

**KSS PAC Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Welcome and Introductions 6:34 pm

In attendance: Susan Z, Sarah M, Troy W, Jordan K, Abbey W, Janet D, Belkis T, Elyse L., Graham J, Valary C, Wayne B, Michelle K, Maureen D, Liz J, Cinz, Cat M.

Adoption of the Agenda by Wayne, second by Belkis, all in favour

Guest Speaker: Jordan Kleckner and Graham Johnson on Digital Equity

- 1) Did a pilot digital wellness course previous to COVID. this with KLO. For families to complete.
- 2) Very early in journey and thinking about journey from 2000 to present what changes in technology we have seen. If we as a district were to do this, prior to 2000, had very limited technology. As a district, mobility in devices increased. Smartboards to smartphones to tablets/laptops to chromebooks to smartphone usage increased and increased devices for all with Zoom as a platform for learning. So much rapid change in the last 20 years, especially in the last five. There is an adoption of learning through the technologies. Made tech pause and change and reflect. Have great access and infrastructure, but have areas to improve. Had a chance to talk to teachers/student teachers/students/parents, etc. Realize the technology important to have access in and out of the schools. Look at equity issues throughout the district. Technology being used in multiple ways in peoples' lives. Redesigned curriculum has altered need/use of tech. Still a great demand for more tech in the schools. COVID hit and it offered a new lens to look at technology and needs in the district (digital equity for all families). By 2026, 98% of Canadians will have access to high-speed internet. Have a better idea of how many students did not have access; 28% of population needed tech to borrow. Had families contact tech for support. Shared devices in system brings up health and safety concerns (touch points). Cloud-based tools allowed the online atmosphere to work as it did.
- 3) Drivers of change: technology, equity, just-in-time, sustainability, learner agency. Technology keeps changing rapidly. Chromebooks are the device of the day, but that won't be the case in the coming years as technology changes. Equity concerns in and outside of the schools. Want to make sure that we are mindful of technology (safety, amount of time in front of tech, etc); want the devices ready "just-in-time" for when the tech is needed for the school needs.
- 4) More info on our Digital Wellness work here: <https://www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness>
- 5) Access and learning: refresh tech on a 4 year cycle now, but touching base with schools more often to understand what is going on in tech and needs. Different technologies are used in different classrooms/schools/etc. Personalized learning is a focus. Make sure WIFI is robust and secure. Telus and Shaw have been great partners to allow parents access. More students have their own personal learning devices to support learning in schools (productivity-based...with keyboard). In secondary schools, what does this look like where students bring their own devices into the school learning atmosphere. Commitment to digital equity is a focus for schools in the coming years and we know that this is important, even though not known how this will look. Will continue the family purchasing options.
- 6) <https://www.menti.com/jaqqiafpvn> What will the school district tech department need to

consider so that we can be successful in digital equity in the future? Need a balance with healthy technology use. Technology can be a great help for students who may need accessible features. What will we need to consider as we strive to equip each and every learner with digital skills needed to thrive in the world today?

- 7) Next steps: about engaging community in conversation throughout the district and among the grades. Ever since tech in schools has started, PAC's have been asked for funding and support. There has always been inequity between schools. PAC's cannot be expected to fund, as that perpetuates the inequities. Can't just have a one-size-fits-all funding from tech dept to all schools. Need to understand the digital equity within each school and across the district. The purchasing program is very helpful and worth the money.
- 8) Digital Wellness: <https://www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness>
- 9) Specific family resources: <https://www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness-family-resources>

Approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes-May 12, 2020 by Sarah M, seconded by Janet, all in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes- April 13, 2021 by Cinzia, second by Wayne, all in favour

Principal's Report - Troy White

- 1) June 2nd 9-12:15. Capstone for Grade 12's on Zoom later that day. June 5th/6th: Grad walk. Look at grad page.
- 2) Staff appreciation day thank you for last year with the plants.
- 3) Commencement video recording June 24 @ 6pm.
- 4) June 24 last day of classes. June 25th/28th are catch-up days.
- 5) June 29th report card distribution (pick-up). Payment for lost books, overdue books, etc.
- 6) Dry Grad week. May 31-June 4. Lots of prizes/videos, etc.
- 7) Ryan Mansley is transferring to Mt. Boucherie July 1st. He has done 16 years at KSS and we will be sad to see him go. Mike Cormany will be coming July 1st.
- 8) Hired 3 teachers: Crystal Z (full-time), Jadyn Valkyria, Christina Drescher.
- 9) Attendance at school is high right now. Thankful for staff to have opportunity to have vaccinations.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette & Susan Zimmermann

