



SKSS PAC Executive Committee
Cory L: Chair, Tanya P. Vice-Chair, Erin M
(Secretary/Treasurer/DPAC Rep), Allison T (DPAC
Rep)

SKSS PAC Meeting
Minutes
Thursday December 16, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

What exactly is PAC?
 The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

What is the role of PAC?

- To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
- To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
- To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
- To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
- To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
- To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).
- The business of the PAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

1. **Call to order** at 7:01pm. Quorum present with Cory, Erin, Allison and Martha. Admin rep: Mr. Kirschner. Guests: Mr. Ansley and Mr. Macdonald
2. **Review of the Agenda.** Addition of "Sexual Harassment in SD73" under Old Business (Martha).
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Reviewed by Cory. No omissions or errors noted.
4. **Education Session: Capstone Projects/Career Ed at SKSS.**
 The PAC was delighted to welcome Mr. Kirschner, Mr. Ansley and Mr. MacDonald to talk about the Capstone Projects and Career Education at SKSS. This excellent presentation discussed the journey and vision for Career Education at SKSS, including curricular connections and hybrid options, communication connections, alignment to work experience, and the Capstone show evening. SD73 is building capacity within Career Education through the school district commitment, career conferences, dinner theatres and ProD education, and creating connections with TRU and the community. Mr. Ansley discussed career life ed at SKSS including mosaic 8, Career life ed 10, Career life Connections 12, and Work experiences 12A. Career 8 is "this is me", and connects students with things they love; it is an exploration course and teaches students to ask good questions and do good research. CLE 10 talks about "what motivates me", focusing on a growth mindset, digital presence, transferrable skills, potential career fields that match skills and interests, and the value of volunteerism. SKSS Work Experiences connects to community as classroom. Student work or volunteer experience is recognized with 4 grade 12 credits. There is an emphasis on workplace safety and development of transferable skills. Mr. Macdonald discussed the Hybrid Model, where students can demonstrate their personalized learning in an area they have passion. Course delivery includes self



awareness, career skills, career knowledge/awareness, career and life planning. It includes mentorship and support. *The Capstone Showcase* demonstrates the knowledge, competencies and passions that the students can offer the world.

5. Administration Report

- SKSS welcomed 25 seniors from the Seniors Village who came for a drama/Christmas concert with students having the ability to present on stage.
- Link and Leadership students are doing fun activities to wrap up the last week before the holidays.
- Report cards went out Dec 2nd. Weaning away from printed copies.
- Honor roll certificates went out today.
- No update on fitness centre from SD yet.
- Health and safety updates have meant that students/faculty can gather at 100% capacity, and this goes down to 50% capacity with outside spectators.
- Course selection booklet prep is well underway, with February being the start of the 2022/23 course selection period
- School learning plan is coming to an end, with the new 5 year plan being rolled out either in the spring or September of 2022. This new plan will carry us through until 2027.
- Blanket exercise today by our First Nations leaders involving 90 students. Very powerful. Speaks to truth and reconciliation.
- Great wrap up to the year, and school returns on January 4th.

6. Treasurer’s Report and Funding Requests

SKSS PAC – TREASURER’S REPORT– DECEMBER 15, 2021

Gaming Account – Disbursements that were committed to:						
Requested By:	Department/Club:	Amt. Requested:	Amt. Approved:	Description of Request:	Cheques written to date	Still to be disbursed
Greg Kotaris	Lunch Time Intramurals program	\$1000	\$1000	For alternate games, prizes, awards, guests, lunch, contests, talent shows, board games, sports activities and equipment		\$1000
Ione Poelzer	Math Contest – University of Waterloo	\$800	\$800	First contest fees for grade 8 – 12 students, plus donuts to entice and nourish hungry minds. This will ensure we are covered for all students and do not need to turn any away		\$800
Joshua Ansley	Link Crew	\$1000	\$500	Organize, plan and facilitate activities specific to grade 8 integration in SKSS. Funds will also be used to run school-wide spirit activities, purchase prizes, work in school community purchase supplies/prizes		\$500
Joshua Ansley	Model UN	\$2500	\$2500	40-50 students from the SKSS Model UN club hoping to attend the Vancouver conference in February. Help lower the cost for the students who wish to go and enrich their learning. The total cost per student is \$350-\$400. We are being asked to provide \$60-\$80 per student to help lower the cost for the students		\$2500
K Dhaliwal	Robotics/Coding Club	\$2000	\$1000	Laptop for programming/coding the robots. We need a mobile unit capable of coding, designing and controlling the robot. Colour printer to allow the students to create colour added directions/instructions/resource programs for various robot functions. This will be a unique STEM educational opportunity		\$1000
Michelle McRae	Music	\$1365	\$1365	70 uniforms for SKSS music students which will cover five bands. Uniforms would help represent our school on future band trips and in festivals. Cost is \$19.50/shirt		\$1365
Lisa Yamaoka	Art Club	\$2000.74	\$1500	Calendar printing costs and plexiglass frames for main hallway to display frames throughout the building. These are in main hallway, office, counseling office, library, cafeteria, athletics	\$323.84 (chq167 postcards dec 14)	\$1176.16
Amy Fonseca	Drama	\$1903.37	\$1903.37	Finishing the project previously started in previous years of 4 more tables, 8 more stools and fabrics to cover the Bee wall. Drama program ideas for performances include evenings of		\$1903.37



