

KSS PAC Agenda – Tuesday, April 9, 630 p.m. ZOOM ONLY

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Welcome

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx Okanagan People. We share these lands and are committed to reconciliation. (In the spirit of this, is there anyone who wishes to share something they have learned, observed?)

A copy of a land acknowledgement presented at the BC Cherry Association meeting the last week of Feb, by Erin Carlson.

The Syilx people have lived on this land since time immemorial and they have always understood and taught that the water and the land are the basis for all life.

“In the story “How Food was Given”, the creator sent sən̓k’lip (Coyote) to prepare for the future of the st’Isqilx̓w (people-to-be). A meeting was assembled between the Four Food Chiefs to determine how they would feed the people who were coming:

skmxist (Black Bear represented the creatures on land),

siya (Saskatoon Berry represented the plants above ground),

spiłəm (Bitter Root the plants below the ground),

ntityix (King Salmon represented the creatures in the water)

Together they made a plan for how to feed the people to be.

Each of the Food Chiefs represents different perspective and all must be included when making decisions.”

I don’t need to tell a room full of farmers and agrologists that food production in the Okanagan has changed. But the essential elements required for growing food will always remain the same. The land and the water must always be respected, appreciated and protected. We cannot take it for granted and must all do our part.

Author’s note: In researching this land acknowledgement I gleaned information from the Syilx water strategy. I also listened to the story “How Food was Given”, told by a few different people. This oral story is an important part of the history of the Okanagan and I encourage people to look up on YouTube.

Regrets: Leslie, Robyn, Scott (introduction of VP Jeff Prasad)

Attendees:

Introduction – Quick roundtable of attendees, especially if there are newcomers.

Adoption of the Agenda Camilla, Deannie, passed

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Feb meeting, minutes accepted

Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs) Jeff Prasad here in place of Scott Parker.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Myrna Stark Leader – nothing to report

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley – report within new business

Secretary – Norah Bowman – nothing to report

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell – In addition to rugby (boys and girls), ultimate, and girls soccer, these sports are also either underway or about to get underway: mountain biking, golf, and track and field.

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer - Gr 12 Band is heading to New York on Friday.

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Myrna) – nothing to report

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina – nothing to report

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush shared the following email:

Hi Jayme,

I would like to submit that our support rooms are being used to capacity this year!

These include Library, Resource room, Counseling center, Careers center, Gathering Room (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous), ELL, PASS Room (the one you took pictures of) and the Learning Center. We really appreciate the support of our PAC as we strive to make our support areas as welcoming as possible, and we couldn't 'beautify/zen' and 'support' without you!

With Gratitude,
Pam and support department

COPAC Representative – Co-chairs Camila Biffard and Cadre Simpson

Report from COPAC reps:

COPAC Meeting Notes:

Meeting Date: 8-Apr-2024

Trustee Report: Resolution for addressing Deferred Maintenance to Provincial trustees meeting

Superintendent Report:

- Upcoming Finance meeting – Report summary upcoming preliminary budget will maintain existing services with minor expansion, partly due to growing district.
- Included in Provincial Committees as part of a group of 'Growing Districts'
- Work underway at Knox Mountain and N. Glenmore

COPAC Events:

1. White Hatter – Online safety – Tues. April 23

KSSPAC agreed to distribute funds as per spreadsheet attached. We are waiting back on information about ellipticals, helmets and uniforms for biking, basketball, and football and will split the remainder between them. The total approved tonight is \$9,009.

The treasurer has the spreadsheet and once finalized, it will be added to the Google drive for reference for next year.

Cadre, Camela, motion passes.

2024-2025 PAC (Returning PAC members, call out to parents to put names forward – email) Myrna will create an email for parents to express interest in the 2024-2025 PAC to be sent out to all Gr 10 and 11 parents as well as those parents with students coming in in Grade 9.

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch? Myrna Stark Leader -No

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley – Maybe if she is allowed to serve for three years, but would give it up for another parent

Secretary – Norah Bowman – no

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe -TBD

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell – TBD

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer - TBD

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Maybe Deannie)

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina – Staying on

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush Staying on
COPAC – Cadre - staying

- PAC scholarship(s) – update on who was awarded/or the process – Cheryl is digging into a question from a student who had been awarded the scholarship.

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Proxies for COPAC meeting will be signed and shared back with BC Co PAC, Myrna and Cheryl to sign.

Parent Questions/Comments

- KSS website, PAC page, and weekly Whoo's News are sources of information for parents. KSS PAC email is kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

Meeting Adjournment

First, Camila, Second, Cadre. Motion passes.

Next Meeting – PAC AGM and new Council Election - May 14, 6:30 – In person in the KSS Library – All parents/guardians with students who will attend KSS in fall 2024

are invited to participate.

Items of note:

Board of Education meeting (AGM and board meeting) highlights are posted to the school district website:

[https://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinghighlights/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinghighlights/Pages/default.aspx#/)