During the 2020-2021 school year, the KSS Parent Advisory Council had the opportunity to allocate approximately \$39,000 in BC Gaming funds to all departments at KSS, in accordance with the BC Gaming criteria. The PAC also approved the creation of four COBSS awards, two scholarships of \$1000 each, and two bursaries of \$1000 each, to be given to four KSS graduates, based on academic achievement (scholarships) and financial need (bursaries).

The KSS PAC held all its regular monthly meetings on Zoom, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Because we were meeting on Zoom, we did not have our usual number of invited speakers, however at our May 11th AGM, we will be hearing a presentation from Jordan Kleckner on Digital Equity. We thank our Principal, Troy White, for taking the time to prepare and present a Principal's report at every meeting. This year, parents had many questions about the Covid-19 precautions being taken at KSS, and Troy was always willing to take the time to address parent concerns. In March, three of our executive members participated in a Zoom meeting where the KSS Community Learning Plan was presented by

KSS administration, staff and students to members of the SD23 school board and Dr. Rick Oliver. The presentation and all of the work going into it received much praise for encouraging student engagement, a sense of connectedness and inclusivity, and promoting learning at KSS.

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.

Treasurer- Janet Dillon: Dated: May 11, 2021

For the 2020 – 2021 school year:

Gaming Funds: The KSS PAC received \$36,600 in gaming funds in October 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year and approved expenditures of \$39,153. Due to COVID-19, \$7,279.72 was returned to the KSS gaming funds 'pool' from 2019-2020 allocations in order to be reallocated in this school year.

These are the allocations made to the following categories this year:

Academics	\$5,057
Applied Skills	\$3,840
Athletics	\$5,195
Fine Arts	\$11,939
Other areas	\$7,662
Dry Grad	\$1,000
PAC Awards	\$4,500

The balance of the gaming bank account, as of April 30, 2021, was \$24,267.20.

(Please note the PAC fiscal year end is June 30th so year-end financial statements are not available at this time.)

General Revenue: The balance of the general account was \$175.07 as of April 30, 2021. In January 2021, The PAC's redeemable term deposit, in the amount of \$4,046, was reinvested with HSBC in a 12-month redeemable term deposit at an interest rate of .35%. The investment will mature on January 28, 2022.

A GoFundMe (GFM) page was created for the purpose of funding the COBSS awards for 2020-2021 graduates. A total of \$4,540 was raised through generous donations and fees of \$170.71 were paid to GFM. \$4,100 was remitted to COBSS to fund 4 - \$1,000 awards (2 scholarships and 2 bursaries) plus the admin fee of \$25 per award.

Contingency Fund: The contingency fund consists of the \$4,046 12-month GIC held at HSBC as discussed above.

Secretary – Cat Marrs: Continue to keep minutes during online executive and general PAC meetings to be collected and distributed to parents/guardians and posted on KSS PAC.

Academic Chair - Iryna Storozhuk: Students at KSS continue to benefit from academic course selections including 9 honors courses, 8 Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as French Immersion Classes.

- In 2020/2021 PAC supported money to fund requests from 10 teachers in the Academic Department for a total of \$5,057. The total amount spent up to date is \$3624.

- One of the extracurricular activities offered at KSS is Avid Readers club. Every year, the English department benefited greatly from the PAC funding for the Avid Readers Club. Money are used to purchase a selection of books—novels, memoirs, graphic novels— and the students read one book each month, and when they meet to discuss the novel, they decide

which grade level the book fits best, and if it could be taught to a whole class or would be best used for an independent novel study. The books are then put into circulation to be used by all English teachers and students. If students respond well to a book choice, then school textbook funds are used to increase the numbers.

- Due to COVID-19 some academic competitions and field trips that traditionally were financially supported by PAC were not offered this year.

