

**KSS PAC Meeting
Tuesday October 12, 2021**

**Called to order at 6:35 pm
Welcome and Introductions**

We gratefully acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Okanagan People.

In attendance: Susan Zimmermann, Sarah Marriott, Iryna Storozhuk, David Cochrane, Myrna Leader, Belkis Toredi, Lori Raible, Renae Witzaney, Troy White, Michelle Kershaw, Valary Chidwick, Maureen O'Hanley Doucette, Carrie Broughton, Janet Dillon, Cat Marrs, Abbey Westbury, Joelle Brennan, Lara Ryan, Tracy Ross

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Maureen, Second by Janet; all in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes –September 14, 2021: Valary (Changes to COPAC report to be sent to Susan) approved with changes by Sarah Marriott, second by Janet, all in favour.

Principal's Report -Troy White

1.Last 18-20 months have been a challenge. School is very busy again. Many students have not been in school full time since March 2020. Interesting to see the feeling in the school; students, staff, parents all tired. Community is feeling tired of COVID and all that it has brought to community overall (school, home, etc.) Opportunity for normalcy. *Photos were taken on Sept 13, and retake day on Oct 12. *Grade assemblies on Sept 15th, Fire Drills on Sept 22 and Oct 6. Lockdown drill on Sept 27. Interim reports sent home Oct 4-7th. *In a school you cannot have more than 50 people inside in a room or 100 people outside. For a school game, can only have aforementioned numbers, which is not the same as general community guidelines (which are at 50%) Interior Health guidelines must be followed according to school rules. *Implementation Day on Oct 8: had an official Indigenous Water Ceremony and had Land Learning. *UPCOMING: Oct 13: PT Conferences—early release 1:30; 14 Earthquake Drill; Oct 18 Fire drill; Oct 22—Professional Development Day (no school for students); Oct 22 Performance 23—Wes Barker; Nov 1 Numeracy/Literacy Assessments Week; Nov 10, Remembrance Day Assembly (on Zoom). Nov 11 Remembrance Day—no school for students; Nov 12, Q1 Ends & Nov 15, Q2 Begins, Nov 25 Report cards go home. The only high school not to give out report cards virtually. Going to be handing out report cards via email for Q1, Q2, Q3, but Q4 will not hand out virtually to ensure supplies return to school.

2.Grade 12 Winter Formal is delayed until Spring, so probably will be a "Spring Fling". Will survey parents in upcoming meeting to see what can do for Grade 12's for Grad feedback. Hard to plan for things that change daily. Please look at emails to Grade 12 parents in order to make the students' Grade 12 year positive. Maybe can do something together as school and parents. Will have a Zoom conversation.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs -Susan Zimmermann & Sarah Marriott – nothing to report

Treasurer- Janet Dillon: Sept 30 General \$312.06, Gaming \$16 562.58, all cheques written last year have gone through the bank. Will carry forward about \$7700 of allocated funds from last year, leaves \$8700 above allocation from BC Gaming funds, but have not heard from them yet.

Secretary – Cat Marrs – nothing to report

Academic Chair - Iryna Storozhuk: No response from school contacts; Troy will get them to contact Iryna

Applied Skills Chair –Belkis Toredi: Tech department focusing on Indigenous Principles of learning. Looking at reclaimed materials. Specifically reported from Fallon Freeman:
Woodwork: In an effort to use both reclaimed material and incorporate a First People's project we have started to make lacrosse sticks and cedar bentwood boxes. Overall things are progressing well but have a few "kinks" to work out. Electronics/Robotics: Top of mind here is how we could potentially get an Electronics/Robotics club off the ground. I have half a dozen super keen students that are after me to sponsor their club. They have aspiration of competing in Vancouver as there is no similar opportunity in Kelowna. Seed money could go toward equipment and material purchases relative to the design criteria in the competition. Travel expenses are of course very high, though it sounds like a few of them would have parent support. \$2000 should be enough to get the process started. Metalwork: We are running a guitar club at lunch. Drafting: In combination with Engineering, we are developing new curriculum for a leading industry software SOLIDWORKS.

**** Additional information received after the meeting about lacrosse sticks:**

The lacrosse sticks we are making are a bit of a hybrid stick using traditional methods of steam bending and a leather and cord tied mesh pocket combined with a cold-molded lamination process with an advanced adhesive. The idea was spawned through wanting to make use of wood which normally would be considered off-cuts or waste material from various millwork shops as well as trying to incorporate some first-peoples content. Though lacrosse is traditionally associated as a first people game it has gained, and continues to grow in popularity and as such is a good conversation point with all the students. This project also affords a decent amount of hand skill work that can be done at the benches which in turn alleviates some of the usage pressure on the power tools. There are definitely some kinks to work out in the process as this is the first time through but overall the students have been receptive and are often fascinated at the notion of taking straight sticks and altering their shape into what becomes a very strong structure. There is no lacrosse team at KSS, though it is taught in the Physical Education classes, so any student in grade 10 would have had some exposure to the game and skills involved in throwing and catching with a stick. Most students do choose to make two sticks, so they can play catch with a friend, though because of potential time constraints some are only making one.

