

KSS PAC Meeting Minutes - Tuesday November 12, 6:30 p.m. KSS Library

16 attendees present

Meeting Called to order, Introductions- Sarah

Adoption of the Agenda- 1st Jayme, 2nd Jayme, passed

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Oct 8, 2024. Minutes were not circulated. Will be sent out, any changes to be sent back and then PAC will vote via email.

Principal's Report

Remembrance day ceremony. Third time doing it inside and it turned out very well. Veterans enjoyed it, pipers participated. Good feedback from students. Report cards are going to be published next week or the week after. Students log in and share with parents. Request from Cadre to look into parent access to relieve friction between parents and students

Girls field hockey second in the province. Boys and girls senior volleyball going. Valleys this weekend. Jr volleyball the weekend after. KSS to host jr boys. Football team did well. Glen gave feedback that other sports need to be highlighted in Who's News, not just volleyball and basketball.

Question from grade 10 parent, about if art class can be moved out of the drama room as it is dark and no natural light. The classrooms are all full everyblock. Sadly, it's the only option for the class but there was an increased demand for art this year so the school thought it was best to offer the class in an less than ideal location so students could still have their class of choice

Drama's first production of the year is The Laramie Project. Running November 20-23 and November 27-30.

Executive Reports:

Co-Chairs – to be discussed in new business

Treasurer – to be discussed in budget in new business

Secretary – nothing to report

Academic Chair – nothing to report

Athletic Chair – covered in principal's report

Fine Arts Chair – The Drama department is running the Laramie Project Production, see details in principal's report.

Indigenous Chair –

Sharon had a meeting with Esme and Steve last week in their offices in the Gathering room. Esme and Steve are the two advocates for the indigenous students and provide a huge amount of support as well as Heather as teacher and tutor. While including many cultural activities, they provide a huge amount of support to the students in the areas of: intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual. Their support to the indigenous students is amazing and available to students in part or all of the services - whichever they find the most comfortable.

Upcoming for November 25th is "Indigenous grade 12 day" at UBCO when students who are the campus hear from current indigenous students and staff and learn about ubc's undergraduate program, campuses, awards and the application process. Grade 11s are encouraged to attend as well.

Technical Education Chair – Nothing to report

Student Support Chair – Nothing to report

Question re clubs chair as we don't have one and might be a good addition to the Chairs on the committee. Jayme nominated herself to take it on. Camila offered to do a motion to add. Cadre pointed out that it might not be in the bylaws so the motion was held and Sarah to look into our bylaws.

COPAC Representative

COPAC Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Nov. 4, 2024

Online meeting

Presentation: Acting Deputy Superintendent, Jon Rever

Topic: Family and Community Engagement – A strategic direction of SD23

Relied on Brookings Institute Research – Collaborating to transform and improve education systems

- Schools with strong family engagement are 10 times more likely to improve student learning outcomes
- Tenets
 - Begin with beliefs
 - Position families as partners
 - Collectively break barriers
 - Build at the speed of trust – becomes relational
 - Make it a must
 - Disrupt power dynamics through community driven research
- District seeking more ways to authentically engage families
- Iterative – pointed to Frameworks for Enhancing Student Learning

Julia Fraser – New School Board Chair

Superintendent Report:

- Believes that newly elected government will continue with similar level of programs and investment in capital
- Addition at Webber Rd.
- RSS repairs complete – new gym floor
- Events – National Indigenous Veteran's Day, Remembrance Day,
- Remembering Justice Murray Sinclair
- Superintendent Kevin Kardel also announced his upcoming retirement

Dep. Report – Jon Rever:

- Working group on AI in Education

COTA – Susan Beauhart

- Bargaining year – beginning last week and concluding in February
- Provincial bargaining then begins
- Local topics include
 - Post and fill – how jobs are posted
 - Band system
 - Staff meeting protocol
 - Other
- Provincial topics – benefits, wages, leaves, other

Questions – Is there a F.I. advisory committee?

Outdoor classrooms, enhancement agreements – all enhancement agreements on hold

November 14, 2024, 7pm – Treasurer 101

Reminder to encourage your treasurers to attend our COPAC Treasurer 101 Event November 14 at 7pm – Register here <https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ctcOmsgzkoEtbLvy5iaQM-8jXWqvmTuQER>

PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

LOCATION: By Zoom

Link: Zoom link: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

Topic: Supporting students with complex health needs

Academy Fee Changes – reminders/updates must come through PACs

DPAC Coalition discussion:

- Continuing opportunity to share resources and advocate on shared issues

Advocacy work by group, lead by Nicola Baker

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-46-on-the-coast/clip/16100667-parents-eyes-education->

- Voted in favour of continuing to support informal collective of DPACs

Unfinished Business

1. Bursary Scholarship Fundraising – Karen

We have raised \$650 through donations so far. Discussion regarding one or two bursaries and topping up donations using general funds money to do two. We had approx \$2,500 in the general account that can be used for COBBS.

Karen said that getting it sent out as a separate email has been a challenge, Scott and Karen to follow up.

Motion: To take \$425 from the general account to top up funds raised this year through donations to make one bursary and one scholarship each at \$500 as well as \$25 processing fee for each to be given to COBBS. Totalling \$1050. Motion by Glen and second by Cadre. Passed unanimously.

2. The PAC is registered with COPAC – fees were paid in September

- BCCPAC: nominations are now open for the 2024 BCCPAC Board of Directors By-Election. For further information please reach out to info@bccpac.bc.ca and/or refer to the BCCPAC website <https://www.bccpac.bc.ca/>

New Business

1. Request from Japanese, Social Studies & Careers teacher Jordan Long: There are 19 students from Tsuyama, Japan who will be visiting us for three days and nights in December (08 - 11). We only have 8 families signed up to host them so far. Jordan has asked that we spread the word around KSS parents in the hope that we may find some more. He can be contacted by email at: jordan.long@sd23.bc.ca

2. Teacher appreciation plan – how many, date(s), budget (coffee, muffins, lunch?), tabled until the next meeting. Suggestion that we do something in March like a hot chocolate bar, budget to be \$500-\$800

3. KSS PAC gaming funds distribution – see handouts. Each line item was discussed and agreed upon.

Motion: To accept gaming budget as discussed but waiting on clarification regarding mascot, battery charger and robotics club. Motion from Camila, 2nd Jayme. Passed

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- 8:39pm

Next Meeting – January 14 - zoom

Items of note:

Ministry Survey for Families of Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is evaluating the Family Connections Centre pilot program, as well as the Disability and Provincial Services they provide.

The MCFD survey is for all BC parents, caregivers, and guardians of children or youth aged 0 to 18 who have support needs. This confidential survey will inform the provincial direction of children and youth with support needs services.

[Click here](#) to take the survey

[Poster and Survey QR code \(no download required\)](#)

In-person Open House

An in-person open house will take place at the Rotary Centre for the Arts for families, community members, service providers, and anyone with an interest in Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN).

[Click here for open house poster](#)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

11:30 am – 1:00 pm & 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Rotary Centre for the Arts (Atrium)

421 Cawston Ave, Kelowna

The survey is managed by MNP and the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) on behalf of the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

For more information please contact CYSNServicesEngagement@mnpc.ca

[October 2, 2024 Education and Student Services Committee Report](#)