

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday January 10, 2017

In attendance: Joy Godel, Jennifer Nemet, Sofia Simeonidis, Lori Raible, Sarah Mariott, Janet Dillon, Darlene Kinakin, Krista Berrigan, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Valary Chidwick, Troy White (Principal)

Welcome/Meeting start 6:35pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda** - adopted by Jennifer Nemet
- 2. Approval of the Minutes** - December 13, 2016; Motion to accept by Sofia Simeonidis, seconded by Joy Godel, all in favour, motion carried
- 3. Parent in Residence (PIR) Lori Raible**
 - Institute of Families (The F.O.R.C.E.) for Child & Youth Mental Health
 - Parent in residence; parent that has lived experience and is trained to provide community with support, resources, system navigation strategies, mentoring and training.
 - Excited about new Facility being opened in Kelowna “The Foundary” staffed with doctors, nurses and mental health professionals to help with intake of individuals with heightened mental health issues - an alternative to the KGH Emergency department.
 - Speaker “Temple Grandin” from University of Colorado speaking on Autism at Kelowna Community Theatre next Tuesday (January 17th) at the Kelowna Community Theatre
 - Dr. Gabor Maté - resource on addiction, stress and childhood development; Free event January 27th, The Role of Trauma in Co-occurring Disorders; Science Conference
- 4. Principal’s Report** - Troy White
 - Teachers won court case on class size/composition and province is providing \$50 million to hire 1000 teachers across the province (40 in Kelowna) - unsure at this point how this will affect KSS.
 - KSS is full and does not have space for additional classes but may look at putting additional teachers into existing classrooms for support - will have update at next PAC meeting (hoping implementation decisions will be made prior to Spring Break)
 - School District operating at 104% - new school desperately needed
 - Social Media Awareness presentation (free parent evening) Jan16th 6:00-7:30 pm Hollywood Road Educational Services
 - Free Presentation Unplug & Play Week -Age of Emoji; Finding Balance with Technology (presented by CMHC) Jan 26th 6:00-7:00 pm at Hollywood Educational Services
 - ARC Programs Presentation - “A Survival Guide for Talking to your Teen” (learn more about what drugs teens are using and why) Feb 1st 7pm at Dr. Knox Middle School
 - What you need to know about Fentanyl (handout provided)
 - Best of the West Basketball Tournament coming up first week of February includes Senior girls tourney this year as well as a Grey Owls game (team from 1982).

- January 15th UBCO tour for current grade 11 students (sign -up with Patty Buna)
- January 24th/25th Provincial Exams for grade 12 students (Eng 12, Comm 12, Fral 12)
Only students writing Provincial Exams attend these days.
- Delay in introduction of new BC Curriculum; current grade 11 students will write grade 12 provincial exams next year, current grade 10 students will write numeracy & literacy assessments going forward.
- New multi-media presentation screens in the MPR for announcements; live streaming/showcasing of student work etc. Check it out!

5. Executive Reports

Chairperson - Sarah Marriott

- PAC Awards committee to meet next week to revise forms and send out to first semester teachers for student nominations

Vice Chairperson - Jennifer Nemet (no report)

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Banking issues with change of signing authority - bank seemed to require more information. I believe we finally have this sorted out and everything in place.
- Please prompt teachers to purchase items with approved PAC funds
- Sarah agreed to send reminders out to those teachers who have not been in touch with PAC regarding their approved funds

Secretary - Brenda Maier - (no report)

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman (absent)

Applied Skills Chair - Ken Chung (absent)

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez- Lefevre

- Tomorrow is the official deadline for artwork and writing for the third issue of Papercuts, KSS's Fine Arts Magazine. The magazine will be published in the Spring.

Music

- Jazz at the Forum -Jan 27th, 1317 Ethel Street; showcases Jazz students, special guest saxophonist Tom Keenlyside and singer Amanda Taylor Kunz. This is a fundraiser for students to attend the Lionel Hampton Music Festival in Moscow Idaho in February.
- Music Showcase -Feb 20th & 21st, First Lutheran Church (Lakeshore Road); all KSS Music groups will perform. Tickets are available on-line until Feb 17th (major fundraiser of the year for our Music Department).
- Kiwanis Music Festival and BC Interior Jazz Festival coming up in April

Photography & Graphics

- Corinna has ordered a portable studio with PAC money and is using for a project she calls 'Seniors to Seniors', where her Senior students take the studio into an old age home and take portraits of the residents there.
- She has also been busy with her vinyl-cutting machine and making t-shirts--infinitely easier than silkscreening and far less messy. The results have been great, and the shirts made GREAT Christmas gifts.