Applied Skills Chair – Elyse Levesque: Applied Skills Department – Annual report:

- Mr. Sookochoff purchased a tambourine, a pair of drumsticks and a set of electric guitar strings for next year's guitar students to enjoy
- Drafting & Design department used their vinyl cutter to produce large wall signs for the library
- 2020/2021 Expenses:
 - **\$2,050.00:** Fallan Freeman purchased Skateboard & Longboard equipment & material (vacuum press, etc) – This is all new equipment for KSS and this new equipment will be used by all woodshop students for years to come – Students love these kinds of projects. Parts were ordered through Amazon, but not all pieces have arrived yet.
 - **\$1,790.00:** Trevor Schultz purchased 3D printers. The department is very happy with the quality of the printers.
 - **TOTAL: 3,840.00**
- **See photos below of the Skateboard project:**



- The Applied Skills Department usually does a bunch of field trips in the spring, (ex: skills Canada and BCIT robotics competition), but due to Covid, all has been canceled in 2021

Athletic Co-Chairs - Marc Miles & Cinzia Miles

Fine Arts Chair - Sarah Marriott

The fine arts department has been incredibly creative in the midst of COVID again this year. Every club and class worked hard to create experiences and share the work and talents of students.

For media arts Mr. Derksen sends his hearty thanks for the equipment PAC has purchased in the last couple years. They have been well used this year. The most recent purchase of a go-pro has helped make videos like this one: <https://youtu.be/yXaw4Mz8upg>

Ms. French has worked to create both live and digital opportunities for students in the

music programs to show off their talents to their parents and the larger community. During spring break a few of the Jazz combo's even played outside Superstore to fundraise for the food bank.

They are extremely grateful for the PAC funds this year particular for dresses to be made for performances that will last for many years!

One of her students, Samuel Collins auditioned and got into the 8 Bit Big Band and is shown at 2' 41" bottom right corner and his name is Samuel Collins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hkxH-nVcT8&feature=share>

For art, Mr. Mayer is always creative, community and diversity focused. It's encouraging to see his commitment to art being part of a wholistic education.

KSS ART on display

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdQf7oNI6Po>

Ms. Elliott also thanks PAC for the generosity that helped provide resources for filming the winter production. Despite being online, they were encouraged by 200 guests tuning in to watch the show. Elliott credits PAC as having taken part in the drama departments success during covid. There is a spring production upcoming that will also be filmed.

They have written their own script based on a fictional Zoom Annual General Meeting at a stratified building in a medium-sized every-town somewhere in North America. It is a parody of Zoom meetings, where different characters tune in from their homes, and we get to have a sneak peak of how different people live.

Videos to watch:

*<https://youtu.be/yXaw4Mz8upg>

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hkxH-nVcT8&feature=share>

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdQf7oNI6Po>

Student Support Chair - Lori Raible: The KSS PAC was able to supply funding to the KSS Green Team to continue with their 'Green projects'. They have purchased a compost and gardening supplies. Unfortunately, the Resource department was not able to use any of the money that KSS PAC allotted as much of it was to fund field trips which have not been able to occur this year due to the current Provincial COVID regulations.

COPAC Representatives – Valary Chidwick & Wayne Broughton COPAC REPORT
2021

Kelowna Secondary School

Co-reps: Wayne Broughton and Valary Chidwick

GENERAL report: COPAC hold meetings on the first Monday of every month. In attendance are the following: COPAC executive, COPAC representatives from every school PAC, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, School Trustee, COTA representative, and guests. Guest speakers are invited to present at the beginning of each meeting. The February Meeting guest speaker is always the School District Secretary-Treasurer with a presentation on the school budget.

COPAC is represented on School District committees. Their role is to provide a parent/guardian perspective and share information with the parent community. School District staff and Trustees provide reports at every meeting.

All minutes of meetings are posted on the COPAC website
[http://copac.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://copac.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/)

COPAC provides educational opportunities for parents through both sharing community events at meetings and presentations. This year COPAC brought in the White Hatter (June 19, 2021) to present on issues of internet safety.

All meetings were held on Zoom this year. The 2020-21 executive would like to continue Zoom meetings as it may be more convenient for the majority of people attending.

