

KSS PAC MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, KSS Library

In attendance: Karen, Sarach, Cheryl, Jing, Glenn, Abbey, Sharon, Matthew, Jayme Deannie, Cadre, Camila, Scott (Principal), Julie (Vice Principal)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm,
 - a. Land Acknowledgement and Introductions
 - b. Welcome Julie Loveridge-Marks as new Vice Principal

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned by Jayme

Seconded by Matt

Passed

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Feb meeting-

Motioned by Glenn

Seconded by Shannon

Passed

- a. Question from Glenn re names included in minutes, Camila to look into

4. Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs)

- a. Students have finished course selection and the administration is preparing the schedule for next year, postings for teacher positions to be released in early may. The school is also waiting on budget from the school district for planning for next year.
 - i. Question: is it difficult to find teachers?
 1. No, that being said, there are some specialized courses that are more challenging. Band levels of teachers also come into play.
- b. On April 23/24-students vote for the federal election. Polling stations will be set up in the MPR. This is a chance for students to experience the election process.
- c. Students who chose to enter into math contests have completed 4 of the 5 competitions.
- d. Air band next week
- e. Jillian Franz sent along a thank you for PAC. Her creative writing class published a magazine with funds from the PAC. One student's article was selected and published in a magazine.
- f. The rugby team has been using the mats that the PAC allocated funds for, they are working out great.
- g. Parent Portal will be available for parents to view report cards. The instructions will be sent out so parents/guardians can view their student's report cards without students having to access it.

- i. Question re ability to print the report card from portal

- 1. Scott to look into it

5. Executive Reports

- a. Co-Chairs – Karen and Sarah- nothing to report
- b. Treasurer – Cheryl-nothing to report
- c. Secretary – Camila-nothing to report
- d. Academic Chair – Jing-
 - i. Letter from Jillian Franz and the avid readers club. They are reading Remarkably bright creatures with the funds provided. The letter also mentioned the magazine article that was mentioned in the principal's report.
- e. Athletic Chair – Glenn
 - i. Lots of sports underway: soccer, ultimate frisbee, rugby, golf, track and field and tennis
- f. Fine Arts Chair – Abbey-
 - i. The Drama Department is putting on new works, 15 student plays. One of the plays from last year won the bc Youth Write Competition, Tea Party, written by Mae G.
 - ii. Art in Action: Interwoven is now open at the Kelowna Art Gallery featuring art by SD 23 students. It runs until June 15.
 - iii. The KSS Chamber Choir competed on Monday at the Windscares Choral Festival. They performed very well, results to come.
- g. Indigenous Chair –Sharon-
 - i. There is an exciting opportunity for Indigenous students to attend Indigenous summer Camp with a focus on Health and Science. They will do the camp at the first nation's house of learning. The camp is in August, deadline to apply is June
- h. Technical Education Chair – Matthew-
 - i. Letter from Robotics club about their first robotics competition:It was a truly amazing opportunity to develop STEM-related skills and meet with like-minded people



- i. Student Support Chair – Jayme-nothing to report
- j. Clubs Chair - Deannie - nothing to report
- k. COPAC Representative – Cadre-
 - i. see attached summary from the COPAC president at the bottom.
 - ii. John Rever was announced as the new superintendent, his position starts July 1.
 - iii. KSS was one of the host schools for the Junior All Native Basketball Tournament. The tournament was a success.
 - iv. Update from Cadre about her presentation to the board about capital projects
- 6. Unfinished business
 - a. Update on Teacher appreciation plans – June 4 in the library, Cadre organizing.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Distribution of gaming funds from Winter Teacher requests intake
 - b. See attached KSS PAC WINTER FUNdraising requests

c. Motion from Sarah: To approve the \$16999.87 spending of gaming grant money to support the school.