				spoken word, improve, small plays, show tune sing-a-long , music and drama performances	
Nicole Tompa	Peer Tutoring	\$500	\$500	Cover supplies to support club efforts and events, including club wear	\$500
Cory Yamaoka	Athletics	\$9,764.02	\$7000	Volleyball jerseys - 2300 VB shorts - 120 Cycling jerseys - 558 Tackling mat - 1399 Helmets - 1556 Soccer balls - 200 Badminton (RA) - 384 Birdies - 300 Gst - 438 Pat - 559.72 Freight - 770	\$7000
Bank Fees	BMO	\$30.00	\$30.00		\$0
BCCPAC Fee	BCCPAC Membership	\$75.00	\$75.00	For 2022/23 school year (due at end of this year)	\$75.00
Total Committed for Fall Disbursement			\$18,173.37		
Opening balance at start of 2021/22 school year: \$17,600 (gaming funds received) + \$781.46 (left from last year) = \$18,381.46					

General Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
October 31, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$1999.88
November 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$1997.38
November 30, 2021	Cheque from SKSS for past held funds		\$5,886.32	\$7,883.70
December 31, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$7,881.20
	Est. Balance Dec 31, 2021			\$7,881.20

Submitted by Erin Mitchell, Treasurer.

7. Old Business

- a) Sexual Harassment policies and procedures for the district: Martha has had responses to her letter from SKSS and from SD73's Vessy Mochikas. She will go through the responses in depth and report back at the next meeting.
- b) Reminder of Meeting dates for 2021/22 school year – all meetings to be held at 7pm via Zoom
 - January 20
 - Feb 17
 - Apr 21
 - May 19
 - June 16

8. **New Business** None presented.

9. DPAC Report.

- Covid letter
- Upcoming parent Engagement: January 18th at 6pm **Advocacy: Understanding the Appeal Process**

Presented by: John Gauptman, CEO, BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils): Join us to better understand how the School Act provides parents/guardians with the right to appeal any decision they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Parents and guardians are their child's natural advocate, making sure their child's rights, needs and opinions are respected. Advocacy is about working to achieve a successful solution for the benefit of the child. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and tools to successfully handle situations that negatively impact your child's education and to navigate the school district Appeals Process (Section 11 of the School Act).



- **Bylaws:** DPAC updating bylaws to include a dedicated Executive member from the Indigenous Family Voices community
- **Blue River School:** Looking for DPAC's help to advocate for a Secondary Teacher (currently they only have elementary school teachers available to their secondary students")
- **Over-Capacity Concerns:** DPAC is striking a multi-disciplinary committee to help advocate for funding and awareness for SD73 overcapacity issues

10. BCCPAC Report

- **Dec 31 is deadline to renew membership** (ours is paid)
- **Board update** (open positions on the provincial board)
- **Survey on gaming grant use** (Erin has completed on behalf of SKSS)
- **Covid situation report** (available on their website)
- **FSAs – letter from First Nations Council** (available on their website)
- **Parent/Guardian caregiver resources** (available on their website)
- **January 18 at 6pm** – Presentation to our district parents on advocacy process

11. Other Correspondence/Business Arising

- **New invoice** – Erin will pick up and get cory to co-sign cheque to pay remainder of art card fees (was just placed in our box)
- **Art Calendars** – Everyone here tonight is welcome to grab a calendar from our inbox at school. Another amazing calendar put together by our talented SKSS students and Mrs. Yamaoka!

12. Adjournment – 8pm

Zoom Meeting Details for upcoming meetings: Topic: SKSS PAC

Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM

Feb 17, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 21, 2022 07:00 PM

May 19, 2022 07:00 PM

Jun 16, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83561144710?pwd=NGFNK21tc2ZvUTN5bmFWV2Y2Y0NCUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 6114 4710

Passcode: 945065

Next Virtual General Meeting: January 20, 7pm via ZOOM