

KSS PAC Meeting

Agenda Feb 17, 2026

We gratefully acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx Okanagan People.

Sharon, Abey, Jayme, Glenn, Deannie, Camila Sarah, Jim and Mike

Regrets JIng and Matthew

1 INTRO BUSINESS

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motioned by Jamie

Seconded by Mike

Passed

1.2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – JAN 2026

Motioned by Sharon

Seconded by Deannie

Passed

2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jim Laird

2.1 THANK YOU!

Thanks from all of us for being involved in PAC, our school, and in your child's education. We are very appreciative of parents/guardians who volunteer and make a difference.

2.2 AN INTRODUCTION TO JIM

SD23 school admin for 17 years (11 years as a principal in four schools now) Have loved the opportunity to be creative, designing and developing great things for students at every site I've worked at.

Some highlights: Led RMS through the grad configuration change, opened Canyon Falls, and worked with staff at GESS to represent innovative learning in the OECD Schools+ Network (1 of 8 Canadian schools in a group of over 140 schools across 40 countries)

I value my relationship with PAC, with parents and the community, and always have

2.3 TIMETABLING/STAFFING SEASON IS UPON US

Jeff, Mike, Julie, and the counselling team have been spending time in the middle schools to talk “all things KSS” with our future students

Course selection is up and running for our current 10s and 11s as well

The information evening last week was well attended with great questions asked

2.4 BC SUMMER GAMES UPDATE/GYM FLOOR REFINISHING/SCORE CLOCK INSTALLS

KSS is hosting the BC Summer Games in late July – our school will be used for groups of children/teams from around BC and our gym will be used to for competition

School or district admin are required to be on site

The district received a grant from BC Summer Games to upgrade our score and shot clocks in the gym. It won't cover the whole amount so I am working to find the money to cover the remainder (roughly \$46,000)

Each summer our gym floor is refinished. KSS is first on the list, which means that this work won't be impactful for start up

The floor dries in three or four days, it takes three weeks to cure, ensuring that KSS won't be having rentals this summer.

2.5 DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL CHANGE GRANT INITIATIVE

The school district is encouraging student agency at all levels, including the district student council students

“As part of our ongoing commitment to the Board's vision and strategic direction and in alignment with the student agency framework, the district invites secondary schools to apply for a change grant to help support and empower students to create sustainable change within their school community. The student led initiative must be aligned with the school's community learning plan, the district's student agency framework, have administrative support and have measurable outcomes of impact.”

\$2000 per year up to two consecutive years

The DSC students and I are meeting later in the week and will discuss ideas and options

2.6 SCHOOL COMMUNITY STUDENT LEARNING PRIORITY WORK

With my arrival at KSS, this important work will be prioritized. Schools are required to have defined learning priorities focusing on improving learning at KSS developed, indicators of success identified, and buy-in from the staff

We are hopeful (with four remaining staff meetings this year) that we can start this work and have something we can work on by the end of the year

Our current priority is: “Each student at Kelowna Secondary School will graduate with a Dogwood or Evergreen certificate and demonstrate a work ethic that enables them to achieve individual success as a 21st Century Learner.”

2.7 PARENT/GUARDIAN/TEACHER CONFERENCE REMINDER (MARCH 4TH)

Early dismissal at 1:30pm, and parent-teacher conferences at 4:30pm in the gym

Like always, as parents/guardians, if you have questions or concerns for teachers, please do not wait for the scheduled conferences.

We know that contact may be tricky (we no longer can list staff emails on the webs page due to privacy reasons), but families can email the general inbox for the school kss@sd23.bc.ca and the email will be forwarded to the appropriate teacher in the message.

2.8 MAGICAL MYSTERY PAC TOUR

In my previous schools, I’ve always got parents/guardians into different spaces. Is there an appetite to meet in various spaces in the school other than the LLC for upcoming in-person meetings?

It’s a chance to get PAC members into spaces in our school, and to celebrate students and teachers and the great work they do (and it’s fun)

Some GESS favourites were the Art room, the Automotive room, the Foods room (I baked cookies for the PAC for kicks), etc.

Note – PAC member present loved this idea

3 CHAIR REPORTS

3.1 ACADEMIC CHAIR – JING

Nothing to report

3.2 ATHLETIC CHAIR - GLENN

Basketball is wrapping up more sports to start after spring break. Curling team at provincials

3.3 FINE ARTS CHAIR – ABBEY

Music:

- The grade 12 jazz combo performed for Friday’s pro d at KSS
- Showcase is coming up, March 2, at 7:00 pm at The Sanctuary Church!! This is our biggest fundraising event this year.
- Jazz combo night is March 10 at 7:00 PM in the MPR
- We are preparing for our April music trip and using the generous PAC monies for travel.

