

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday March 8, 2016

In attendance:

Janice Loukras, Brenda Maier, Susan Zimmermann, Terri Birker, Pam Morgan, Darlene Kinakin, Valary Chidwick

Welcome/Meeting start 6:48 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - agenda adopted by Valary Chidwick

2. Approval of the Minutes - February 2, 2016; motioned by Terri Birker, seconded by Darlene Kinakin, motion carried.

3. Principal's Report - Scott McLean

- Parent Teacher interviews were held on March 2nd from 4:30-6:30 pm. Scott looking for feedback on the change in time (one less hour). Some parents work until 5 or 5:30 even 6:00 and find it hard to get there in time to see all the teachers. Others said that there were more parents packed into a shorter time and the line-ups were longer making it harder to get to see all the teachers in the time available. Suggestion that teachers limit time with interview if there is a line-up.
- Junior Achievement BC Innovation Jam 2016 took place in Vancouver a month ago and our business students (Dominique Murdoch, Claudia Lauretta, Claire Demug, Jeremy Gagne and Jordan MacDonald) took first prize for their "Gardening to Give" idea.
- Basketball Provincials; all KSS teams made it to provincials. Senior boys off to Provincials this weekend in Langley. Ranked number 1 in BC.
- Superintendent Kevin Kaardal also a director for BC Basketball Association will be attending Provincials and invited Scott to go with him.
- Course selections now complete. Course selections will be printed and sent home in May for review and confirmation.
- School District 23 budget has been reduced by 3.5 million ... not sure how it will affect KSS but will definitely have an effect.
- Air Band underway this week with lunch hour performances and finale scheduled for Thursday evening March 10th. Mr. Triggs and Mr. Sodaro have put a lot of time into organizing the event and students have been practicing morning/noon and night.
- French Immersion Task Force has done a lot of work and put a lot of thought into proposed scenarios for a model that is sustainable going forward. Discussions have included portable placement at middle school, early and late entry to the program and an intensive French program as an alternative to the Dual Dogwood.
- Questions from parents were addressed regarding the recent announcement that KSS students are no longer allowed in the College Cafeteria. Decision was made by KSS administration due to the number of incidents they have been called in to deal with.
- Request from Scott for time to be set aside next PAC meeting (approx.15 minutes) to discuss School Planning Council data/School goals etc.
- Condom project going well; condoms are being taken by students from the counselling office - condoms are generally all gone at the end of the week. There have been no issues raised by parents, students or teachers.

4. Executive Reports

Chair - Janice Loukras

- Thank-you to the PAC from Patti Buna for the funds to purchase t-shirts for the ACE-IT dual credit program again this year.
- BCCPAC conference in Kelowna coming up at the end of April. Possible resolution already in the works relating to subjects we discussed that KSS could ask BCCPAC to bring forward to the province ...

2014.17 Advocating for Counselling Resources in BC Schools

That BCCPAC be directed to actively advocate for increased counselling resources in BC schools.

2000.16 Increased Non-academic Support Services for Students in Grades 6-12

That BCCPAC urge the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Attorney General, and Ministry of Children and Families to work together to ensure that every student, especially in grades 6 to 12, has access to nonacademic support services in their school building.

2012.15 PAC Gaming Grant Allowable Expenditures

That BCCPAC request that Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General instruct the Gaming Branch to amend the guidelines of allowable expenditures of PAC gaming funds to permit a broader range of applicable areas of support within the school community which includes the implementation of the recommendations suggested in the BCCPAC submission made to the BC Community Gaming Grant Review.

Vice Chair - Sarah Marriott - absent

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Hoping to have all monies spent/receipts in by May 30th
- Discussion regarding funds approved for football that have not been spent. Football team has deficit and should not be purchasing additional items. Scott agreed to confirm that the item approved was not actually purchased and if not PAC will put funds back into the budget to be put towards another request.
- Student seating ordered Friday March 4th, 2016.