COPAC Meeting, May 3, 2021
Report for KSS

COMMUNITY

- It was advised that PAC bylaws should include guidelines or restrictions on the PAC use of businesses that are affiliated with school families/parents
BCCPAC (Sarah S.)
- May 28 and 29th - BCCPAC Parent Conference - "Power of Change - Empowering Yourself"
- Register on website
- Zoom licenses provided by BCCPAC with not be renewed past June 30th; it's not clear yet if the School District will be able to provide these instead

COPAC NEWS

- Send new PAC President/Chair emails to Cherylee in order to set up a contact list for the next school year
- White Hatter Presentation - June 17, 2021 - any suggestions for a topic please let Lahinie know

TRUSTEE REPORT (Julia Fraser)

- "Together We Build" campaign: parents and students are urged to write emails and letters to their MLAs and the Ministry of Education about the need for funding for new and replacement schools: see <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/boardadvocacy>
- May 3-9 Teacher Appreciation week.
- Strategic Plan Draft - review and submit the survey at <http://bit.ly/SD23Draft> by May 12th
- Long Term Facilities Plan Draft - submit the survey at <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/330195203> by May 19th
 - Board will approve on June 9th
- Both draft plans and surveys are available through <https://sd23.bc.ca>

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Terry-Lee Beaudry)

- All staff had the opportunity to be vaccinated
- Education and Student Services Committee level 2 review completed

COTA REPORT

- Teachers pleased and excited to be able to be vaccinated
- Posting season is happening (advertised positions around the province)
- Very, very busy for HR - thank you for their hard work!

COPAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

- President: unfilled
- Vice-President: unfilled
- Treasurer: unfilled
- Secretary: Roseanne K (Dorothea Walker)
- Member-at-large: Deannie Z
- Member-at-large: Nicola B

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Vote on Bylaw Amendment to add Indigenous Support Chair to the PAC Executive & other minor revisions: Proposal is that KSS PAC approves the changes to bylaws to add Indigenous Chair and adding responsibilities of the Chair AND overall change from "chairperson" to "chair" and take out "committee" references in sections 9 & 10. Duties from COPAC to remove for their roles (to attend meetings, seek and give input, vote on behalf of PAC, act as liason between PAC and BCCPAC...to act as liason). Look at cleaning up bylaws and vote in future meeting.
***Vote on Indigenous Chair (addition and duties): Lori to make a motion to accept, second by Maureen, all in favour.**
- Elections of Officers for 2021-2022 school year:
- Elections for 2021-2022 KSS PAC Executive Board
- All positions are open for nominations, but the current executive is leaving their name standing for the following positions, as noted:
- Co-Chairs -Susan Zimmermann & Sarah Marriott
- Treasurer- Janet Dillon
- Secretary – Cat Marrs
- Departmental Chairs: (These parents act as a liaison between the PAC and their respective departments at KSS. They generally are in contact with the teacher who is the department head to get any information and updates to report at PAC meetings. They also help represent their department when gaming funds are disbursed by the PAC.)
- Academic Chair - Iryna Storozhuk
- Applied Skills Chair - Belkis Toredi
- Athletic Chairs - Lori Raible
- Fine Arts Chair - Abbey Westbury
- Student Support Chair - Liz Jonas
- Indigenous Chair – Maureen O’Hanley Doucette
- COPAC Co-Representatives – Valary Chidwick & Miriam Desjardins
- **Board nominated and accepted by acclamation. Congratulations to all on Executive.**
- Teacher Appreciation: Wed, June 16th. Lori has been doing research and has found out: 3 quotes: 1)Bylands Nursery - can confirm 170 variety of herb plants for June 16th at \$5 each in a 4" pot. Total cost is \$850 plus tax = \$969. 2)WOW the Yard - a West Kelowna Small Business can provide "Thank you KSS Staff" for \$135 plus tax = \$153.90. 3)"It's A Bakery" in the Lower Mission can also provide 170 \$5 gift

- certificates for a cost of \$850. Could get smaller sizes (2")? Choose a different date (May 26th?). Maybe order a few more just in case there is some extra need. **Motion:** spend \$750 Byland plants for teachers and WOW the signs made by Lori, seconded by Janet, all in favour. ***Do the signs at the end of the year as a surprise on June 16th. Add flamingos (Sarah)
- Short presentation on Thursday night put on by Melody Brewer on the Foundry with the resources affiliated. Need to email to join to get ZOOM information/link. Information on COPAC page.

Parent Questions/Comments

- Parent information can be found on KSS website & in weekly Whoo's News
- Parents can contact the PAC at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

Meeting Adjournment and Thank You's: Elyse thank you for her time, support, and hard work. Thank you to all members. Thank you to ALL staff at KSS.

Next Meeting – Tuesday Sept 14, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 pm

- Tuesday, September 14, 2021