

KSS PAC Minutes

Tuesday October 17, 2017

In attendance: Joy Godel, Sarah Morris-Probert, Jennifer Nemet, Darlene Kinakin, Brenda Maier, Krista Berrigan, Janet Dillon, Shelley Hoffmann, Brenda Hudson, Valary Chidwick, Iryna Storozhuk, Troy White (Principal)

Regrets: Sarah Marriott, Lilianna Perez-Lefevre, Susan Zimmerman

Welcome & Introductions/Meeting start 6:34 pm

1. **Adoption of the Agenda** - adopted by Shelley Hoffmann
2. **Approval of the Minutes** - September 12, 2017; motion to accept by Darlene Kinakin/seconded by Shelley Hoffmann
3. **Principal's Report** - Troy White
 - Enrollment update as of October 16th KSS has 1807 students
 - No room to create new classes but still room available within core classes
 - Thank you to the PAC for their support of the Lynn Lyons parent presentation on Anxiety and Depression; 287 parents attended the October 5th evening presentation.
 - Lynn Lyons also presented to 103 students, 12 teachers and 28 administrators earlier in the day and 450 teachers on October 6th during the SD23 Implementation Day.
 - The material presented by Lynn Lyons was extremely relevant to the implementation of our new curriculum and the core competencies.
 - Other speakers brought in for Implementation day included Geoff Fabian "What was your win today" and Dr. Peter Arthur who spoke on growth and fixed mindsets.
 - Parents should be receiving communication/interim reports from their student's teachers this week prior to Parent Teacher Interviews
 - KSS Parent Teacher Interviews are Wed September 18th from 4:30-6:30pm. Unfortunately there is a conflict with both Dr. Knox and KLO Parent Teacher interviews on the same night. This has been corrected for next year!
 - Fire Drills/Emergency Drills/Lock down drills are underway and will all be completed by the end of October. Students and staff are taking these very seriously.
 - Teacher Professional Development day this Friday October 20th; no school for students
 - Looking for parent input/support of proposed outdoor basketball court w/6 basketball hoops. Proposed location is the gravel area between Raymer Ave and the last portable. Cost is approximately \$38,000.00.
 - Parents felt this was an excellent idea/enhancement of the KSS school property. It would not only solve problems for students wanting to practice when the gym is not available but would also encourage students to be active before, after and in between their regular classes. All parents in favour of proceeding and offered their full support!
 - Non-instructional day coming up for student on November 3rd while staff work on implementation of the new curriculum.
 - Numeracy brochure being created by Mr. Labrie and he will come and present to parents at our November 14th PAC meeting. All grade 10's and 11's will write the Numeracy Assessment this year once math course completed.

4. Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Joy Godel

- Lori Raible (Family Smart) will be our guest speaker next month. She wanted to share information on an upcoming event for parent or caregivers of youth who might be experimenting with substances. Helen Jennens from Stop the Harm will speak from personal experience having lost two sons to the Opioid crisis here in Kelowna. The event is Tuesday October 24th, 6-8 pm at the Foundry, 1815 Kirschner. Parents can RSVP directly to 250-212-3030 or lori.raible@familysmart.ca
- PAC will host an information table in the MPR at Parent Teacher Interviews tomorrow night and we are looking for parent volunteers to represent the PAC.

Treasurer - Darlene Kinakin

- Presentation of Proposed PAC Budget for the 2017-2018 school year
- Executive met on October 10th to review teacher funding requests and put together proposed budget for presentation and approval tonight
- Discussion regarding approval of a variety of teacher requests
- Additional approvals based on further information received
- Motion by Krista Berrigan to accept budget as presented for \$33,688.00, seconded by Shelley Hoffmann, all in favour, motion carried. (see approved budget attached)

Secretary - Brenda Maier

- PAC display board updated with new executive and current examples of funding requests for use at PAC table during Parent teacher Interviews tomorrow evening.
- Would like to update photos on display board with pictures of items that PAC funds have made possible such as the purchase of the Basketball shooting machine.
- Sending card on behalf of PAC to KSS family currently dealing with sudden death of 19 year old son who is a KSS graduate.

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmermann (absent)

Applied Skills Chair - Shelley Hoffmann

- Fallan Freeman is hoping to attend a PAC meeting in the near future to make a personal report for Applied Skills and answer any questions the PAC may have.
- Robson Carrier had great success at the recent Skills Canada Competition.