Athletic Chair-- Lori Raible:

Both Football teams (JV and Varsity) are up and running and are currently in conference play.

- We have 5 Volleyball teams going (Jr Boys, jr Girls, Sr Boys, Sr Girls A and Sr Girls B) all are currently in league play

- Boys soccer team is up and running and currently in League play
- Cross country team is up and running and doing meets on Wednesdays
- Swim team is up and running as well and they are doing virtual meets
- Sr Girls Field Hockey team is up and running and is traveling each week to Vancouver to find games and opposition as there are no teams to play in the valley!!
- At this time most events are limiting spectators. This means that most athletes are permitted only 1 spectator. Please double check up to date Covid protocols before coming to the events.
- A reminder that information re: KSS athletics can be found on the KSS Athletic website

Fine Arts Chair– Abbey Westbury: has sent out email to everyone for information and have not received anything yet. Troy will get Tim Meyer to respond.

Indigenous Chair – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette: unsuccessful in getting a response, so Troy will get on that, as well with Steve and Dawn/Heather, Rob Bennett. Truth and Reconciliation Week was very successful and activities/connections each day. Calls to Action years ago, but people still unsure about what it would look like and take place. It is important to move in the right direction in the future.

Student Support Chair – Liz Jonas – none

COPAC Representative – Valary Chidwick: Oct 4 COPAC meeting:

Trustee Broughton reported that the Catchment area review of the Westside and Okanagan Mission Family of schools was sent out to parents and closed on September 30, 2021. It was noted that this will affect all school zones. Many parents in the central zone family of schools did not receive the survey. Nov. 3rd the results will be released. November 3-24th there will be a Thought Exchange for further input.

Superintendent Report:

Building a mask culture in the SD. Be patient

Lots of Truth and Reconciliation activities in the schools.

National Teachers day October 5, 2021

National Principals Month - October

Two days for contact tracing if exposed at school.

Tik Tok lick challenges are prohibited and RCMP is involved with dealing with these acts of vandalism.

Unfinished Business

●Budget request process is ongoing; due date is October 19th (Janet/Susan): Not many requests coming in; typically in these situations, have more requests than funds. Nothing really new and same teachers have applied from in the past. It seems to be less because there are so many things that cannot be done. Troy will put it out there again and tell them to ask for funds if they have something they want. Maybe in January things will relax so that more funds can be accessible. We will hold the funds for that time.

●Discussion of feedback from SD23 on COVID guidelines for school sports (Valary): Oct 4 COPAC meeting. (Al Lalonde) provided Valary with written guidelines. As we move towards indoor sports, hard to do physical distancing. Masks not required and

vaccinations not required. If playing sports and breathing heavy and in close physical contact, but still no vaccinations/masks and now in contained space with other schools and districts and outside of health authority. Lots of points of contact with little protection for athletes and their families/communities, and so forth. Allowed to take more direction from Health Authority, if deemed necessary, to prevent COVID. Want to see sports continue, but safely. Valary has penned a letter to Chief Medical Officer to request students, if they would like to participate, as well as officials with no masks, to be required to be vaccinated. In Ontario Youth Sports vaccination 12+ mandatory. SD is taking lead from Interior Health. If want changes, must go to Int. Health. Troy thanks Valary for keeping him in the loop. Officials are from outside officiating sources. Volleyball officials are not blowing whistles now. (There is a machine that sounds like a whistle now, so volleyball officials all have this technology.) Many of our referees are in older years so they want to be protected, also. Could add the Trustees to the letter so that they know that this letter is going to IH. Ensure that the fact that our students go outside of our Health Zone, see grandparents, etc. Affects beyond our school community. Would like to know if we would like to sign the letter as the PAC of one of the largest high schools in BC. Requesting one layer of protections for students in high contact sports. Vaccination mandates have been talked about for SD employees/any adults working with students in the school; this will be up to School District Trustees. Team officials and referees in vaccination request in letter. Getting lots of feedback so in order to have your feelings heard. School board will be talking about mandating vaccinations Wednesday night... they welcome input: board@sd23.bc.ca. Motion to send the letter for the meeting tomorrow night. Troy White, Al Lalonde, Kevin Kardaal, Trustees, intern Chief Medical Officer and "CC" Minister of Education, Minister of Health, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Jordan Abney. COPAC Executive is having a meeting tonight. ***Motion to sign letter as KSS PAC, Dave second, everyone in favour.***

New Business

- PAC Constitution and Bylaws- Draft of proposed amendments for discussion (Maureen): carried over from last year when added Indigenous Chair in exec. Position. Decided to update everything, including gendered roles/things out of date. Susan has final version with updates, as well as original version is on website. *will send out the updates that were made. Need to read through and advertise for 2 weeks before next meeting when can be motioned and adopted/passed. Can send entire document to entire school (put a paragraph with a link on Whoo's News) and they can contact if they have any concerns. Vote on it in November.

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 at 8:06 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday November 9, 2021, 6:30pm via Zoom