

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday September 13, 2016

In attendance:

Sarah Mariott, Brigitte Ketch, Shelley Hoffmann, Jennifer Nemet, Sofia Simeonidis, Brenda Hudson, Krista Berrigan, Joy Godel, Leigh-Ann Sullivan, Sarah Morris-Probert, Brenda Maier, Ken Chung, Candice Chung, Valary Chidwick, Susan Zimmermann, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Arnar Bernhardsson (Athletics Chair), Troy White (Principal)

Welcome/Meeting start 6:40 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted by Joy Godel

2. Approval of the Minutes - May 10, 2016; Motion to accept by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Sarah Mariott, all in favour, motion carried.

3. Principal's Report - Troy White

- Excited to be the new Principal at KSS; previously the Principal at KLO (14 Months)
- Thank-you to everyone who has been so welcoming - lucky to have had two weeks training over the summer with Scott McLean
- We've had a great start-up to the school year - feedback has been very positive
- Staffing numbers; 89 teachers
30 Certified Education Assistants
- Student enrollment; 597 grade 10 students
618 grade 11 students
601 grade 12 students
Total: 1816 students at KSS (school is full!)
- Two of our three Vice Principals (Barb LeClair and Steven Labrie) are off work at the moment recovering from accidents. Ryan Mansley and Adrian Zuyderduyn have stepped into these roles in an acting capacity
- Handout "Navigating the changes in the Grad Program" (available on the KSS website) was reviewed and discussed. Students will no longer be required to write provincial exams in Grade 10 or 11 with the new program. A provincial literacy assessment and provincial numeracy assessment will be introduced in the new program.
- More information on the new BC Revised curriculum is available on the BC Ministry of Education website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>
- The Parent Ambassador program will get under way again soon under the direction of Ryan Mansley who is currently filling in for Barb LeClair
- The "Together We Learn" Community connection for June highlights the Dual Credit programs available to our students in the Central Okanagan School District; these programs are designed to help our students explore the Trades. The hand-out, including a list of resources, is available on the KSS website under Publications.
- The OUC campus cafeteria is not able to accommodate KSS students for lunch due to a lack of seating. The "Owls Nest" concession will be run by Mr. Kletke and the KSS Marketing class this year. They plan to provide healthy food options for KSS students over the lunch hour.

4. KSS Athletics - Arnar Bernhardtsson (Athletic Director)

- The KSS Athletics program is well under way and our gym is already extremely busy
- Coaches are in place and programs up and running for Field Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country Running and Football
- Tryouts were announced to new students during LINK Day activities for sports starting up early in the school year
- Winter sport is Basketball and Spring sports include soccer, Rugby, and Track and Field
- Arnar is willing to provide updates on sports prior to PAC meetings if requested
- Request for funds for Grade 10 CPR manikins. All grade 10 students are provided with CPR and AED training during their physical education class. Manikins are old and need replacement; need 30 new manikins (approximately \$150 each).

5. Executive Reports

Chairperson - Sarah Mariott (acting Chair)

- Sarah was required to sign gaming forms; unable to apply for gaming funds without a Chair. Willing to take on Chair position if we can find a Vice-Chair to share the load.

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin - absent

- Staff wish lists required in order to draft proposed budget and approve at the next PAC meeting on October 11th.
- Troy will send PAC letter out to staff/department heads asking for funding requests. All requests to be submitted by October 5th in order to have time to review with PAC Chairs on October 6th and meet with Department heads to prioritize on October 7th. Budget to be drafted and put forward for approval at PAC meeting on October 11th.
- All requests must meet the Gaming Fund criteria which basically states the items purchased must support extra-curricular programs.
- Signing authority to be changed; Janice Loukras and Heather Fashanu to be removed and Sarah Mariott and Brenda Maier to be added.

Secretary - Brenda Maier - no report

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman

- In June 2016 the PAC recognized the work ethic of 709 students who have been on the Work Ethic List on their report cards for 3 consecutive terms. The grade 10 students received KSS Owl drawstring bags and the grade 11 & 12 students received pens. Homeroom teachers were responsible for handing these out with the report cards on the last day of school.

Applied Skills Chair - position vacant

Fine Arts Chair - Lilliana Perez- Lefevre

- Lilliana now has a child in Fine Arts and is looking forward to acting as chair again this year; established a good rapport with Mr. Derksen (department head) last year

Athletic Chair - position vacant

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- COPAC, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, is a district wide Parent Advisory Group (Uber PAC). Each PAC in SD 23 sends a member to COPAC to represent their school. There are 43 schools in the district.
- COPAC holds general meetings on the first Monday of every month
- COPAC members also sit on School District committees such as Health Promoting Schools, Safe Schools, Legal and Finance, Planning etc.
- French Immersion Task Force will be presenting their recommendations in early October. Public consultation meetings will be scheduled to provide for parent input

- The Ministry of Education has allocated \$600,000 to the Central Okanagan School District transportation fund. The Board estimates that the district has collected \$1,000,000 in busing fees. In order to address the difference, the Board is considering whether to continue to charge those riders who live within the "old" walk limits. The vote is to take place on September 30, 2016.
- Upcoming COPAC workshop; Susan Wilson "Parent Advocacy" training - Saturday October 22nd at the Hollywood Road Education Centre.

6. New Business

Adding to the PAC (Vacant PAC Executive positions to be filled)

- Sarah Mariott willing to take on Chair position if we can find her a Vice-Chair, also looking for Applied Skills Chair and Athletic Chair
- Jennifer Nemet nominated for Vice Chair; moved by Sarah Mariott, seconded by Joy Godel, all in favour/motion carried
- Ken Chung nominated for Applied Skills Chair; moved by Sarah Mariott, seconded by Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, all in favour/motion carried
- Valary Chidwick nominated for Athletic Chair; moved by Sarah Mariott, seconded by Brenda Maier, all in favour/motion carried.
- Krista Berrigan nominated for Co-COPAC rep; Moved by Brenda Maier, seconded by Joy Godel, all in favour/motion carried.
- Executive for 2016/2017 School year is as follows:

Chairperson - Sarah Mariott

Vice Chairperson - Jennifer Nemet

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

Secretary - Brenda Maier

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmerman

Applied Skills Chair - Ken Chung

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick

Fine Arts Chair - Lilianna Perez-Lefevre

COPAC Co-Representatives - Krista Berrigan & Valary Chidwick

PAC presence on Social Media

- Sarah willing to set-up Facebook page if we can find a parent to maintain it
- Suggestion from Ken that Deb Lawless might be willing to maintain the page once it has been set-up. Ken will speak to her about this.

Fundraising

- Sarah to connect with Jodi to see if she is willing to coordinate the Poinsettia fundraiser again this year for clubs at KSS that want to do some fundraising

Tabled to next meeting

- Motivational Speaker Angelo Meijers; Teacher, author, coach, speaker

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm