

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday January 9, 2018

In attendance: Joy Godel, Sarah Marriott, Darlene Kinakin, Brenda Maier, Valary Chidwick, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Theresa Keeler, Troy White (Principal)

Regrets: Susan Zimmermann

Welcome & Introductions/Meeting start 6:33pm

Guest Speakers; Wynter Oakes, Dayna Margetts and Crystal Garbelya (Core Competency and Inquiry Department Heads at Ecole Kelowna Secondary School)

New BC Curriculum; understanding the new Core Competencies

- Some similarities to existing curriculum but new curriculum is “concept based”
- Know, do, understand model
- Three main Core competencies; Communication, Personal & Social and Thinking
- Skills students gain in each area become the foundation for content specific knowledge and skills learned in the classroom
- Allows students to develop skills to navigate the ever-changing world outside school
- Curriculum aligned with existing “attributes” of the 21st century learner
- Implementation is a learning journey for both students and staff
- Interdepartmental teams of teachers working together on projects with students
- No longer focused on the “know” but what we’ve learned along the way
- Valuable/meaningful opportunities to gain knowledge and experience
- Self-assessment of Core Competencies (not sure yet what this will look like)

1. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted by Brenda Maier

2. Approval of the Minutes - November 14, 2017; tabled to February meeting

3. Principal’s Report - Troy White

Meningitis Clinic; 1200 eligible at KSS to be immunized

- Completed over 900 immunizations in 2 ½ hours - learned efficient process from clinics held at other schools (paperwork completed in homeroom)
- Additional Clinic being held at KSS on Thursday January 11th for those who missed
- No cases of Meningitis at KSS

Middle School changes - conversations around new contract; class size/composition

- Middle schools funded by student but High schools funded by block (additional blocks affect timetable)
- Honours classes cancelled at middle school level but all students will still have the ability to take Honours in grade 10 at KSS
- Investigating new ways of offering grade 10 honours classes within timetable

Numeracy Assessment

- Grade 10 & 11 students will be writing the Numeracy Assessment at KSS this year
- 600 students writing it in January (those taking math this semester)
- Graduation requirement (assessed 1-4 on report card)
- 3 opportunities to write the assessment (24 multiple choice and 2 long answer)
- KSS is piloting assessment; students will write w/math teachers invigilating

Monday January 15th Dual Credit program showcase at KSS 6:30pm

- Opportunity for parents and students to learn more about dual credit programs the district offers; trades programs including: automotive, electrical, culinary arts, hairdressing, emergency medical responder, health care assistant and more

Parent Teacher interviews Wednesday February 28th

- Students dismissed at 1:30pm, interviews 4:30-6:30pm

4. Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Joy Godel & Sarah Marriott (no report)

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Much of the budget still to be spent - PAC chairs to follow-up with department heads who have not spent their approved funds

Secretary - Brenda Maier

- PAC display board; request for photos of items that PAC funds have supported such as the purchase of the Basketball shooting machine

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmermann (absent)

Applied Skills Chair - Shelley Hoffmann (absent)

- Fallan Freeman sent photo of new Owls Aboriginal artwork displayed in main floor hallway display case. It is a beautiful KSS Owls wood carving. Check it out!

Fine Arts Co-Chair - Lilianna Perez-Lefevre

- All those in Fine Arts who received funds from the PAC to purchase things were very grateful. Mr. Derkson shared that the new sound board was in full use and students were happy to have it.

Music

- December concerts were well attended. KSS concert bands. All Jazz combos performed at the forum on Dec 14th with guest artist Cory Weeds. Chamber choir and vocal jazz performed a beautiful Christmas concert at St Michael's church on the December 17th.
- Upcoming events are Music Showcase at First Lutheran Church on Feb 5th and 6th and another Jazz at the Forum on May 10th with guest artist Brea S.

Drama

- First drama production of the year was "All I Really Need to Know I Learn by being in a Bad Play" which ran December 6th to the 9th. It was very well received.
- Next play has not been announced (not Shakespeare or a musical) but it's good!
- Mrs. Elliott is using the new ipads to evaluate and share students' work.

Visual Arts

- Student work was on display at the new Interior Health Building.
- New photography class being offered by Corinna Nicol

Video Production

- Mr. Derksen is always busy with great projects.

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick (no report)

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- Upcoming Events:
Early Years Partnership Event (Outdoor Play) January 22nd (7pm - 9pm)
Safetalk (Suicide Alertness), Spring 2018
White Hatter (Internet Awareness) April 23-27
- Health Promoting Schools Report
Swim program expanded includes both grades 3 and 4 - 4,000 students. Thank you to Across the Lake Swim organization.
Food for Thought breakfast program. Thank you to Hope for the Nations and Telus for servicing 30 schools with 1,500 breakfasts per day. Need is larger with 4,500 student
- MDI Middle Years Development Instrument - used to guide and assess the health and wellbeing of our students and determine what programs are needed to be successful.
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/md/nh/sd23/>
- Trustee Report - Moyra Baxter
Rebranding the SD23 to Central Okanagan Public Schools
COTA - Central Okanagan Teachers Association moved to 101 Dougal Road - more parking and handicap accessible.
- COPAC President's Report
Proposed changes to COPAC Constitution to extend the term of officers if need arises
Digitizing COPAC records
COPAC will hold a town hall when bi election called for the West Kelowna riding, focus on educational questions.
What would make you more involved with PACs and COPACS

4. Old Business

5. New Business

Guest Speaker for February

- Suggestion to have Drug and Alcohol counsellor come and speak to parents about Opioid crisis and what parents can do to help their children understand the danger
- Troy will check with the KSS Drug and Alcohol counsellor (Ciara Kneller) to see if she happens to be available in February

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 13th, 2018 @ 6:30 pm