Fine Arts Co-Chair - Shelley Hoffmann

Music

- Scott Leithead recently lead a Choral Workshop for all Chamber/Vocal Jazz choirs
- The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra recently led a workshop for our Jazz 11 students during band class
- Music Parent meeting to plan for upcoming events Wednesday October 18th at 7:30pm
- Chamber Choir will be performing at the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov 10th
- Chris Fabian (New York Bassist) workshop for Jazz bands/combos November 14/15
- Trevor Giancola Trio workshop for Jazz bands/combos November 16/17
- Cory Weeds workshop for Jazz bands/Combos December 13/14
- Winter Concert #1; Concert Band 10, Senior Concert Band, Orchestra and the Rythm & Blues Band (Dubois) Dec 11th 7pm KSS Gymnasium - admission by donation

- Winter Concert #2; Jazz Bands 10, 11 & 12 and Vocal Jazz (French) Dec 12th 7pm KSS Gymnasium - admission by donation
- Winter Concert #3; Cory Weeds (well-known tenor saxophonist) and the KSS Jazz Combos 10, 11 & 12, Quartet and Vocal Combo (French) Dec 14th 7pm The Forum, 1317 Ethel Street - admission TBA
- Winter Concert #4; Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz (French) Dec 17th St. Michael's Hall, 608 Sutherland Ave. Matinee 2pm, Evening Performance 7pm - admission by donation
- **Drama - KSS Night Owl Theatre**
- Show #1; "All I really need to know I learn by being in a bad play" one act comedy, Dec 6-9th, Doors open 6:30 show starts 7pm - \$10 adults, \$6 students
- Show #2; TBA full length play w/intermission May 2nd-May 5th
- Show #3; Student directed Fringe Festival, Grade 11/12 acting classes, 2 day festival May 30th-June 1st - admission \$2 or free with donation to the Food Bank.
- Grade 10 Drama will have lunch time performances at the end of each term.
- **Visual Arts**
- KSS student Art collection on long term display at the new Interior health Building
- Mr. Mayer and Mr. Derksen are planning another Fine Arts/Media tour to New York City slated for October 2018. First info meeting coming up soon (25 students interested).
- **Video Production & Journalism**
- Check-out school on-line news source Censor This! at www.ksscensorthis.com - profiles stories researched and written by KSS student journalists about the school and a myriad of other topics, video production, polls and more.
- Journalism class will have an opportunity in October to conduct a live Skype interview with Israeli adventurer Yossi Ghinsberg, whose extraordinary trial-by-jungle in the Bolivian Amazon launched him into fame in the eighties. His movie "Jungle" is due to come out on October 27th in the US.
- Journalism class may also have the opportunity to interview Tennessee Titan's left tackle Taylor Lewan (#1 in the NFL last year) about life in the NFL.
- **Graphics and Photography**
- Graphic design classes have been designing t-shirts and logos (a real world opportunity to design a logo for a local optometry business).
- Only two more weeks to buy yearbooks at the early bird price

Athletic Chair - Valary Chidwick

- Best of the West Junior & Senior Volleyball tournaments in October
- Kelowna Owls upcoming Football games - Friday Oct 20, Oct 27 and Nov 3.

COPAC - Valary Chidwick

- Sarah Shakespeare - COPAC president is reaching out to PAC's and would like to attend PAC meeting to discuss the role of COPAC in our School District.
- COPAC Fall conference is on Dec 9th 9am-5pm, more details to come.
- Reminder to PAC's to update their bylaws and constitution. Some changes may need to be made (eg. SPC position)
- Parents are welcome to attend Board meetings held later in the day to encourage parent attendance

- Superintendant's report; SD23 at 104% capacity, 130 FTE positions increase, 388 teacher postings, 265 temporary contracts, 190 new teachers, and still recruiting! Especially French Immersion and Special Education.
- 59 new learning spaces created in the district
- Over 3000 people employed by the District, 22,502 students in the district.
- Busy summer; many SD23 staff volunteered time to help with emergency response
- George Elliot experienced flooding in the Spring with high water levels. AS Matheson experienced flooding from a Water Main Break. Staff did an excellent job in repairing buildings to working order.

4. Old Business

Executive Positions

- Shelley Hoffmann has agreed to take on Applied Skills Chair position permanently

5. New Business

Guest Speaker

- Lori Raible, our Parent in Residence has confirmed that she will speak to us in November about the new "Foundry" Centre. The Foundry is a collaboration between several organizations where youth can go and receive assistance that will be free and confidential for a variety of needs including mental health, counselling, sexual health and so on. The Centre opened in late September at 1815 Kirschner Road.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 14th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm