

KSS PAC Agenda – Tuesday, January 9, 630 p.m. ZOOM ONLY

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Welcome

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx Okanagan People. We share these lands and are committed to reconciliation. (In the spirit of this, is there anyone who wishes to share something they have learned, observed?)

Introduction – Quick roundtable of attendees, especially if there are newcomers

Norah, secretary, present

Jayme, present

Carlos, present

Cadre, present

Sharon, present

Cheryl, treasurer, present

Karen, co-chair

Pavla

Matthew, technical chair

Robyn, fine arts chair

Camila

Leslie, athletic chair

Deannie, Co Pac rep and Co Pac secretary

Candice

Cassaundra, chair of academic

Scott Parker

Dylinn and Ava, students

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Of Oct meeting, and Nov 14 meeting

Camila moved, Jayme seconded adoption of all minutes

Motion to adopt all minutes passed

Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs)

Report received orally.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Myrna Stark Leader

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley

Report received. Of note is that PAC funds can be used for registration for festivals and events.

Secretary – Norah Bowman

No report

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe

No report

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell

Volleyball doing well. Spring tryouts starting now.

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer

Showcase concert for band will be in March rather than February.

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Myrna)

From Christey Hughes – Dec 14 - We have a Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee led by students from our Indigenous Academy as well as some additional students and staff. PAC as received the info on this group previously, and please do let me know if you would like me to re-send.

This group is working on an alternate version / a scaled-down vision for the outdoor classroom. The posters in our MPR and hallways reflect our original work completed with an architect and our Operations department. Students in our advisory group feel that the process is taking too long, and we have had little success in fundraising for the large-scale project.

Why at that means is that:

- The large-scale project is still our goal down the road
- A request is going in for a "placeholder" comprised of logs, rocks, natural seating that can work to begin to practice the work of how to use the space as the advisory group develops protocol with the advice from elders and knowledge keepers
- I have a meeting with our Associate Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, and Director of Operations, Rob Drew, in early January (Jan 9) to discuss our students' current request for a scaled-down version – I may bring two students from the advisory committee

Our hope moving forward is to gain momentum on focus for grant-writing and fundraising for the beautiful outdoor classroom design that has been envisioned for our field.

Students shared description of Indigenous Academy learning at KSS and planning for outdoor classroom. Discussion of meeting coming with Terry Beaudry and Rob Drew.

Motion that PAC writes a formal letter of support. Moved Norah, seconded Deannie.

Letter to be written and consulted on via email.

All in favour, carried.

Letter to be written, shared, sent to Christey Hughes within one week. Letter to mention, by name, the two students who attended.

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina

no report

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush

no report

COPAC Representative – Co-chairs Camila Biffard and Cadre Simpson

Report below in notes.

Unfinished Business

- Bursary Scholarship Fundraising – Update, any luck approaching local donors? Myrna put notice in Women's networking email but no one reached out., Basketball tournament any update?

Motion: To pre-approve 3 or 4 scholarships for 2024 graduation, ensuring enough funds remain for teacher appreciation.

Moved: Carlos

Seconded: Leslie

Motion approved.

- Google Docs site is set up (have docs been added?)
- Graeme Stacey (Holocaust Studies teacher) was invited to present to PAC, but declined since we only had zoom option until May and the May meeting will be the AGM, his papers will be signed by PAC for approval of his ask prior to the winter school break. He was appreciative.
- Fall gaming fund (Did all letters get sent, any responses from teachers?)
- On-line fillable form for Winter gaming fund intake – created? Timing for this ask?

Reminder: For each meeting: agenda, last month's minutes, email to parents one week prior to invite, invite in Whoo's News, any change required to KSS PAC content on website, any other documents?

New Business

- KSS PAC 2024 gaming funds winter intake – *Deadline to submit ask by teachers in 2023 was Feb 10 with no approval until April.*
- Teacher appreciation plan – how many, date(s), budget (coffee, muffins, lunch?)

Agreed that there will be coffee and snacks served, perhaps with donations from Starbucks, many PAC members present offered to help, to maybe bring food. At next meeting we need to

confirm the date, etc., but the will of the PAC to continue this even was expressed with vigour.

- Last year the student grad committee asked for \$1,000 in funding – any request this year?
- Does the Indigenous classroom outdoor area count? – COPAC Executive is aiming to understand the backlog of approved or planned parent funded projects/enhancement agreements or being fundraised for but have not been permitted to enter into the enhancement agreement process. We request that all PACs complete the following survey: [Survey of PAC Funded Projects https://forms.office.com/r/a0TypCMpmU](https://forms.office.com/r/a0TypCMpmU)
- Other – at the bottom of the agenda, all are fyi only

Parent Questions/Comments

- KSS website, PAC page, and weekly Whoo's News are sources of information for parents. KSS PAC email is kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

Encouragement to PAC members to complete SD23 questionnaire about grading.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting – Feb 13, 6:30 - zoom

Items of note:

- **PIE Meeting** – Reminder to Share: January Partners for Inclusive Education Meeting – January 15, 2024 (<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>)
- **From COPAC meeting in Dec. -- Guest Speaker:** SD23 Director of Instruction for Feeding Futures, Rhonda Ovelson, joined us as our December Guest Speaker to provide an update on the Feeding Futures program as well as some interesting information from Health Promoting Schools. Feeding Futures supports many families via a variety of programs including breakfasts programs, brown bag lunch programs and backpack programs. This is a growing issue in our community with over 1,000 students needing and receiving meals at breakfast and lunch and well over 300 students on the backpack program. We know at this time of year PACs and parents may be looking for ways they can provide some extra support to SD23 families struggling with food insecurity. Some of you may have participated or be aware of discussions at our November COPAC General Meeting regarding how we as a community, might support families over the winter break, spring break and summer break, times when students will not be receiving in-school food support and the backpack programs do not run. **Rhonda has worked with our SD23 finance team to create an option for community donations in School Cash online called “Feeding Families”.** If you would like to, Donations can be made at <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>. Under the “Donations”

button, select “Feeding Families” as the fund destination in the drop-down menu. Gifts by individuals or companies over \$20 are eligible for a charitable tax receipt (PACs are not eligible for a tax receipt). We would encourage any PACs interested in contributing from their funds to contact Rhonda Ovelson (rhonda.oveslon@sd23.bc.ca) regarding the process for this.

Board of Education meeting (AGM and board meeting) highlights are posted to the school district website:

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinghighlights/Pages/default.aspx#/=>