Secretary - Brenda Maier - no report

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman

- Debate provincials; 6 students attended the Law Foundation Cup in Vancouver on February 26th & 27th. One student from Kelowna (OKM student) qualified for Nationals.
- National French speaking Competition "Le Grand Concours" for French students in grades 1-12 coming up in May.

Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan - absent

- Skills BC Regional Competition was held at Okanagan College on Friday March 4th. Congratulations to Robson Carrier, Sonia Yu, Jaiden Pearson, and Justus Reid who will continue on to the Provincial Competition in Abbotsford in April.
- Laser Engraver quote was in US funds and will end up costing \$5600. Decision made to hold funds over to next year and approval for the additional \$3000 would be voted on for next year's budget . If we happen to have \$2000 left in budget at the end of the year Scott has offered to put in the remaining \$1000 from the school budget to allow the Laser Engraver to be purchased this year.

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre - absent (report e-mailed)

- Anne-Marie Holmwood is off on a medical leave. Lee Schwartz is doing an admirable job in her place.
- Art and Media classes have collaborated to create upcoming Art in Action Exhibition at the Kelowna Art Gallery April 23-June 14.
- Media/Fine Arts trip to Washington DC and New York planned for November 7-12, 2016. Important parent meeting being held Wed March 9th at 6:30pm in Room 185. Please e-mail Jon Derksen at jonathan.derksen@sd23.bc.ca
- Four KSS students attended the Okanagan Film Fundamentals seminars (sponsored by SD23). Students were introduced to everything from set development, set safety and industry preparedness to marketing and union expectations.
- Three past KSS students and one current grade 12 student have been selected to be part of a production team heading to Bolivia to film a documentary about illegal animal trafficking and La Sende Verde Animal Refuge & Eco Lodge.
- KSS shone at the Okanagan Band Festival in Penticton this past weekend (March 5-6) receiving invitations to Nationals to occur either this year or next.
- Jazz Festival will take place April 14-16, 2016.
- Kiwanis Music Festival takes place from April 19-21st, or 22-29th.
- The Kiwanis Orchestra & KSS's first Clarinet Trio play May 13, 2016.
- KSS Year End concerts are scheduled for June 6th and 7th.
- Night Owl Theatre presents "39 Steps" at the KSS Theatre from April 27-30th. The play is a comedic take on the Hitchcock movie written by Patrick Barlow.

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker

- Boys Curling Team came 6th at Provincials in Delta last weekend.
- Junior Girls Basketball came 3rd at Provincials
- Junior Boys Basketball came 24th at Provincials
- Senior Girls Basketball came 12th at Provincials
- Senior Boys Basketball are currently at Provincials at the Langley Event Center and are ranked #1 in BC.
- Both Junior and Senior Boys Rugby teams are up and running
- Senior Girls Soccer in Burnaby this weekend for their first tournament of the year.

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

Calendar Committee has completed calendar for next year; COTA contract specifies 5 Professional Days per year but Central Okanagan Teachers have 3 of those days outside of contract time (summer) so only 2 days fall within the school calendar.

- Curriculum implementation day has been scheduled for the Tuesday following the long weekend in May even though Teachers proposed February date.
- FACE; Families Against Cuts to Education - can be accessed via COPAC Facebook page
- School Planning councils still not replaced

5. Old Business

Gaming Funds

- Laser Engraver (discussed above - Applied Skills)
- Additional Funds/use of remaining funds - approximately \$2000 - Discussed Girls Basketball team request, Laser engraver, additional PAC awards, Academic award.

Parent/Teacher Interviews/Parent Feedback (discussed above in Principal's Report)
Fundraiser

- still looking for teams/clubs interested in participating in Spring Plant Fundraiser

PAC Award Nominations

- Very few nominations for PAC awards from teachers for first semester. PAC committee chairs are asked to send out reminders to their department heads and encourage teachers/coaches to send nominations in.

Staff Appreciation

- Date set for June 16th - more details to come.

BCCPAC Resolution (discussed above in Chair report)

6. New Business

Call for Nominations for May Election

Nominating Committee - Sarah Marriott has agreed to Chair committee

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm

Next PAC meeting: Tuesday April 12th, 2016 @ 6:45 pm