

KSS PAC Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 13 , 630 p.m. via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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?)

Robyn shared that she and her family were having a discussion at supper around the concept of time, which traditionally is different in Indigenous communities than in our European based colonizing one.

BC has more than 200 First Nations, the most diverse in Canada for Indigenous Peoples, representing 1/3 of Canada's First Nations. It also has the most First Nations languages, 34 and approximately 60 dialects. According to 2016 census, about 6% of people in BC identify as Aboriginal or registered Treaty Status.

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

Attending:

Myrna Leader

Karen Hatch

Scott Parker

Cheryl Gawley

Norah Bowman

Robyn Springer

Camila Biffard

Sandra Landry

Deannie Zahara

Anne-Marie Pryce-Johnson

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Camila Biffard

Seconded by Robyn Springer

Approval of previous meeting minutes: January 9th

Moved by Cheryl Gawley

Seconded by Camila Biffard

Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs)

- Just finished semester 1 – report cards were issued online
- Semester 2 is just beginning.
- Western Canada Basketball Championships was a great success with a capacity crowd. There were lots of staff and student volunteers. A highlight was the game between the grade 8 KLO and Rutland girls, feeder schools to KSS.
- Marine Biology trip to Hawaii next week with another group leaving on April 2

- Shakespeare In Love, drama play – dress rehearsals are going well.
- Parent nights for incoming grade 10s and next year's 11s are underway.
- Course selection is beginning now for next year. The school anticipates to be over capacity again for 2024/25.

A question was asked regarding bathrooms and students vaping. Some students are uncomfortable using the bathrooms at school and are waiting until they get home at the end of the day. Staff acknowledges the problem and is doing their best to check the washrooms regularly to address the issue. Rising temperatures outside also mean students typically go outdoors to vape once the weather improves.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Myrna Stark Leader

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley:

- Allocated \$22800 so far this year - \$11783 remaining to spend. \$9600 outstanding from last year.
- Scott to remind teachers that they have until February 23rd to submit funding requests. An electronic form has been sent out. Also remind teachers that have been allocated money to spend it and submit receipts asap. We encourage the staff to connect with the PAC to let them know their plans/give updates.

Secretary – Norah Bowman: No report

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe: No report

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell: No report

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer:

- Drama - "Shakespeare in Love" begins Feb 14-17 and 21-24.
- Music Showcase – March 4th @Lutheran Church. Tickets are available.
- Band – Trips to New York & Whistler in April

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Myrna): No report

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina: No report

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush: No report

COPAC Representative – Co-chairs Camila Biffard and Cadre Simpson:

- SD23 Secretary Treasurer Delta Carmichael and Assistant Secretary Treasurer Kate Cumming presented the 24/25 SD23 Budget at the February COPAC meeting. All parents in SD23 have now received a link to complete the Budget Survey <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/462587231> Parents can submit their feedback until March 4th.
- COPAC will be holding a White Hatter parent education series on online safety. These events will be online and FREE to the parent community. Information will be sent out to everyone.
- There was a discussion regarding cell phone restrictions: SD23 is waiting for further direction from the MECC prior to the September 24th deadline to establish policies on restrictions on cell phone use in classrooms from the MECC. It is expected that phones will not be banned but use will be restricted. COPAC are encouraging PACs to connect with their school administration to bring current school code of conduct forward. Scott

said that the school will make some tweaks to the KSS' code of conduct, but he doesn't expect huge changes. Most inappropriate content happens outside of school.

- February 27: BCCPAC town hall to discuss advocacy training
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-02-town-hall>
- There are camps and online education session available – links are on COPAC website and in emails from COPAC.

Unfinished Business

- Bursary Scholarship Fundraising (donor page updated and email went out): Donations are trickling in. We receive a monthly update from Ginger Johnson.
- COBSS update – as of Jan 10, 2024, 195 KSS students have put in applications, and generally we have well over 100 students receive them. Contact at KSS is Diane Demug, counsellor "Diane Demug" <Diane.Demug@sd23.bc.ca>
- Winter gaming fund intake update, thanks to Camila for her work on the online form.
- No update on Teacher appreciation plans

New Business

- Request for \$1000 from Ainsley Wood of the 2024 Grad committee

The funds will be used to go towards lowering ticket cost for students by contributing to the food bill.

Discussion: A teacher will need to make the request on behalf of the prom committee. They should use the same online form as teachers use for their funding requests. PAC agreed to approve the request once the form has been submitted. Myrna will contact Ainsley.

- Teacher funding requests: Myrna, Karen, Cheryl & Norah will meet in March to discuss the requests and return to April's PAC meeting with their recommendations.
- Deannie Zahara brought up the survey from the school district regarding accessibility. We need to spread the word about the survey. Students can complete the survey too.
[Link to survey](#)

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 Adjourned at 7:04pm

Next Meeting – NO meeting in March, Next meeting Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 - zoom

Items of note:

Enrollment Application for the 2024/2025 school year goes to Friday, March 15th. Further information on the process is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website:
www.sd23.bc.ca.

The Winter edition of Together We Learn with the theme of "Wonder" was published just prior to the winter break. An expression of thanks was extended to the École Kelowna Secondary

School Journalism 10, 11 and 12 classes for their preparation of the articles for this edition.

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#/=](https://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinghighlights/Pages/default.aspx#/)