

KSS PAC Minutes
Tuesday Feb 14, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

In attendance:

On Zoom:

Carrie Broughton

Carlos Rockhill

Bruno Santos

Jayne Bush

Annie Rose Togle

Ann-Marie Pryce

In Person:

David Cochrane

Reshma Lal

Sarah Marriott

Scott Parker

Abbey Westbury

Susan Zimmermann

Cat Marrs

6:35 pm

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

Purpose of the KSS PAC: The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carrie, seconded by Dave, all in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Carlos, seconded by Susan, all in favour

Principal's Report – Scott Parker:

1. Semester 2 now, which means we are in full get ready for next year mode. Course requests are being ready for students for this month. In March, class Org projections must be in. By end of year, your child will have their schedule.
2. Had the Bball Westerns. Very clear after the hiatus. Had second biggest gate out of all year. Very successful. Capacity crowd in gym on the Saturday night. Had every department in school contribute to put something on. Had Pep Band (they had a sleep-over team builder overnight on Friday night.) Money generated goes back to students in multiple ways. Westerns brought attention to Indigenous Classroom. Had representatives at Westbank First Nations come to speak and be part of weekend. More than just a basketball

tournament.

3. Is there a parent/teacher meeting conference time for this semester? Yes, it will be on March 1st and more information will be put out on website.
4. Parent information meeting for parents with children coming in the next year. This will be on Whoo's News and on website. Incoming Grade 10 will be on Feb. 21st.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs - Sarah Marriott / open: Reminder: only 2 meetings left and one of those meetings we are supposed to be voting in next year's PAC. It will be so much fun in April with many treats! Everyone is welcome to come and join in any capacity they feel comfortable.

Treasurer- Cheryl Gawley: \$37,843.36 in the bank. \$3,047.41 in uncashed cheques. \$30,889.08 in funds allocated. That leaves us with \$3,906.87 for allocation.

Secretary - Cat Marrs

Academic Chair - Susan Zimmermann

Athletic Chair - Lori Raible:
Basketball

Jr. Boys finished 3rd in the OCSAA and are done

Jr. Girls Finished 2nd in the OCSAA and are going to Valleys next weekend in Kamloops

Sr. Girls Gold team has a couple of games left and will be done by Feb 22nd

Sr Boys Gold will be practicing up to Feb 22 but then are done

4A Girls are in Vancouver this weekend and then are at OKM for their Valleys the following weekend

4A Boys play Penticton this Thursday and then OKM next Tuesday and then go to Valleys the following weekend.

Rugby

Sr Boys tryouts have started and the next one is Feb 14th at 7 am in the gym

Jr. Boys Tryouts are this Friday and the following week in the gym

Sr. Girls Rugby will start Wednesday feb 15th at 630 pm in the gym

Soccer: 3A Girls soccer tryouts are complete and a squad of 20 will remain. Initial numbers at tryouts were 40.

Ultimate Tryout will start at the end of the month

I also have submitted the **KSS PAC Scholarship & KSS PAC Bursary Applications** to all

three counsellors in the KSS Counselling office. I will be collecting the applications on **Wednesday April 12th 2023**. It is after that date that we will have the meeting to choose the winners. If you would like to be on that committee, you can reach out to me at mamaraibs@me.com

Fine Arts Chair – Abbey Westbury:

Have not heard back from Arts department. There is a music showcase Thursday at 7 pm at Evangel. Few spots left on Broadway trip.

Indigenous Chair – Maureen O'Hanley Doucette

Indigenous Learning students were present during basketball Westerns and helped drum the Okanagan song.

Students will be going out to middle schools to help younger students learn the art of the drum and to protocol behind it.

Upcoming, students will be tasked with leading a campaign for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls which will be in May.

The school has launched the KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project to fundraise for an outdoor learning space (see attached poster). It has been in the Whoo's News and any parents or community members who would like to donate can scan the QR code on the poster, or contact the school for more information.

Student Support Chair – David Cochrane:

Number of things going on in the school. (Photos brought along to show.) Gaming Club is going well.

Technical Education Chair – David Cochrane:

Robotics Club went to Surrey and competed with other schools to build a robot. Multiple challenges that the robots had to complete. They ended up 13th/59th. Our school's first time there and many schools have been there many times. Got the Judge's Award for Best Teamwork. Got to put it in the trophy case at school by the MPR. Dave went along to help because they needed a second vehicle, so he got to be part of this trip.

COPAC Representatives – Valary Chidwick & Carrie Broughton COPAC Report
Feb. 6th, 2023 Meeting

Reps: Carrie Broughton and Valary Chidwick

1. SD 23 Budget Presentation by Delta Carmichael CPA and Kate Cumming CPA
This budget provides an overall picture of the school district and provides a budget based on future projections of changes in the SD. A few highlights:
 - Grad rate 96% - higher than provincial average
 - FTE = 8 courses and drives budget
 - 49 school sites and 24,708 students
 - International students bring in \$6,235,000; 430 students
 - Portables still needed comes out of SD budget: new portable \$350,000, used \$100,000. This year we need 5 portables: 3 new, 2 used.
 - 122 portables presently
 - SD at 106% capacity
 - A survey has been sent out about the budget, so check your emails
2. Trustee Update by Amy Geistlinger
Revision to Indigenous Arts course sent to the ministry for approval
3. CUPE Report - ratified tentative collective agreement

4. COPAC organizing a speakers event: ADHD expert Dan Duncan (still deciding on the dates, so keep an eye open for this.)
5. COPAC survey on Impact of PACs. Looking at what funding PACs bring into each school.

New Business

- Funding approvals: Have one funding approval to vote on. Dustin Shevchuk. Podcast station, portable 4 person. Abbey moved, Matt second, all in favour. \$795.13
- May is AGM. Will have snacks and goodies available. Would like to have in person, if possible. Would like to have future people encouraged to have future PAC meetings in person. Would like to have significant number of new people to April and May and be in person.
- Prom update: Friday the announcement will come out about where, theme, etc. Stay tuned for more information on Friday. ***May 19th is Grad Walk downtown and prom and commencement is June 10th

Parent Questions/Comments

- Parents can find information on the KSS website and in the weekly WHO's News

Meeting Adjournment @ 7:13 by Dave, Jamie seconded, all in favour.

Next Meeting –

April 11th 6:30 pm