- i. Passed unanimously
- d. Request from PAC to Scott for more feedback about how funds were used, ie pictures or presentations for PAC to see
- e. Brief discussion re grad costs and how students in financial need are able to participate
 - i. Julie Loveridge-Marks shared about her program Proud for Prom which provides dresses and suit for grads who can't afford them
 - 1. Proudforprom.com
- f. 2025-2026 PAC
 - i. Majority of members are returning. We will need the following: co-president or vice president, treasurer, COPAC rep
 - 1. Mike is the treasurer at DKE, he might be willing
 - 2. There are a few parents who attend COPAC, one of them could be the rep
 - ii. AGM is next meeting, May 20
- g. PAC scholarship(s) – the winners have been chosen but we have not been informed of winners yet.
- h. KSS website, PAC page, and weekly Whoo's News are sources of information for parents. KSS PAC email is kss.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca
- i. Next Meeting – PAC AGM and new Council Election - May 20, 6:30 – In person in the KSS Library – All parents/guardians with students who will attend KSS in fall 2025 are invited to participate.

8. Meeting Adjournment at 7:54

Teacher Requests, Spring 2025

Teacher/Staff	Department	Amount Requested (inc. tax or shipping)	Number of Students Benefited	Description and reason for funds and when it will be spent/used (must be spent within current school year and receipts must be submitted to PAC for payment)	Amount Funded
Brittany Miller	Computer Science	320	32+	I have a set of 21 working drawing tablets in my computer lab, but 2/3 of my animation classes this year have had 31 or more students enrolled in it. I am asking for funds to buy 5 additional Wacom One tablets (\$57 each + tax on amazon.ca) which will match the rest of the ones we have in the lab. It is beneficial to have all of the same tech as we only have to worry about one set of drivers/software to update (requires IT admin access) and it's less confusing for the students. This will immediately benefit my computer animation 11/12 class (32 students enrolled) but the tech should last for multiple years and allow me to continue to host large class sizes without asking some students to do without course materials. I should be able to get several more tablets using my classroom budget but I don't want to spend all of my budget halfway through the year. 5 would bring me up to 26 and then I could round it out to 28 or 30 using my classroom budget. Thanks for your consideration!	\$0 This is for curriculum, we cannot fund this
Jeff Begg	Physical Education	893.67	250	We are looking for multi use 2 way radios to communicate teacher to student, student to student, and teacher to teacher on various outdoor activities. The radios would be used by the MTB class/team, The OEd classes, track and field, cross country team and any other department that has a field trip outside on trails or roads.	\$894
TEACHER	Careers/ Language		All students who use this classroom.	A new sound system in the classroom to get rid of the loud buzz in the room.	Mr Parker to get more details for next year.
Ashlee Davison	Ultimate Frisbee	\$795	60	We purchased 50 Ultimate Frisbee discs for our teams (two senior teams) this year. They cost \$530 plus \$265 for shipping, taxes, and customs. These are an essential item for the kids and the only item of cost in an otherwise affordable sport. Thank you so much for investing in youth athletics :)	\$795 If they are not already purchased, please try to find somewhere with cheaper shipping

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Crystal Zaseybida	PE	\$800	15 and everyone that watches them	This money will go towards getting club t-shirts (KSS DANCE CLUB) \$300 and \$500 honorarium to go to our Choreographers (Danny Tagle - High School Musical Choreographer and worked in Cirque de Soleil Asia etc.). I am not able to go to the PAC meeting to support this request as I teach Yoga Tuesday nights. I will see if I can get some students to go to a meeting in the future. This club gives students a safe space to explore dance and friendships on a Friday lunch. It is not a course and 100% optional. We plan to perform at Airband and maybe another event. We have been slow to learn choreo as many students are beginner dancers. So we are not quite ready for Westerns but hopefully we will be ready for AirBand! Truly, the intent of this club is to have people working off stress and having fun. Lifelong fitness and for students to make new friends or strengthen old friendships. We are definitely having fun! And working hard. Danny challenges us to do fun but intricate choreographies! THANK YOU for your consideration and we appreciate the financial support in the fall. Take care all and know that you make a difference at our school!	\$300 For honorarium for Choreographer
crystal zaseybida	Dance Fitness	\$1,000	90	This request is for guest instructors for Dance Fitness - this is one of the students favorite activities that I do in class. I typically teach students a unit (fitness or dance) and then get a teacher in the community to come teach that genre of Dance/Fitness. Students love the variety and often get excited about it and start doing fitness and dance in the community! Again, Lifelong fitness - creating healthy lifestyles so students are happy, healthy, balanced and motivated! Thank you again for supporting our KSS programs- I think that the diversity at KSS is one of the reasons that we have a great school! And your contributions to our programs help us take our programs to the next level! :)	\$900 \$10 per student
Crystal Zaseybida	YOGA and WELLNESS	\$800, \$300 for Yoga field trip and \$500 for guest instructors	30	Yoga students will go through a Yoga unit and then I will bring in a specialized yoga instructor to give students a class. They will also go on a field trip where students will experience different types of yoga in different settings (hot yoga for example). Thank you for all the support, student loved having different instructors in to class and it really opened their eyes to the various studios, types of Yoga and about the lifestyle. PS - I also encourage my students to take Yoga teacher training when they are older as a way to keep up their practice and maintain/reinforce a healthy way of being. Mental and physical health is so important to our students as they leave KSS to pursue their future. Yoga goes with them, to keep them grounded and on their authentic path. Again, thank you for your consideration.	\$600 300 for field trip and 300 for honorarium
Fallan Freeman	Applied Skills	\$711.20	Several Departments and Students	Plotter Ink - We (the students), make posters for several departments, including the Library, Rec. Leadership, Athletics, Home Ec., Tech Ed, Etc	\$711

