachers to new curriculum
- Japan trip/experience was wonderful. KSS has a sister school in Kasugai. It was their High School's 50th Anniversary and Scott was invited to attend the celebrations. Hope to get an exchange program going between the two high schools. A formal agreement needs to be developed.
- Parent question regarding concerns voiced last year about student access to school counsellors. Any progress made on this?
- Parent questions regarding student math tutors.
 - Is there a list of student tutors available? Because of liability a list is no longer available
 - Can we promote a peer to peer tutoring program within the school?
 - Where can students go for help when they are not connecting with their teachers?
 - Is it possible to start up a Math Club?

4. Executive Reports

Chair – Janice Loukras

- Correspondence; Thank-you card received from student for PAC Award
- BC teachers Federation presenting various educational sessions if anyone is interested. All parents able to attend. Aboriginal courses coming up.
- Janice interested in setting up an on-line central storage area for files where the PAC executive can go to access past documents etc. Experience with Google Docs or cloud storage discusses and Google docs recommended.
- School website concerns. Concern about lack of information for parents on website raised. Scott recommended that parents or students can send updates or information (e.g. team schedules) for the KSS website to Scott (scott.mclean@sd23.bc.ca) and he will review and have added to website.

Vice Chair – Sarah Marriott

- Sarah to take on PAC awards this year. Letter to go out to teachers in the next week or two to get them thinking about who they might like to nominate from the first term. Agreed to continue with previous year's criteria (focus on students that are not often recognized for their efforts/don't qualify for other awards) but encourage the teachers with better communication and develop a strategy to help the students/parents better understand why they are receiving the award and who nominated them. PAC distributes 25 scholarships of \$200 each.
- Sarah has also agreed to form a nominating committee for the AGM to encourage more parent participation on the PAC Executive and greater attendance at PAC meetings.

Treasurer – Darlene Kinakin

- Gaming money is starting to be spent by those that had requested it; Archery spent all their money, Math spent \$455.00 and many clubs have submitted receipts for approved expenditures.
- Question regarding purchase of portable whiteboards addressed in order to proceed with purchase.

Secretary – Brenda Maier – no report

Academic Chair – Susan Zimmerman – absent

Applied Skills Chair – Tom Morgan – absent

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- A huge thanks to the PAC from the Theatre department for the money to purchase new Theatre lights. The Fall shows were very successful and we are very proud of two of our cast that are themselves 'on the spectrum' (autistic). The shows ran from Nov 26-Nov 28 and were very well attended.
- Music department is very busy preparing for their Christmas concerts next week Dec 14 & 15th at 7 pm. Encore event coming up Feb 15 & 16, 2016.
- Dance dept. shared three pieces in the Theatre at lunch time this week.
- Art & Video production trip to Washington DC and NYC; approximately 40 kids went on the trip Nov 9-15th. Mr. Derksen also facilitates KSS on-line newspaper Censor This!
- Graphics/Yearbook students have been busy adjusting to new/smaller space. It has been a challenge but things are coming together.
- "Censor This" student news site can be accessed from school website (kss.sd23.bc.ca/events/Censor This!) or Facebook

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker - absent

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- Chris Olveson presented on My Blueprint - a career planning tool for grade 7-12 students (previously presented to KSS PAC). Myblueprint.ca
- Presentation on the revised Curriculum at February 11th COPAC Meeting.
- Mental Health First Aid Course; COPAC will sponsor 3 people to attend next session at OKM in Jan/Feb 2016 (4 - 3hr sessions).
- BCCPAC AGM is being held in Kelowna April 30th-May 5th. COPAC will pay for one person to attend from every school. Includes sessions on education and parenting.
- Calendar Committee (includes 2 COPAC reps) working on next year's calendar.
- Brochure on COPAC Facebook page includes great summary of MyEd BC.
- ARC programs are social services to support kids; reach out to them if you think your child needs support - mental, developmental, alcohol, drugs
- Hugh Gloster attended his last COPAC meeting and introduced Kevin Kaardal (new Superintendent) who says his door is always open.

5. Old Business

Poinsettia fundraiser update

- Over \$800 raised; proceeds to Archery and Global Awareness
- Jodi Kvist keen to do Spring Fundraiser with PAC; Janice recommends PAC participate in Spring Fundraiser as well as West Jet Raffle to raise money that PAC could use for teacher appreciation event.

6. New Business

Approval of allocation of funds for student benches

- \$600 to put towards benches for students in school stairwells (indestructible yellow benches to match those that exist around the school)
- Motion made by Sarah Marriott to proceed with donation towards the benches. Seconded by Heather Fashanu, motion carried.

COBSS Bursary seeking support for Donor Appreciation Tea

- COBSS is asking for support of \$75 bi-annually for their "information and Donor Appreciation Tea" to celebrate the gift of giving.
- Motion made by Lilliana Perez- Lefevre to make donation from general funds. Seconded by Sarah Marriott. Motion carried.

Cheerleading Club

- Question regarding status of club raised. PAC purchased mats and skirts a few years ago but club no longer has a certified coach. Are we able to advertise for a new coach – as a volunteer position? It would be nice to have a coach in place for next Fall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting Tuesday January 12, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

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