

KSS PAC Annual General Meeting - Draft
Tuesday May 12, 2020
Meeting held online Zoom

In attendance - Brenda Maier, Susan Zimmermann, Lori Raible, Kim Cresswell, Margaret Zhang, David Cochrane, Cadre Simpson, Marc Miles, Cinzia Miles, Janet Dillon, Sarah Marriott, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Iryna Storozhuk, Melanie Bachmann, Wendy McIntyre, Elyse Levesque, Andrea Kiehlbauch, Sharmine Spencer-Webb, Brooke Schwarz, Lisa Burton, Jen Bitz, Mike LeBun, Shyloe Fayad, Kyleen Myrah, Jennifer McKenzie, Troy White, Ryan Mansley, Christey Hughes, Robbie Franklin

Welcome - Brenda Maier called meeting to order at 6:33pm

1. Adoption of May 12, 2020 AGM Agenda - M (Maureen O.) ,S (Iryna S.),Carried

2. Approval of May 14, 2019 AGM Minutes - M (Margaret Z), S (Cinzia M.), Carried

Approval of Feb 11, 2020 meeting minutes - M (Susan Z), S (Maureen O), Carried

Purpose and Objectives of PAC

The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

3. Principal's Report - Troy White

- Thank you's to the team, and especially Christey H, Ryan M, and Robbie F.
- Key dates - students taking English second semester have Capstone May 20, 2020, about 280 students. Early dismissal for the rest of the school.
- Grad ceremonies organized by Ms. Jonker and Ms. Culham
- Email will be out May 13 to grade 12 parents in regards to a virtual grad ceremony. This will include signing up for a spot for an in-person stage crossing at KSS, in adherence to provincial Covid-19 protocols, with Mr. White present, videoed by TMS Productions (a company of former KSS students). We have about 600 grads at KSS.
- Students will have their cap, gown and stole as a keepsake. Those not able to attend in person may submit pictures to be played in the video on June 18, 2020.
- A composite photo of students will be ready for pick up in June. At the same time there will be a locker contents pick up and award pick up.
- June 18 at 6pm will be a virtual grad ceremony, online for all grads and their families. All grads should wear their regalia for this viewing with their families
- Grad families will receive a yard sign commemorating their grads
- Report card pick up June 25, please check KSS website for pick-up instructions.
- Per BC public health regulations regarding Covid-19, Prom and Dry Grad are both canceled this year
- There are a few students attending KSS in person at this time.

4. Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Brenda Maier and Susan Zimmermann

During the 2019-2020 school year, the KSS Parent Advisory Council had the opportunity to allocate approximately \$35,000 in BC Gaming funds to all departments at KSS, in accordance with the BC Gaming criteria. The school clubs and teams that benefited included track and field, football, Drama Club, Science Club, Leadership Club, the Green Team, and many more. The PAC also approved the creation of two COBSS awards, of \$500 each, to be given to two KSS graduates demonstrating outstanding work ethic. In addition, "PAC awards" are presented to graduates based on nominations received from teachers. This year we will be presenting 15 awards of \$300 each to hardworking students who make a difference in the classroom, have made significant personal growth or are dealing with exceptional circumstances.

The KSS PAC held regular monthly meetings from September through February. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, our April PAC meeting was canceled, and our May Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held by Zoom conference call. This year the PAC heard from speakers on topics including the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS), SD23 Health Promoting Schools "Vaping Awareness", KSS Indigenous Leadership Academy and the Move4Mana KSS 30 day challenge. We also had students from our 2020 Grad Council present proposed changes to Prom and ask for parent input. In January, our Principal, Troy White, described the KSS "Learning Story and Inquiry Process", details of which can be found on the KSS website. The PAC welcomed two new Vice-Principal's this year; Christey Hughes and Robbie Franklin.

Parent communication with the school continues to be an important focus for the KSS PAC. The weekly Whoo's news and monthly PAC meetings provide the ability for parents to be informed, ask questions and provide input. This year we were pleased to see improvements made to the athletics page of the school website as a direct result of parent requests to provide more information about sport opportunities, team tryouts and game schedules. Our PAC Exec represented and promoted our Parent Advisory Council at a number of school meetings and events including Parent Teacher conferences in the Fall and again in February.

Susan and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the entire PAC Executive for all their hard work to keep things running smoothly this year. We would also like to thank Troy White for all the time and effort he puts into preparing and presenting the Principal's report for every PAC meeting. We especially appreciate that Troy is approachable and always makes himself available to our parents when they have questions or concerns. A HUGE Congratulations to Troy on being awarded the 2019 Premier's Award of Excellence in Education for School Leadership. We couldn't be prouder!

Treasurer - Janet Dillon

Gaming Funds: The KSS PAC received \$35,640 in gaming funds in September 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. There were also unused gaming funds carried forward from the 2018-2019 year of \$4,159.72. The PAC approved expenditures of \$39,153, leaving an unallocated balance of \$646.72.