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Drescher/Ragonaden/Ragobar	BIPOC club	500	school wide	Our BIPOC club hopes to run a multicultural day for the entire school. Possible dates are March 12th or April 9th. It will include celebrations of food, dance, clothing and music. This will expose students to diversity in the building, and give our students an opportunity to share and celebrate what they are proud of.	\$500
Jeff Begg	P.E	\$893.76	250	Two radio system to be used for OEd 11/12, MTB 10/11/12 and any other class that travels outdoors on trails or roads that may require communications between teachers and/or students. To enhance student and teacher safety while Mountain biking, hiking and orienteering, we would use the radios on every ride during MTB class, MTB races, OEd hikes and camping expeditions. The radios would enhance our abilities to keep students in constant contact with teachers in mountainous environments where current cheap radios are ineffective	\$0 duplicate
Daniel Ragobar	Grad	1300	approx. 500	Funds will go towards lowering the cost of the venue for Prom. This will cover the gratuities and tax on The Grand Ballroom.	\$1,300
Sheila French	Music	\$12,000	200 per year	1. Many of our stands are broken. They have been used for so many years by so many students. 2. Travel has risen substantially and it is making it very difficult for families to send their kids. This would lower the cost of our trip and make it possible for more students to go. \$3000 towards our bus costs would be incredible. 3. Bass Trombone- we only have one at the zschool and we should have 3. If we could purchase 1 this year it would make it possible for younger students to learn this instrument. 4. Due to more Jazz Bands at KSS we are short on Bari saxes. I found a second hand one for \$3500. It is much less than the Wentworth quote. I have include documents of other Baris of the same quality/age etc. Several of ours are very old. We are trying to replace them gradually.	\$8,500 No music stands, circular, \$2000 for bus, \$3000 for bass trombone, \$3500 for baritone saxophone
Harry parmar	Athletics	\$2,500.00	50	Pixellot camera for games for games and practices	\$2,500 Mr Parker to confirm with district that this is ok for privacy.
		\$21,713.63			Total Funded \$16,999.87

COPAC UPDATE from Nicola Baker, president

1) March Special Guests: We welcomed Jordan Kleckner and Brenda Kirsch from the district to discuss early Literacy.

Jordan and Brenda have provided this for your use at upcoming PAC meetings:

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has announced new grants to support school districts as part of a province wide early literacy initiative. One requirement of the grant is for all districts to provide early literacy assessments for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 – something we are proud to say has already been in place in our district for many years. This grant will help us continue to grow our collective expertise as educators in designing responsive early literacy instruction for all learners. Another requirement of the grant is to support families with meaningful literacy information and resources. As we develop our district's grant proposal, we are seeking input from teachers, principals, the Board of Education, the Indigenous Education Council, and PACs. We recently attended the April COPAC meeting and gathered great suggestions, and we would love to hear from your PAC as well.

