



SKSS PAC Executive Committee

**Cory L: Chair, Tanya P. Vice-Chair, Erin M
(Secretary/Treasurer), Julie R (Past-Chair)**

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.

SKSS PAC Meeting

Minutes & Attachments

Thursday April 15, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

1. **Call to order** at 701pm. Quorum present. Guests include students Maggie and Madi from the Art program, as well as Mrs. Yamaoka. Admin representative is Mr. Kirschner.
2. **Presentation** – Art Students. The PAC welcomed Mrs. Yamaoka, and students Maggie and Madi. Students described the work involved in producing the annual Art Calendar, including the selection of a theme, community voting, collaboration with community partners, and the importance of young artists being given an opportunity to exhibit their work. Exhibition gives students confidence, opens doors, and leads to post-sec opportunities. Mrs. Yamaoka described bringing the Art Calendar and Exhibition to life in 2007 and the importance of collaboration with PAC to provide funds for publishing student work. The project has grown and now includes multi-media projects (clay, print, paint) and works have been donated to seniors homes to add colour and joy. Elementary students have received presentations, and postcards have been created to raise funds. Postcards are available for \$10 (pack of 12) from Mrs. Yamaoka or the office. COVID has meant that the program has shifted to online exhibition, but students have been able to partake in outdoor field trips as well. Mrs. Yamaoka is always looking for opportunities for partnership – if parents have connections, please let her know. *The PAC thanks Mrs. Yamaoka, Maggie and Madi for their work and congratulates them on the beautiful 2021 calendar.*
3. **Review of the Agenda.** Accepted as submitted.
4. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting.** Accepted as submitted.
5. **Administration Report** (Mr. Kirschner).

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April 15TH SKSS PAC MTG: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CURRENT ENROLLMENT IS: 890

- Student/School events:

- April 7th Day of ~~Success~~ ~~ventures~~ ~~by~~ "Learning together in memory, history, and story using Aboriginal perspectives" Video welcome. Classroom and outdoor based activities. Feedback from students and staff was very positive and noted for 2022 planning.

- **Timetable:** Update. Mid May goal for initial release of timetables starting first with current grade 11's etc... (Ms. ~~Dumbrell~~ retiring)

- **H&S update:** New end of day bell schedule is working well. Warm weather = empty campus halls ☺

- **Q2 report cards:** ~~Honour~~ Roll data: (cumulative Q1/2)

Grade 8= 73%

Grade 9= 73%

Grade 10= 47%

Grade 11= 76%

Grade 12= 61%

- **Video resources update:** Principals' Council with a goal of posting videos for April 30th- Virtual Tour, Video narrative about SKSS and an SKSS information pamphlet (English/French versions)

- **Dress Code update:** Fully implemented effective April 8th and posted to website. SKSS committee presenting at April 20th DPAC meeting.

- CNC machine has arrived. W/O placed for installation.

- Weight room update: projected start date- March 2022

DISCUSSION:

- SD #73 Catchment/Boundary proposed changes. Consultation process and plan for SKSS.

Sa-Hali Secondary / South Kamloops Secondary Catchment Boundary Change

Public Meeting

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Walt Kirschner- Principal

6. Old Business

- a. Legacy Grant (combined with item "c" Update on Weight Room project) – (Mr. Kirschner).
Meetings have been held with planners for district and school staff admin to discuss planning for weight room re-design. Hoping for early 2022 startup. We will gain square footage and natural light. More info as it becomes available. PAC to support by applying for District Legacy Grant/Provincial Capital Grant funding in the Fall to support project.
- b. Educational Components to PAC meetings
 - *May: Link Crew*
- c. Update on Weight room Redesign project (Mr. Kirschner). See above, item "a".
- d. Grad Committee – Lottery Update (provided by Randine M): 50/50 page is <https://trellis.org/digital-raffle-62>. So far \$1725 has been sold.

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7. New Business

- a. **Pandemic Report – How is SKSS doing one year in?** (Mr. Kirschner). Overall, the school community has done an outstanding job adjusting to life in the “new normal”. Our community has shown true resilience. Clubs and extracurriculars have been modified to adhere to COVID restrictions, but continue to run. There have been peaks and valleys but overall it feels like we are coming out of winter hibernation now and Mr. Kirschner continues to regularly check in with students and staff alike.