The balance of the Gaming Account, as of April 30, 2020, is \$25,883.32. It is unknown at the date of this report exactly how much of the allocated funds will be utilized due to the COVID-19 situation.

General Revenue: The balance of the general account is \$971.31 as of April 30, 2020. In

January 2020, The PAC's redeemable term deposit of \$5,000 was cashed in order to fund the 2 x \$500 KSS PAC Awards to be given out by the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society to two 2020 graduating students of KSS. The remaining \$4,000 was reinvested with HSBC in a 12-month redeemable Guaranteed Investment Certificate with an interest rate of 1.15%. This investment will mature on January 28, 2021 and will not automatically renew.

Initially, the \$1,000 was allocated from the BC Gaming funds but prior to the payment being made to COBSS, BC Gaming made a ruling that the gaming funds were not eligible to be used for this purpose as the money was not paid *directly* to the recipients (COBSS was the 'middle man' for the awards process). As a result, the awards commitment had to be funded from the general account as discussed above.

Contingency Fund: The contingency fund consists of the \$4,000 12-month GIC held at HSBC as discussed above under the General Revenue heading.

Secretary - Kim Cresswell

All PAC meeting minutes are posted to the PAC page of the school website. A sincere thank you to Lisa Mayne for posting our minutes each month, and cheerfully assisting with any and all webpage tasks.

Academics - Iryna Storozhuk

- Students at KSS continue to benefit from academic course selections including 7 honors courses, 8 Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as French Immersion Classes.
- KSS students are given opportunities to challenge themselves at the various academic competitions offered throughout the year. For instance, KSS Debate students attend various competitions. The French Immersion department sends students to represent KSS at the provincial Concours d'Art Oratoire in Vancouver. Math Grade 10, 11 compete in Fermat and Cayley Math Competitions throughout the year although results are unavailable at this time. Unfortunately one of the contests, Euclid, for Grade 12 was to be in April and got canceled.
- One of the extracurricular activities offered at KSS is Avid Readers club for the enjoyment and literary discussion of the books with diverse authors that reflect current issues of acceptance and perseverance.
- The Sciences Humaines 10 class is continuing to work on their Inquiry Project focused on the Promotion of Human Rights. This is a good opportunity for students to send their work to Kelowna's "TEDxYouth" or the "Expo of Awesome" held annually at UBC-O. Rather than doing presentations this year, due to the virus, the plan is for students to publish their work to a website in order for it to be shared with a wider audience.
- PAC supported money to fund requests from 12 teachers in the Academic Department for the total of \$7,141. Due to COVID-19 some of the field trips will not go on as planned and total amount spent up to date is \$4356.

Applied Skills - Margaret Zhang

The Applied Studies Department had made several purchases including;

- Vinyl cutter and heat press. Students made their own T-Shirts with logos and they look fantastic.
- Ms. Fallon made aprons for the KSS Wood Shop, emblazoned with KSS Tech Ed logo. The vinyl cutter and heat press will be used for many more projects for various school promotional items.
- An indoor food composter (FoodCycler). The students used it daily. The composted material go to people in the community for their gardens. KSS is planning to have a school garden next year, at which time the composted material will be used to enrich the soil and the food grown will be used in the classroom, making it a complete cycle.
- Partial purchase of VEX robot kits.

Athletics - Marc Miles and Cinzia Miles

Every year sports teams have to ask for help financially to keep running. Whether they get the money they ask for or not the results are incredible. We take our hats off to the students for their amazing efforts and sportsmanship. This indeed has been a different year than anything else we have experienced. Due to COVID-19 many sporting events did not occur or even get to start. We are sure many of the students felt disheartened. We want to encourage students that this is not the end and that sports will start again, and it will be better than ever!

October 2019

- Best of the West Sr Volleyball Tournament held at KSS.
- Jr. Varsity Football Team defeated Mt Boucherie 21-7 in September and Terry Fox 13-12.
- We had different try outs taking place for Archery, Basketball, Cross-country, field hockey, swimming, Frisbee, soccer, volleyball and football.

November 2019

- Congratulations went to the Jr. Boys Volleyball team on placing 4th in the Provincial Championships.
- Congratulations went to the Jr. Girls Basketball team for winning the Victoria Christmas Tournament in December!
- Congratulations went to KSS Football team for beating Carson Graham 62 - 21 in the first round of the provincial playoffs!
- Congratulations to KSS swim team provincial qualifiers!
- Congratulations to the football team for beating Terry Fox 36-0.
- Congratulations to the Jr. Boys Volleyball team for winning gold at the Elgin Park Invitational tournament.
- X-country... 4 runners from KSS attended the Provincials, two ran extremely well and finished with a PB for that distance.
- Sr Boys Soccer team lost to MBSS in the OVSAA semifinal.
- JV Football won their 1st playoff game against Terry Fox and advanced to the 2nd round.
- Jr Girls V-ball finished 2nd in the OCSAA playoffs.
- Sr Boys Volleyball B team finished 3rd in their playoffs.