Please consider discussing the following questions at your April or May meeting and submitting your feedback through the survey link below:

- What should we as a district consider when providing families with information and resources on literacy?*
- What literacy information and resources would be most beneficial for families?*
- How can we effectively share this information and these resources with families?*

Survey link: sd23.org/literacy

2) COPAC AGM Notice: May 5, 2025 7pm via zoom

COPAC Executive Nominations: <https://forms.gle/NFJX51w9noooDJgt6>

All executive roles are open for election every year. (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, 3x Member at Large). If you are interested and have questions, please reach out to Nicola!

3) Survey: Reminder for parents to complete the School Calendar Survey – deadline is Friday April 11. <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/news/2026-2028-school-calendar-survey-20250307211801>

4) **It's budget season for SD23 – If you are interested in the budget development discussions, School Board Planning and Finance meetings are open to the public. See this link for upcoming meeting agendas <https://pub-sd23.escribemeetings.com/?Year=2024>

As it is budget season in SD23, it's a great time to request your school principal share their School level discretionary budget with your PAC. There may be opportunities at this time of year to have input on a number of budgetary decisions for your school as well as work in a more collaborative manner to plan your PAC budget for 25/26 school year.

5) IMPORTANT: BC Gaming and BCeID

PAC Gaming grant applications are open now until June 30. Please ensure your PAC completes this application process as Gaming has been unforgiving to late applicants the last few years. Please also remember to ask your treasurer to register for a BCeID for your PAC. BC Gaming

now requires all PACs to have a BCeID to submit gaming registration and reports. This can take some time as the code comes via letter mail to your school. Please ensure you let your school admin team know that you are anticipating this mail as it arrives addressed to the “Chief Financial Officer” and unfortunately we have seen some letters arrive without the “Parent Advisory Council/PAC” title as it seems to be too long for the address line. This can be confusing for your school administration!!

****6) APRIL 10 Virtual Event - TOMORROW!! Last chance to register!**

COPAC & Jennie King from Science World Present: AI for Parents

April 10 at 7pm. Register now and more details to follow.

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ghqdn28RbK6uLxXY6cgEw>

7) Summer Camp Registrations

Note that Geering Up UBC-O, WWEST and CampOC are accepting registrations for summer camps. Geering Up information attached to this email.

8) STEM in Kelowna/SD23

There are a number of SD23 STEAM activities in May, including “Exploring STEAM Futures” for elementary on May 13, “Expo of Awesome” for middle/high on May 15 and the district SumoBot competition on May 22. SumoBot is a great opportunity for elementary and middle school students to put their Lego robotics skills to the test. Talk to your school administration or robotics specialist to find out more and encourage registration (*Lego robotics kits are a great way to spend PAC funds in a meaningful and lasting way*).

RDCO offers great family opportunities for learning and outdoor fun throughout the year. Check out the upcoming “Wonders of Water” event on May 3, 2025 at Mission Creek Regional Park

<https://calendar.rdco.com/default/Detail/2025-05-03-1000-Wonders-of-water>

9) BCCPAC

BCCPAC AGM May 23-25, Prince George BC and Online

Proxy forms are available now for member PACs.

COPAC President, Nicola Baker, will be attending the AGM in person on behalf of COPAC. PACs who are BCCPAC members, please be sure to discuss who will carry your vote at the AGM. We would be happy for Nicola to carry Proxy votes for any of our member PACs. The proxy form requires the *Voting Delegate Name, email, phone number*. Contact Nicola for questions!

Proxy form: <https://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm/agm/proxy-form>

10) STEM at your Carnivals:

Just a reminder about availability of some of our STEM partners to attend your events and set up an interactive station for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring. Each group has limited availability so I recommend reaching out early to secure your event date/time.

-WWEST – STEM stations availability for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring.
Contact kaleigh.marks@ubc.ca to check availability

- GeeringUP UBC-O – Jennifer Garner jen.garner@ubc.ca

-Let's Talk Science - <https://letstalkscience.ca/outreach/ubcokanagan>

11) Health Promoting Schools News: For Caregivers/Parents from the BC Association of Clinical Counsellors

[Caregivers and the Teen Years: How to Navigate Your Relationship, Healthy Boundaries, and Conflict](#)

Tuesday, April 29th | 6 - 7pm, free virtual public event

Save the date for our May 5, 2025 COPAC Annual General Meeting - 7pm via zoom -
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/66115075827>