Drama:

- Drama has the New Works Festival coming up in May. The festival is student-written, directed, acted, and produced!

Art:

- 40th Annual Art in Action starts on March 14 at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Grade 9-12 students from School District 23 will have their work on display to June 21.

Journalism:

- KSS Journalism is one of the BC high schools chosen by CBC to present their Broadcast Basics – a school outreach program connecting our local journalists and hosts directly with KSS students. It offers hands-on experience led by a CBC host or journalist for an informative presentation and mentorship opportunity. Schools dive into News Reporting: Covering web, social media (including TikTok), TV, and radio. This will happen in March.

3.4 INDIGENOUS CHAIR – SHARON

June 11 indigenous grad. Each grad will get a blanket.

3.5 TECHNICAL EDUCATION CHAIR – JAYME

Nothing to report

3.6 STUDENT SUPPORT CHAIR – MATT

Nothing to report

3.7 CLUBS CHAIR – DEANNIE

Jim talked to Sheila French about guitar club, there are no cases. Possibly find a teacher or parent who would like to run the club. Suggestion from Glenn to buy cases to protect the guitars. Cam to contact Wentworth once Jim confirms size. Will use gaming money to protect our assets.

4 COPAC REPORT

5 TREASURE'S UPDATE

Mike Moore

- See Appendix A
- Abbey and Jayme volunteered to help pick the COBBS recipients for KSS

3.8 FUNDING REQUESTS

5.1.1 What do we have to spend?

As of Jan 31, 2026

Start of Year Amount Available to Spend	\$62,285
Expenditures	
First Semester Approvals	-\$30,533
Prior Year Payments	-\$224
Bank Fees	-\$105
Remaining to Approve for Fiscal Ending June 30, 2026	\$31,423

5.1.2 Funding Requests – 2nd Semester

Teacher/Staff Name	Department	# Students Benefited	Amount Requested (inc. tax or shipping)	Description and reason for funds	Amount Approved
Crystal Zaseybida	Dance Club	as many show up - anyone is welcome/any level	\$340	First, thank you for supporting the KSS dance fitness, dance club and LD PE classes. We really benefit from the extra activities your funding allows us to participate in. I am writing to you to request further funding if available. DANCE FITNESS and DANCE CLUB UPDATE: Just last week, we had Danny, the High School Musical Choreographer, teach my class "all for one" choreography (straight from the movie as he choreographed it!) and we have been getting Anna from Hype Dance to come in every last Friday of the month at lunch time to give any student at KSS fun choreography. Our Dance programs encourage fun, lifetime fitness participation! And with your funding we can show students, especially those who have only danced at KSS, what community fitness and dance classes are like. This gives them confidence to go out into the community on their own to try fitness classes. I have passed on a video to Sarah for you to watch, if you have time. Thank you! I would like to request \$340 for dance club. We will get in ANNA from HYPE again for some Friday lunch hours. thank you!	\$340