Drama

- Mr. Schwartz has announced the next play. He has chosen to do "The Frogs: A Modern Adaptation". Here is a brief write up: Disgusted with the state of current

entertainment, Dionysus, God of Wine and Poetry, decides that it's time to retrieve Shakespeare from the underworld. Unfortunately, his plan to rescue Shakespeare goes horribly awry, as he's captured by a chorus of reality-television-loving demon frogs. The frogs put the god on trial and threaten him with never-ending torment unless he brings more reality shows into the world. It won't be easy for Dionysus to survive, and, even if he does get past the frogs, Jane Austen isn't ready to let Shakespeare escape without a fight. Adapted from Aristophanes' classic satire, *The Frogs* is a hilarious and scathing look at highbrow and lowbrow art. *Flexible staging*.

Art

- Tim Mayer would like to thank PAC for their generous allocation of funds for additional art supplies. He wanted members to know that he is currently sourcing materials etc. at Opus for upcoming purchase.

Video Production

- Just before the Christmas Break, Video Pro 11/12 students presented their "Love Canada" videos for selection in the upcoming showing at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Nine videos were presented, and three selected. These will be posted on the Censor This! website this week (www.ksscensorthis.com). Second Semester entries will be viewed in May and the final winners announced late May.
- KSS Video Pro would like to thank PAC for making possible the recent purchase of a Panasonic HC-V770 HD Camcorder with Wireless Smartphone Twin Video Capture.
- KSS affiliate Art of Adventure Productions is due to release a trailer for "La Senda Verde: Rescue in the Andes" before the end of the month (visit www.artofadventure.ca). The documentary tells the story of La Senda Verde Animal Refuge located on the east side of the Bolivian Andes. The refuge is home to more than 150 monkeys, 400 parrots and a host of jungle oddities like the nine-banded armadillo, the paca, capybara and kinkajou. A five-person film crew made up of four KSS alumni (Thomas Panio, Rava Hoeller, Larius Kieninger, Erica Papke) and director/teacher Jon Derksen, travelled to the remote location to film for three weeks in the country.

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick

- The Basketball gun has arrived and is now being used by students to practice shooting; all Basketball teams are in full swing (midseason)
- Westerns Basketball tournament coming up first week of February
- Curling team on the girls side is struggling for numbers
- AAA Boys Rugby Team is in their tryout stage
- AAA Girls Soccer Tryouts Start Monday Jan 16th at 7 am in the KU Bubble
- Jr Boys Rugby signup meeting happening; contact Mr. Steen
- Archery tournament next Wednesday (Jan 18th) - KSS Archers are doing very well!

COPAC - Valary Chidwick & Krista Berrigan

- Looking for feedback from parents on proposed calendar for next year; last two weeks of March (March 19-30th which includes Easter) or middle two weeks (March 12-23rd)?
- Trustee Report; AGM Policy Committee being formed (resurrected)
- Court Ruling re: class size and composition; 40 teachers to be hired in School District in the immediate future
- French Immersion decision to make Dr. Knox a dual track middle school to take pressure off of KLO Middle school

- Westside report; looking at options for expansion/multiple entry points for French Immersion. Space issues/grade configuration/tremendous growth to be considered.
- New Curriculum; decision to implement deferred from 2017/2018 to 2018/2019. Provincial Exams will be replaced with Numeracy and Literacy assessments.
- March COPAC meeting is budget meeting - all parents are welcome to attend.
- Human Rights Policy; conforming on gender neutral signage for washrooms within the district - dedicated gender neutral washroom/private washroom for use by all students
- Upcoming workshops for parents:
Feb 1st; Talking to Your Teen Survival Guide (ARC) @ Dr. Knox Middle School 7-8pm
Feb 7th; Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity @ OKM 7-8pm
Feb 21st; Peaceful parenting with Maggie Reigh @ Hollywood Road 6:30-8:30pm
Feb 23rd; Supporting Student Mental Wellness (FORCE)
April 20 & 21; Social Media speaker Jesse Miller @ Dr. Knox (20th) & OKM (21st)

6. Old Business

PAC Awards

- letters to go out to First Semester Teachers by the end of January

COBSS Bursaries

- January 16th COBSS applications due for grade 12 students

Condom Project Update

- Interior Health High School Condom Pilot Project 2016 update; overwhelming evidence that it was a successful project (137 students completed survey) and project has been extended till June 2017.

7. New Business

Parking Plan

- Possibility of swapping student lot with teacher lot? Or adding a second entrance/exit to the student lot? Concerns from parents over the safety of getting in and out of the student lot for pick-up and drop-off. No real safe place on Raymer for student pick-up/drop-off either. Problem with parents using teacher lot not likely to go away until a safer alternative is found.

End of term Dates

- Concern with end of term dates being a Friday/Monday either side of a weekend which is difficult for many who play team sports/compete and travel on weekends. Unfortunately dates are set by province KSS has no flexibility with these dates. This will likely repeat itself again next year

Staff Appreciation

- PAC would like to host a staff appreciation breakfast again this year. Troy to ask teachers preference and propose a date. Last year we hosted the breakfast during final exam week in June which seemed to work well but are open to other dates.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 14th, 2017 @ 6:30pm