

KSS PAC Agenda - Tuesday November 14, 6:30 p.m. KSS Library

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.

Myrna, if no one else: When we travel to a different country, where people speak a language other than English, most of us try to learn a few words in that language. A while back I learned to say "hello" in nsyilxcən. Way' – Weytk – HelloWay' is the Syilx Okanagan greeting and connotes an acknowledgement that what has happened is done and everything is now a possibility. Weytk means hello or welcome.

Introduction – Newcomers

Present:

Matthew
Jayme
Candice
Kamila
Carlos
Leslie
Cheryl
Troy Parker
Robyn

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Oct 10, 2023

Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs)

Mr. Parker presented the Holocaust Studies 12 course for PAC approval.
Included: slides, a paper, his business card, etc, from teacher Graeme Stacey.
All KSS PAC members were provided the opportunity to look through the BAA proposal.

Robyn moves to approve it, seconded by Leslie.
All in favour: unanimous in favour.

Noted: PAC is invite Mr. Stacey to attend our in person February 13th upcoming meeting.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Myrna Stark Leader

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley

Gaming amount is \$36,420.00
In bank: \$57,300.00
See attached budget documents.

Secretary – Norah Bowman

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe

See attached written report.

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell

Field hockey success. Grade 12 got a top 4 finish.
Junior Boys volleyball report.
Senior Girls volleyball report.
Boys soccer success.
KSS hosted the middle school rugby tournament, which was also very nice.

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer

Shakespeare in Love in Feb from drama dept.

KSS trumpet players played remembrance day at some elementary schools.

Vocal Jazz, music Christmas concerts, Jazz night at Laurel, Jazz combo night as well.

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Myrna or Student - Indigenous student to report on behalf of Indigenous Chair?)

Vacant position, no report.

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina

Written report attached, picture of cookies attached, some signs and other wood objects made, robotics making things for drama department, robotics club is very organized and excited.

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush

No report.

COPAC Representative – Co-chairs Camila Biffard and Cadre Simpson

Written report attached. Simon Adams running for BCCPAC.

Unfinished Business

- Bursary Scholarship Fundraising; 2 offers – see new business - Karen
 1. *Donations through school cash online: ? Does not work. Schools can't get the cash to PACs. Or can they? Still being worked out and organized. Not clear. Mr. Parker will work on it and get back to us.*
 2. *Norah and Denise Kenney will talk about approaching local donors, alumni.*
 3. *Discussion with Mr. Parker about PAC having a table at the basketball tournament, which seems like a good way to get direct donations. Norah will speak with him about it.*

- Google docs site for documents

Karen will set up a KSS PAC gmail drive and will share it with everyone. Make the recover email the school district email.

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

- Indigenous Chair role - *Need one.*
- KSS PAC gaming funds distribution – see handouts

Decisions made, Cheryl will record decisions and send to secretary for the minutes.
Motion: To approve funding decisions as made in this meeting.
Made: Matt, Seconded, Candace. Unanimous approval.
- Teacher appreciation plan – how many, date(s), budget (coffee, muffins, lunch?)

In June. Tabled to future meeting.
- iGen – Myrna

Competition for students who start a business, like dragon's den for teenagers. It's in Kelowna but not at KSS. Mr. Parker said he will look into it and that it is staff driven, which means it only works if there is a staff member with capacity to take it on.
- *Fundraising ideas: putting up a table at an event organized by someone else at the school. Think about a table at February's Western Basketball Tournament at KSS PAC. Discuss in January.*
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- The most common immigration status for the 2023/2024 school year is work permit. Students and families have come from 94 different countries, 447 registered for 2023/2024 school year. and are in 44 different schools in SD23. From COPAC meeting Oct -- *From a PAC perspective, consider how can we engage our newcomer students and families with creating and fostering a sense of belonging within our school community.*

- Other – at the bottom of the agenda, all are fyi only
- Canadian Parents for French Education: there is no CPF chapter in SD23, and there can be, if people want to do it with Candice.
- *NOTE: for the spring 2024 intake, Camila will prepare a Google sheet for teacher applications instead of this paper form that has to be scanned.*

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

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: at 20:15

Motion Leslie, seconded Matt.

Next Meeting – January 9 - zoom

Items of note:

PAC Gaming Reports-COPAC Treasurer Roslyn gave reminder it's the time of year for PAC Treasurers to complete their BC Gaming reports-this is the summary of what your gaming funds were used for the previous year. It is also the opportunity now with the 24 month cycle, instead of the 36 month cycle, to write a letter to BC Gaming signed by PAC Treasurer and President if you need an extension for spending the funds.

The PAC is now registered with COPAC and they will pay our BCCPAC fees.

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#/=>