

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

In attendance:

Heather Fashanu, Janice Loukras, Tom Morgan, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Susan Zimmerman, Brenda Maier, Joy Godel, Brenda Hudson, Terri Birker, Rosemarie King, Maryann McCooley

Welcome/Meeting start 6:45 pm

Presentations:

Tina Clarke and Ryan Mansley from the Social Studies Department spoke to parents about the social studies programs available to KSS students. Emphasis was placed on how the social studies programs at KSS are advantageous as preparation for university studies as well as AP courses that can be used as an arts credit at university if the student is successful with a 4 or 5 result from the AP exam. This is also a good opportunity for students planning to attend university and pursue sciences, and would like to get a jump-start on their Arts credit.

1. Adoption of the Agenda - Moved by Heather Fashanu seconded by Tom Morgan. Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes - December 15, 2014 Motioned by Liliannna Perez-Lefevre and seconded by Tom Morgan. Carried.

3. Principal's Report - Vianne Kitzinger

Reminder that the KSS school goal is to see every student graduate with a diploma and we will continue to focus on work ethic in an effort to attain this goal.

Reminder: January 29 and 30 - in class final exams

Provincial Exams are Monday February 2 through Thursday February 5th 2015

Check on the website for updated handbooks/timetables and calendars

PISA examination for students born in 1999 which is an international exam that will be written in May 2015 - 45 students will be randomly chosen to write this exam. It is a full day exam with this year the focus being on science. 65 countries participate and 900 schools across Canada are chosen. Students and school administrators are not given results.

See Principal's Report for further updates

4. Executive Reports

Chair - Janice Loukras - no report

Vice Chair - vacant

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin - no report - absent.

Secretary - Heather Fashanu - no report

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman - no report

Applied Skills Chair- Tom Morgan - thanks from teachers for PAC funding to their program

Fine Arts Chair- Liliana Perez-Lefevre - thanks to the PAC from Mrs Holmwood for the new lights - Auditions for Charlotte's Web are going on now.

Athletic Chair - Terri Birker - the treadmill and mirrors for the exercise room are much appreciated. Basketball - all four teams are in the top 10 in the province.

Tryouts for Boys Senior Rugby team and Girls Senior Soccer team are underway now, Monday mornings at KU Bubble.

COPAC - Val Chidwick - absent

SPC - Rachael Fleming - absent

Report attached

5. Old Business

Vianne will ensure teacher's receive information about nominating grade 12 students for PAC awards

Janice will ensure criteria is forwarded to Vianne before January 20th in an effort to ensure first semester students will be recognized.

We reviewed criteria that were previously used; general agreement was that we want to give awards to students that wouldn't otherwise receive awards. We would still like consideration to be given to students who have overcome adversity throughout their educational years at KSS, however criteria this year will be less structured in the number of awards to be given to each specific department, emphasis will instead be put on work ethic, students who stand out in the classroom/school and personal achievement. It was decided that in order to receive student names for the 2015 PAC awards we will ask teachers for student nominations without restrictions - motioned by Joy Godel, seconded by Brenda Maier.

PAC will honour students who are recognized with work ethic recognition at the end of the school year with a KSS book bag. Motioned by Joy Godel, seconded by Brenda Maier

Cards were bought to send to staff members as needed for life events by the PAC - Vianne will contact Heather as needed

Vianne has aligned Ambassador and PAC meetings

Gaming Allocation Review - deferred to next meeting

6. New Business

Encore is the evening of February 16th and 17th at the KCT - it is the biggest fundraiser of the year with silent auction, concession and amazing performances.

Vice Chair Position is still available.

Adjournment 9:00 pm

Next meeting Tuesday February 10, 2014 @ 6:45 pm