

KSS PAC Meeting Minutes- Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:30pm via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Karen at 6:32pm

21 attendees via ZOOM

Adoption of the Agenda approved with one addition from Leslie re field hockey5 fundraising motion by Camila, Second by Karen

Approval of previous meeting minutes – November 12, 2024 motion by Sarah, second by Camila

Presentation from Serafim Spekhalsiy regarding Robotos Club.

Principal's Report – Scott Parker

1. Registration is starting soon for next year. The course handbook is being updated.
2. Mr Holly is in the process of helping KSS become a UNESCO school.
 - a. Will be working on projects regarding the UNESCO 17 goals of sustainability
 - b. Mr Holly to come to next pac meeting to share more with the PAC
 - i. Mr Parker to invite him
3. Attendance expectations- procedures and protocols to be updated
 - a. Question from Sarah about the school messenger app. Half day illness is not an option
 - i. Scott says the school messenger app is the best out there it can't be customized
 - b. Glenn asked if data analysis is done
 - i. Not yet , the data needs to be valid before it can be analyzed
 - c. Cadre likes the school messenger app and despite the issues, it's fairly convenient for families
4. Abbey had a question about cyber security attack in Ontario
 - a. Scott said sd 23 is ok. Plan is to switch to microsoft teams behind the scenes from google classroom
5. KSS is now the host site for the SD 23 land based learning program. A portable is being renovated and is now being used for this as OKM can no longer host.

Executive Reports:

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Sarah Bendall: all in new and old business

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley: absent

Secretary – Camila Biffard: nothing to report

Academic Chair – Jing Li

From the Language department: An exchange with students from France is ongoing, French students came in the fall, our students are going in March. We had Japanese students visit for two days and 36 students wrote the DELF exam, results to come.

Athletic Chair – Glenn Kissman

1. Junior Boys Volleyball- provincial Champs
2. Senior Boys Volleyball- 2nd at provincials
3. Question from Glenn- There were no tents available to borrow from school during provincial cross country meet. Should the pac buy some?
 - a. Scott will look into and maybe the PAC should look at using funds to purchase a few more
4. 5 basketball teams going now
5. Rugby starting- male and female

Fine Arts Chair – Abbey Westbury

Indigenous Chair – Sharon Whiting

We have some grade 11 and 12 students who are volunteering next week to help at the Primary Winter Gathering at the Kelowna Fish and Game club. This is encouraging students to help mentor and engage in culture to make this day special for Indigenous grade 3 students. There will be drumming, singing, dancing, arts/crafts, storytelling and food provided. The students are also planning things for Red Dress Day in May, Moosehide Campaign, and hoping to go in to elementary schools to share knowledge such as stick games, beading and possibly drumming

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina

Fallon Freeman is looking for ink for large

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush

COPAC Representative – Cadre Simpson- See attached at bottom of minutes

Unfinished Business

1. Bursary Scholarship Fundraising – Update we have a total of \$1100 donated through School Cash Online
 - a. Discussion on where to take money from, best if we used money donated through school cash online rather than general funds.

MOTION from Sarah: *To use funds donated through school cash online totalling \$425 to pay the remainder of the COBBS scholarship and bursary.*

- i. passed unanimously
- 2. Club Chair & bylaws - Sarah. Looking into if we can change bylaws to add a Clubs Chair
 - a. Section 7- can add a new position if we see a need
 - b. Need to change bylaws
 - c. It is possible to add to section 10 a new position
 - d. Two weeks prior to Feb 11, notice to all parents
 - e. Need the original word document ? Susan Zimmerman has a copy
 - f. Sarah can update, Cadre will review bylaws as well

New Business

- 1. KSS PAC 2025 gaming funds winter intake –
 - a. Deadline to submit by teachers – February 14th with no decision until April
 - b. Camila to do the new form
- 2. Teachers appreciation plan
 - a. Cadre will be lead again
 - b. Week of June 2
 - i. Scott to talk to library, look at dates and get back to us
 - c. approx \$800 budget
 - d. Lots of volunteers
- 3. Last year the student grad committee asked for \$1,000 in funding. Is it coming again?
 - a. Answer from Scott, yes, it will come in the new requests
- 4. Date and format for April's PAC meeting-
 - a. April 8 in library
 - i. Scott to book
- 5. Gaming license for field hockey team to sell at Western Canada Basketball to raise funds for trip to Argentina
 - a. Discussion regarding reporting and that this is a good way for PAC to support school community
 - b. Funds will not be handled by PAC but will need to be reported in Gaming Report
 - c. Leslie to liaise as her daughter is on the team.

Motion from Glen for: *The PAC to support the field hockey team to run a 50/50 at the western Canada basketball tournament.*

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 7:28pm

Next Meeting – Feb 11, 6:30 - zoom

COPAC Update from Nicola Baker, COPAC President

Items of note:

Meeting highlights from the January COPAC General Meeting.

1. Please note that registration is required for our February 3, 2025 COPAC General Meeting (which also includes the SD23 Public Budget Presentation). As we will have members of the public joining our meeting, we need a way to share our zoom link without directly posting it publicly.

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/JNGzyfbKSvKP4BbP9VruKA>

2. Register for COPAC Bylaws Workshop - February 6, 2025. Be sure to bring your questions and work in progress PAC Bylaw updates. <https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5YpduCrrzstG9WqxjCkoAl4eimYmU2b2ofM>

3. Jon Rever shared a video we are encouraged to share with our parent communities:

Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions

https://youtu.be/Ro-XgHp7OPA?si=ORSqBXtB-JF-qhj_

4. *Reminder: January 21 PIE Meeting – <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>
The Family Support Institute of BC: Navigating through Neurodiversity all ages- Presented by Tyra Skibington.

This is an introduction to the many resources (all free!) that have been created by families and professionals who have already navigated the support journey with their neurodiverse family members.

5. Please share SD23 Enrollment Opening Dates with your broader community (particularly those anticipating kindergarten enrollment for September 2025): February 3, 2025 at

7am. <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

6. Reminder – Specialty Academy fee changes (typically at middle and high school) require PAC approval and this should always come to a PAC general meeting for presentation, discussion and vote. From the BC SCHOOL ACT see section (6) below:

Specialty academies

82.1 (1) In this section, "specialty academy" means an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations.

(2) A board may offer a specialty academy if

(a) the board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer the specialty academy, and

(b) the board is of the opinion that there is sufficient demand for the specialty academy.

(3) A board that offers a specialty academy must

(a) make available sufficient instruction for students enrolled in the specialty academy to meet the general requirements for graduation, and

(b) continue to offer a standard educational program in the school district.

(4) Despite section 82, but subject to section 82.4, a board may charge a student enrolled in a specialty academy fees relating to the direct costs incurred by the board in providing the specialty academy that are in addition to the costs of providing a standard educational program.

(5) On or before July 1 of each school year, a board that offers a specialty academy must

(a) establish a schedule of fees to be charged under subsection (4), and

(b) make the schedule of fees available to the public.

(6) Before establishing a schedule of fees under subsection (5), a board must

(a) consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

(b) obtain the approval of that parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees

BCCPAC by election results

Please be advised that the agenda package for the Education and Student Services Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040

Hollywood Road South, has been uploaded to the District's website: <https://pub->