Crystal Zaseybida	Locally Developed PE	14	\$1,000.00	LD PE UPDATE AND REQUEST: I am now the teacher of the Semester 2 LD PE class as Kyla Bresch will be teaching another class. I am requesting additional funding to support the LD PE student's bowling and sexual health programs. BOWLING: As we have many students in our LD PE class (7 enrolled students and 7 Teacher Assistants), we will need an extra bowling lane. We are planning to rent 2 bowling lanes most Fridays for our Community Connection program with LD PE. Requesting \$500 extra to cover the cost of bowling for the entire Semester 2. SEXUAL HEALTH: In the past, we have had Jan Arneson consult our LD PE class in Sexual Health. As this is a delicate topic, Jan has helped us immensely with many different issues around sexual health that are not addressed typically at a developmental level appropriate for our LD PE students. In fact, our students typically don't attend the classes at KSS that receive sexual health education. We have been providing sexual health education to our LD PE class for the last 6 years. Jan is now consulting and we would love to give her an honorarium of \$500 to give us lessons in sexual health (this will be negotiated how many lessons once we get funding - hopefully 6 lessons). We have found in the past that the simplified version of sexual health topics has been beneficial also for our Teacher Assistants and have cultivated rich and insightful conversations with our group and privately with Jan. Of course, this program will have specific parent/guardian consent. Requesting \$500 for Sexual Health Consulting.	\$500 for bowling Jim to follow up with Crystal Zaseybida about the sexual health – this should be a part of their curriculum and if they are not in the classes that it is taking place then the school needs to make other arrangements
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Crystal Zaseybida	YOGA CLUB	200	\$600	YOGA CLUB: Starting on Feb 3 from 7:30 - 8:30 am, most Tuesday mornings, I will be providing Yoga to KSS athletes (mostly rugby players but anyone welcome) in Semester 2 (February to May/June). This is an optional activity - many athletes love the stretch especially after a tough game or hard practice. I am requesting money for proper yoga straps (our straps are short and the clasps don't hold). Straps allow the athlete to stretch deeper or help reach a limb so they can do the asana. This funding will reach many student - the club and Dance fitness and Yoga classes can also benefit from having proper straps in class as well. Requesting 750 for yoga straps. PS - I work at two different yoga studios and they have given me quotes around this price as well.	Sarah to follow up How many kids are actually coming? Rewrite to leave off classes Other straps?
Amanda Kehler	English-Social Studies	30ish	\$300	Philosophy 12 class is a course where students explore challenging and difficult questions. We often have heated and engaging conversations. As a part of the course curriculum we have Philosopher's Cafes where students gather in small groups and enjoy a "cafe-like" environment to discuss their big ideas/questions/thoughts. For these cafes I always supply treats (donuts, candies, light snacks) to help create an authentic cafe vibe. I tell students that in order to be uncomfortable in their thoughts/opinions/ideas, they need to be comfortable in their bodies and the environment. Hence, making the environment as inviting as possible. I am requesting funds to purchase treats for the 5 Cafe Days throughout the semester. Thank you for considering this request.	\$300

Sheila French	Music Choral/Band /Theory	This year 11, and the dresses will be used over 8-10 years, so many will have use of this dress.	\$1,400	The dresses are to be worn by vocal jazz students. Their uniforms need an overhaul. We can't get the same dress anymore and we don't have the right sizes to fit the students. These will be used for many years by many different groups of singers. I have tried all year to find an option in Kelowna and online, but there is nothing that is appropriate! I prefer a classy, tidy, uniform that suits all body types.	\$1400
Tova Ciccotelli	Theatre	80	\$2,000	The Night Owl Theatre Company is an amalgamation of our Acting Group, Production Team, and our Directing and Scripting Writing Team, ranging from about 60 to 80 students. Every year, we put on one Main Stage Production (in November), which is an 8-show run, and our New Works Festival (in May), which is a 6-show run. Each production run begins with a week-long Tech Week, during which students are at the school until 8 or 9 in the evening. During this Tech Week, the Company uses its own resources to feed the students for a plethora of reasons. It is a way to share our gratitude for the hard work that the students are putting into the Productions, but it is also our way to ensure that students are eating and staying healthy. Last semester, PAC was gracious enough to grant us \$1000 to go towards this food budget. By having the PAC grant go towards food, we were able to better strategize and utilize our Theatre budget to cover costs of unexpected needs that arose during the production. Once again, we are looking to PAC to subsidize our food costs in any way they are able. Although food may seem like a singular expense, by having our food budget covered, we are able to make more thoughtful long-term choices with our own budget. Often in the Theatre we don't know what major purchases we may need until we need them, and so by having more freedom	\$1000

				in our budget, we are able to do more beneficial purchasing with positive long-term effects. By providing additional funds for food, specifically during our Tech Weeks, we can not only ensure that every student is properly fed, but we can also ensure that budgeted money is then used towards other aspects of our Theatre, which help keep our Arts Program strong!	
Daniel Ragobar	Leadership/ Grad	600+	\$550	Funds will be used to purchase carnival style games (inflatable soccer/golf, pop-a-shot basketball game). These games will be used at prom for all grade 12 students attending, as well as used for leadership events throughout the school. These games will benefit hundreds of students over the course of many years.	Sarah to follow up Where will this be stored? Is this enough? UP to \$2000 Have him update the request.
Tony Sodaro	KSS Leadership	2000	\$7,448.00	Two LED Followspot Lights - we will be using these for the following annual events at KSS: 1. Best of the West Volleyball Championships - 80 teams (12 players/team) 2. Jr. Best of the West Volleyball Championships - 80 teams (12 players/team) 3. Western Canada Basketball Championships - 8 teams (10 players/team) 4. KSS Airband - 10 - 20 teams (30 participants/team) 5. KSS Drama Productions - 3 events (30 - 60 participants/event) 6. KSS Assemblies and/or Guest Presentations 5 events (1900 students/event) Two LED ELLIPSOIDAL Lights - we will be using these for the following annual events at KSS: 1. KSS Airband - 10 - 20 teams (30 participants/team) 2. KSS Drama Productions - 3 events (30 - 60 participants/event) 3. KSS Assemblies and/or Guest Presentations 5 events (1900 students/event)	\$7448

