

KSS PAC Minutes
Tuesday October 8, 2024 (zoom)

In Attendance via Zoom:

21 Attendees

Introductions – of the PAC executive and Principal

Motion to pass minutes from September motion from Sandra 2nd Glen, carried

Adoption of the Agenda- carried with moving the Copac Report to earlier in the agenda.

Principal's Report

It has been a busy September. All of the students have been counted and all students have classes. There are 1894 at KSS with 45 more than last year. The school celebrated world teacher's day. Tomorrow is parent teacher interviews- 4:30-6:30 no appointments necessary.

Exciting athletics- cross country, homecoming for football, field hockey. best of the west- JR boys volleyball won, Jr girls did well too. SR tournament in a few weeks.

Next week, there will be a pep rally to build school spirit.

A student and teacher are going to sister school in Kasugai- Japan- they will be presenting about the United Nations 17 goals of sustainability at a conference.

Copac

Leslie pointed out the highlights from the COPAC meeting that included a presentation from Tobias Blaskovitz SD23 District STEAM/Learning Technology Consultant, a reminder to look at all political parties' plans for education, and a summary of the upcoming events hosted by COPAC. See below:

Email from Nicola Baker COPAC president (8/10/24):

I have three relatively urgent items that I wanted to bring to you from our meeting last night.

- 1. As we discussed last night at our COPAC meeting, we have been involved in provincial collaboration with a number of other DPACs across the province, looking at the BCCPAC situation as well as trying to fill in the gaps left by the*

dysfunctional organization. As we are in the middle of a provincial election, we have focused some of our attention on how to elevate public education to be a more prominent issue for the candidates. A letter has been put together by parents from across BC, and it is part of the work done by our growing coalition of DPACs.

I will include a link to the letter in a read only google doc as well as a link to a signature page to add your support if you feel so inclined. We will move the signatures into the document containing the letter as they are added. This letter will then be shared out via social media channels of various DPACs across the province and others from there. The intention is to demonstrate that BC parents are informed and paying attention to education this election.

Anyone can sign the letter, it does not have to be a PAC or DPAC affiliation.

Families Call for Action Letter

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qhQLYCSpmjmUgKxrW6YmWftHo0nMSwnaON0ohcva6E/edit?usp=sharing>

Signatures

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dBaD9G3wPAGjlxqsw_FY7oUXR9uYCokupphY YGQmMQ4/edit?usp=sharing

There were two other urgent items from last night's meeting

2. **TONIGHT 6:30pm!!** Dyslexia BC: **How DO we learn to read? - with Dr Stephen Truch**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-do-we-learn-to-read-with-dr-stephen-truch-tickets-1022110047667?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

3. PAC 101 – October 17 at 7pm zoom. Registration required. (Open to any SD23 PAC Executive Members)

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Ysc-gupzMoE9ON4KNnthjPxM1lf7OpxwQB>

Treasurer 101 – November 14 7pm on zoom. Registration required. (Open to any SD23 PAC Executive Members, encourage PAC treasurers to attend)

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ctcOmsqzkoEtbLvy5iaQM-8jXWqvmTuQER>

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - nothing to report

Treasurer

Home gaming grant \$36400-\$45000 to spend

Glenn asked why the allocated money can carry over happens. Some teachers said they didn't know that they were approved. Sarah suggested that we cut off last year's requests as the letter was dated that the funding would run out.

Have asks of \$38000, to be discussed later

Letter from COBBS- requesting funds and cut off dates

Secretary - nothing to report

Academic Chair

Social Studies Update

Student Vote at KSS

Organizer: Jordan Long, Social Studies teacher

Activity: Students will cast their ballots for which MLA candidate they think should represent the Kelowna-Mission riding in Victoria. The KSS student votes then will be compared with those of the eligible voting populace locally & provincially

Purpose: To engage Canadian youth (aged 18-29) to participate more in our Canadian democratic way of life & to cultivate habits of voting in youth

Time: Third week of October, before the provincial election on Oct.19th

Sciences Update (from Jim Strachan)

Feedback Collection: Jim will survey his department and gather input and requests from the Science department to present to the PAC. Current requests from the Science department:

Budget Request: \$250 for KSS memorabilia for invited STEM speakers

Event sponsorship: Mr. Bourdon & Mr. Reynolds will organize a STEM extra-curricular trip for students to Hawaii, likely requesting PAC support through Mr. Parker

Athletic Chair - reiterated principal's athletics report

Requested department head emails be shared

Fine Arts Chair – nothing to report

Indigenous Chair

The KSS Indigenous student advocates reached out by email to all of the parents/guardians of the KSS Indigenous students to welcome them and ensure that they ask for support, if required, in any subject.

Also, on September 20th the 15th Annual OC Powwow was held which drew in many from KSS and other Kelowna schools.

Technical Education Chair – Request for crib boards. Fallon Trevor- request for automotive club- \$10,000 for automotive hoist.

Student Support Chair - Nothing to report

COPAC Representative - nothing to report

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

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- PAC Bursaries/Scholarships for 2025, Update.
- Nothing has been donated as of yet for the bursary.
 - November is the cut off for COBBS
 - Sarah is working on the alumni letter. Asking how to make a donation if alumni don't have school cash online. Scott said a cheque is written to the district, they issue a tax receipt, then money is sent to the school and given to PAC.

New Business

-Proposed PAC Budget - teacher requests; brief review. - 29 requests.

Question put forward regarding outdoor space. Scott said the project was over a million dollars. It was suggested that one year the PAC uses all funds and work with a new architect. As the school district is not funding any enhancement projects, even if the PAC can fund it, the district will not be able to complete it. The question was asked if PAC gave funds 5 years ago for this project and nothing has been done. Should the funds be returned to the PAC? Scott and the treasurer will look into this.

Executive will meet before the next PAC meeting to go through requests and ensure all requests meet Gaming Grant requirements and discuss any questions with Mr Parker prior to the next meeting.

Parent Questions/Comments

- KSS website, PAC page, and weekly Whoo's News are sources of information

for parents. KSS PAC email is kss.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca

Meeting Adjournment- 7:32

Next Meeting - Tuesday November 12, 2024, 6:30pm in person - KSS Library.