January – February 2020

- Best of the West Basketball Junior Girls just lost South Kamloops 59 – KSS Jr Girls 51.
- Girls WCB Results were Valleyview (Kamloops) 35 – Kelowna 85, Duchess Park (Prince George) 68 – Kelowna 85, OKM 81 – Kelowna 66

- Boys 2020 WCB Results were Sturgeon Heights (Winnipeg) 56 – Kelowna 103, Burnaby South 82 1st - 2nd Kelowna 68, Raymond (Raymond Alta.) 95 - Kelowna 107

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award

Maddelyn Hettinga and Braden White were nominated.

For any more information please visit our sports website.

Fine Arts - Sarah Marriott

In the first half of the year our Arts department showed off their excellent students creativity with musical events, plays, and more cool community art opportunities. Unfortunately, as social distancing guidelines have been put in place, the Fine Arts department has faced huge challenges in maintaining programs. Known for creativity, they have all managed to maintain some semblance of regularity with students creating different avenues of learning and skill development. Teachers have seen the effect of less hands-on learning time but are encouraged by the students who continue to hand in work on time and practice their skills at home. In particular, Ms. Elliott would like to thank the PAC for supporting the Drama department with new lights this year and the gift of hoodies for students who have had to cancel their spring show after 3 months of rehearsal. She believes that the PAC support has helped her students feel that the work they do impacts the broader school community. As with all our departments, she is getting creative about next year coming up with plans to have smaller rehearsal sizes to keep our kids safe.

Student Support - Lori Raible

This is the second year that KSS has held a ‘Student Support Services Chair’ on the PAC. We put forth this position the previous year as we wanted to ensure all students no matter what they engaged in at KSS were supported. We also wanted to ensure that KSS parents were kept up to date with connections that KSS had made in the community around Mental Health and Community supports.

One highlight from this year is that the students of the Resource room initiated a soup program and practiced a business model where they marketed the program to the staff and collected revenue from selling their lunches to the KSS staff. Unfortunately, due to COVID many of the fun field trips and events that were planned for the Spring had to be cancelled.

COPAC Representative- Maureen O’Hanley Doucette

COPAC stands for Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council and every SD23 public school is invited to appoint a COPAC representative to attend the district meetings. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at the Hollywood Road Education Centre, and attendees include the Superintendent, the BCTF local representative, and key district committee and/or school board members. Detailed information on COPAC is found on the School District 23 website at <http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/>

The KSS COPAC representative reports back to the KSS PAC on any highlights from the COPAC meeting

5. Old Business

- **PAC Awards update - Sarah Marriott** - We need 3 or 4 volunteers to meet at the end of the week to review the nominations from the teachers. There are 15 awards for \$300 each. Sarah needs cheques from Janet, then Sarah will take the awards to Troy. The results will be public on June 18th and will be announced on the grad video.
- **Update on Grad activities - Troy White** - Staff is working very hard to try to make Grad 2020 very special in its own unique way for about 600 grads. Some special items include Grad yard signs, grad songs on the local radio stations and grads keeping their cap, gown and stole.

6. New Business

- **Elections for 2020/2021 PAC** Executive tabled to Sept when we can meet in person.
- **Football request from Mr. Cartwright**, to have the funds allocated by KSS PAC for uniforms (\$1975) to be carried forward to Sept. 2020. That way, the team will be able to purchase new uniforms without fundraising, as families may be having financial difficulties due to Covid-19 restrictions. PAC has agreed to carry the funds forward.
- **Donation to Breakfast/Lunch program**, families in need during the Covid-19. Robbie Franklin has been working with Health Promoting Schools (Tricia Penny) arranging for PAC to donate funds to the Breakfast/Lunch program for KSS families. We are currently supporting 7 students with breakfast and 55 students with lunch. Janet mentioned that Gaming BC donates \$300,000 a year to Foodbanks across BC.
- Motion by Marc Miles to donate \$2000 to Breakfast/Lunch programs through Health Promoting Schools for KSS families, seconded by Sarah Marriott, carried by show of hands, none opposed. Robbie Franklin will follow through with this task with PAC.
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Gift**. Discussion about a small gift instead of a breakfast this year. Many ideas presented for the 165 staff. Sarah M. will contact Art Knapps about a small plant gift, Lori R. will ask Bylands. Also, chocolate gift may be included.
- Motion by Brenda Maier to increase spending for Staff Appreciation gift to \$850 if needed, seconded by Sarah M., carried by show of hands, none opposed.

Parent Questions/Discussion

- Dry Grad has been cancelled and will be offering refunds for tickets. KSS PAC has donated \$1000 to Dry Grad and will go towards prize draw for students.

Closing and Thank you's - A big THANK YOU to the PAC Executive for all their hard work this year and farewell to our two executive members who will be leaving us, Kim Cresswell and Brenda Maier.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:35 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday September 15, 2020 6:30pm

On behalf of the PAC we want to thank you for your support and attendance this year. We look forward to seeing you next year. To those parents leaving us, thank you and we hope to see you around!