Kyla Bresch	English PE	Club, so it will vary! could be 7-10?	\$200	Beading club in the Gathering room. To connect students to cultural practices, build and foster relationships. Lanyard kits are an accessible way to get started beading. Maarsii (thank you)	\$200
Daniel Ragobar	Grad/Leadership	approx. 550	\$5,000	Funds requested will cover the cost of the Delta Grand Ballroom for prom. By lowering the cost of the event by \$5000, the cost to all students will ultimately be lowered as well. Our goal is to make prom financially accessible to all students who wish to attend.	\$5000
Lori Hazel	French - Second Language	70	\$800	French 10 (1 class)- Sandrine hot chocolate + baguettes for French breakfast experience French 11 - (2 classes) - Sandrine quiche, baguettes, dessert for typical French lunch experience	\$700
Cole Gallo	Track and Field	60	200	Track and Field is one of KSS's only teams that does not require a tryout and thus attracts every type of KSS student. It is also one of the most accessible as there is no special equipment required. The only barrier these athletes face is financial and if we are able to assist these students with their Zones Meet fees it will open the sport to more children to take part in the sport and be a part of a team at KSS.	\$200
Christina Drescher / Mohyna Ragoonaden / Dayna Culham	clubs	~30	500	BIPOC club initiatives. Currently our students are running a black history club podcast and weekly announcement. We also have weekly meetings with a variety of purposes. Mainly to bring students together. They ran a multicultural cafe in first semester serving different cultural treats and drinks. They will be connecting with some middle schools to support their BIPOC efforts.	Sarah to follow up Please let us know what you're going to do with the money

6 UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

6.1.1 Raffle Update – Cam Biffard

- 50/50 raised \$1000
- Rugby raffle \$5640
- We now have a raffle box and stripe account so it should be easier to do next time.

Motion: For Camila Biffard to obtain a raffle license for the prom committee to do a raffle ending April 22. Prize to be determined.

First Deannie

Second Mike

PASSED

6.1.2 Fundraiser – Sarah Bendall

Change the donation field to PAC FUNDS so we can use it for more than just COBBS

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1.1 PAC Owned Items – how to track and what happens when they are not being used?

Brief discussion to be followed up at future meetings.

8 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – April 14, 2026, by Zoom

APPENDIX 1 – TREASURER’S REPORT

AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026

KSS Parent Advisory Council						
		GAMING ACCOUNT		GENERAL ACCOUNT		School Account (for PAC)
Income		Actual (To date)		Actual (To date)		Actual (To date)
	Gaming Account					
	Roll over from prior	\$25,045		\$1,920		\$250
	Gaming grant	\$37,240	Donations		Donations	
		\$0				
				\$0		\$0
				\$0		
Total Available \$\$ to Disburse		\$62,285		\$1,920		\$250
Expenses						
	School Requests (Gaming Account)					
	See details attached					
	2026	\$30,533	COBBS	\$1,620		
	2025 and prior (Note 1)	\$224	Teacher appreciation			
	Bank Fees	\$105		\$105		
	School Requests Subtotal	\$30,862		\$1,725		\$0
Amounts remaining available to spend						
		\$31,423		\$195		\$250
		GAMING		GENERAL		
December 31, 2025						
Bank Account Balances		\$49,909		\$265		\$250
	Outstanding cheques	-\$1,177		\$0		\$0
	Outstanding deposits	\$0		\$0		\$0
Actual Remaining Cash		\$48,732		\$265		\$250
Note 1 - request for \$\$ was in July for 2025 year and we were in the midst of changing signatories so cheque was issued in September						

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	Prior year timing difference (cheque issued this year)	-\$224	
	Bank Fees	-\$105	
Remaining to Approve for Fiscal 2026		\$31,423	
First Term Approvals		\$30,533	
	Amounts paid so far	-\$13,536	
First Term Approvals Remaining to Pay		\$16,997	