

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday April 12, 2016

In attendance:

Janice Loukras, Brenda Maier, Liliana Perez-Lefevre, Brenda Hudson, Sarah Mariott, Darlene Kinakin, Valary Chidwick

Welcome/Meeting start 6:50 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - agenda adopted by Liliana Perez-Lefevre

2. Approval of the Minutes - March 8, 2016; motioned by Darlene Kinakin, seconded by Janice Loukras, motion carried.

3. International Student Program Speaker - Anna Vallejos (Program Coordinator)

- Need homestay families for an increased intake of international students
- Taking approximately 50 more students this year (approx. 330 students in total)
- Students are 13-17 years old and 90% stay for one year (Sept-June)
- Many students play sports/ski - Okanagan is a big attraction for students
- Families can host up to (2) students at a time - \$800 each for food/accommodation
- Host Families are a key component for the program to be successful
- Program works hard to match students with compatible families
- More information and applications at www.internationaleducation.ca

4. Principal's Report - Barb LeClair

- Congratulations to our Senior Boys Basketball AAAA Provincial winners
- Air Band week prior to Spring Break was a great success; finale was extraordinary!
- Leadership students in LA this week to work/learn/train with another high school
- Entrepreneurship/Business/Law trip to San Francisco - several modes of transportation
- Spring Break Battlefields trip - History students in Brussels at time of bombing -all ok.
- BC Interior Jazz Festival - end of this week
- Music department trip to New York planned for April 22nd.
- Drop everything and research physics day (April 1st) Mr. Strachan visited English classes and other cross curricular activities happened around the school
- Second Cultural Performance of the year - Wed April 6 "Roots of Hip Hop"
- Early dismissal on April 8th - second District half day to work on implementation of new/redesigned curriculum. Many departments worked together or in small groups.
- Course verification sheets handed out last week during homeroom. Students have until April 15th to make changes (sheet to office). No course changes in the Fall (generally).
- Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys for grade 10 and 12 students this week. Parents encouraged to participate in survey. Link to survey on KSS website.
- Parent Ambassador Meeting May 10th at 5:45 pm before PAC meeting; "Info and Strategies for Parents : How to talk to your teen about Drugs and Alcohol" Arc program; school based drug and alcohol counsellors (Kristi, Ginger, Kiera)
- Bike to Work and School Week; May 30-June 5, 2016. Posters available
- My Blueprint magnets available/handed out
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to Parent volunteers at KSS for valuable contributions to the school.

4. Executive Reports

Chair - Janice Loukras

- Letter received from English AP students requesting PAC assistance with English Literature course canceled due to lack of enrollment/funding.

Vice Chair - Sarah Marriott

- Another letter going out to teachers encouraging them to nominate second semester students for PAC Awards (only received 10 nominations for 1st semester).

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Invoices/receipts slowly rolling in for approved expenditures. Still missing invoices for many purchases. PAC Exec Dept. Chairs encouraged to follow-up with their teachers.
- PAC received additional gaming funds in the amount of \$3,714.00
- Mrs. Freeman hoping to hold funds over till next year in order to purchase engraver.
- Work Ethic - need to determine what the PAC is purchasing this year. Owl bags? Or are we looking into something different? Pins?

Secretary - Brenda Maier - no report

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman - absent

Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan - absent

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- Request to PAC to help promote Fine Arts electives. Under-enrollment has led to the cancellation of a few great electives.
- Yearbook has gone to print and is on schedule for its debut later this year.
- Night Owl Theatre presents "39 Steps" based on the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film from April 27-30. It is a comedy directed by Lee Schwartz.
- Jazz Festival will take place April 14-16, 2016.
- Kiwanis Music Festival April 19-29th, 2016.
- Next week Grade 10 Concert Band performing at the Kiwanis Festival and many of our Sr. music students are leaving for New York on Friday. Our Clarinet Trio is performing at Kiwanis Festival on April 23rd with help from one of our feeder schools.
- Night Owl Orchestra performing at Kiwanis Festival May 13th.
- Year-end Music concerts will be held June 6th and 7th.
- R&B Band will be performing at Westside Days on June 30th.
- Art and Media classes upcoming Art in Action Exhibition (part of the District Art Exhibition) Kelowna Art Gallery April 23rd - June 14th. KSS Video production submitting film as art pieces as well this year.
- Media/Fine Arts planning trip to Washington DC and New York for second year in a row; November 6-12, 2016. Trip full (capped at 45) but putting names on a wait list.
- Censor this! Online student newspaper produced a great April Fools' issue with stories about Trump, Trudeau, Starbucks and more.
- Journalism class produces two other publications; Papercuts (Literary magazine) and Art of Adventure online magazine that profiles stories told by students, staff and alumni of schools around the world.
- Art of Adventure productions is sending a crew of 6 graduates to Bolivia to film a documentary about illegal animal trafficking and La Senda Verde Animal Refuge & Eco Lodge. Kickstarter campaign running to end of May to raise money for flights/costs.

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker- absent

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- COTA resource for concussions (CATT) Concussion Awareness Training Tool at cattonline.com
- SD23 Tattoo design contest proposed.
- French Immersion Task Force looking into solutions to the overflowing numbers at KLO. Considering various solutions but likely that another dual track middle school is required. Dr. Knox and Spring Valley are the only Middle schools in Kelowna with room for portables.
- Enhanced Student Learning Framework - 2 year process; Outcome for District to develop and post annual school planning process.
- Parents as Career coaches presentation Thursday May 12, 6-9 pm.
- BCCPAC resolutions for upcoming conference; Janice and Valary have reviewed and signed off on them.
- 3.2 million dollar shortfall in budget this year - School District looking for parental feedback re: budgets and where to cut. Looking at increasing the number of international students to increase revenue, increasing bus fees, savings in operations and reductions in technology. Please write you MLA about cuts to Education!

5. Old Business

Staff Appreciation

- Planned for June 16th at 7:30 am - need parents to help serve breakfast to our wonderful staff; coffee, muffins, fruit etc.

Nominations for May Election

- Nominating Committee Chair- Sarah Marriott
- Looking for people to fill the following positions; Chair, Vice Chair, Applied Skills, Athletics, COPAC

6. New Business

Annual General Meeting May 10, 2016

- Reminder to Executive members that annual reports are to be submitted to Janice to be presented at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 10th, 2016

Parent Ambassador: MPR at 5:45 pm (Arc Program Presentation)

PAC Annual General Meeting: Library @ 6:45 pm