8. Treasurer’s Report and funding requests. (See below). Note: Gaming Grant application has been submitted. All statutory and fiduciary obligations have been met. Here are the main takeaways from my Gaming Grant Update meeting:

- There aren't many changes for us.
- The biggest (and best) change for PACs is that we can now use Gaming Money to pay for BCCPAC membership
- No change to timeline to spend money: PACs still have 36 months to use up their gaming money. DPAC has 12 months.
- BUT...they really want to see money being used during the current year. So, even though we have 36 months to use our money, doesn't mean we should tuck it away for future. This year's money is intended to be spent on this year's kids.
- There is an updated "2021/22 PAC/DPAC Community Gaming Grant Guideline" book available online with all this info in it.
- They have updated their "how to apply for a gaming grant" online tutorial.
- No change to the amount of funds. PACs will still get \$20/student (based on September of the prior year's enrollment), DPAC will still get \$2500
- Fun fact: if your playground/field is in desperate need of new equipment and our district is not putting it forward for the Ministry of Education Playground Equipment Program, you ARE eligible to apply for a Capital Project Grant. Not everyone who applies for a Capital Project Grant will get one, but it's worth putting in the time because you could potentially see a return of \$20,000-\$1,250,000 dollars of matching funds. Woot. The PAC can put a capital project grant application forward.
- Apparently best practice is that your Treasurer NOT BE A SIGNING AUTHORITY ON CHEQUES. Lots of PAC treasurer heads exploded when we heard that. Apparently it's not a rule, but it's a recommendation as a way to prevent fraud. So, if any pac is every audited, the recommendation will come back that if your treasurer is a signing authority, you should change that. This is most applicable in big PACs with dozens of people. For little PACs, like SKSS where there are 4 of us on the exec, the treasurer will most likely always be a signing authority.
- The talk about the capital grant got me thinking about neat projects that would qualify... For SKSS, our weight room rebuild would qualify. Might be worth looking into!



SKSS PAC FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2021

Gaming Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
February 28, 2021				\$16,341.05
March 4, 2021	Math Contest	\$90.11 (out of \$1000 approved)		\$16,250.94
March 4, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and uniforms	\$1,112.28 (\$2,907.72 left to be disbursed out of \$5,000 committed)		\$15,138.66
March 9, 2021	Athletics – Equipment and uniforms	\$1,228.27 (\$1,679.45 left to be disbursed out of \$5,000 committed)		\$13,910.39
March 28, 2021	Ultimate Team	\$233.60 (\$66.40 left to be disbursed out of \$300 committed)		\$13,676.79
March 28, 2021	Mrs. Hay's Math Club Rubik's Cubes	\$227.13 (\$22.87 left to be disbursed out of \$280 committed)		\$13,449.66
March 31, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$13,447.16
April 8, 2021	Math Contest – Mrs. Ione Poplzer	\$165.00 (leaves \$744.89 left to be disbursed out of \$1000 committed)		\$13,282.16
April 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$13,279.66
Est. Balance – Apr 30 2021**				\$13,279.66
Total Commitments so far this year: \$18,040 (plus bank fees)		Total still available to be committed: All gaming money has been committed. Still have \$1,710 available to be spent from \$2000 that was transferred from General Account		

*Italics indicate that debit has not yet appeared on monthly bank statement/cheque still has not been cashed by payee.

General Account	Details	Debit	Revenue	Balance
February 6, 2021				\$2,184.63
February 12, 2021	School District 73 board allocated payout based on Sept 30 headcount		\$398.00 (about 50.44/student if 900 students)	\$2,582.63
February and March	Monthly Plan Fee	\$2.50 x 2		\$2,577.63
April 30, 2021	Maintenance Fee	\$2.50		\$2,575.13
Est. Balance April 30, 21				\$2,575.13
Total Commitments not yet disbursed: \$600 for Math dept for calculators		Estimated total available after funding commitments (excluding bank fees): \$1,975.13		

*Italics indicate that debit has not yet appeared on monthly bank statement/cheque still has not been cashed by payee.

Interior Savings Account	Balance
Est. Balance -July 1 2017	\$100.93

*This amount is not included in any overall balance calculations. After 3 years of bank fees, it is likely that this account is almost zero at this point.

Est. Balance -Apr 30, 2021				\$15,854.79
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2020/2021 SKSS PAC Gaming Funding Requests – April 2021 – as of April 8, 2021

Requested By:	Department/Club:	Amt. Requested:	Amt. Approved:	Description of Request:	Cheques written to date	Still to be disbursed
Susan Dumbrell	Mind Health Matters Club	\$40.00	\$40	For tea, hot chocolate and snacks for meetings	\$20.02 + \$17.81	\$2.17
Susan Dumbrell	Peer Tutors Group	\$250.00	\$250	Rewards, supplies etc.	\$20.15 + \$193.07	\$36.78
Amy Fonseca	Drama Club	\$4276.77	\$1,500	Drama room table & chairs	\$871.39	\$628.61
Mrs. Hay	Math Dept	\$250.00	\$250	Games etc., Rubik's Cubes	\$227.13	\$22.87
Ione Pezzer	Math	\$1000.00	\$1,000	Math Contests	\$90.11 + \$165	\$744.89
Sue Scallon	Technology Ed	\$10,000.00 approx	\$5,000	CNC Laser cutter/engraver	\$0.	\$5,000.00
Corey Yamaoka	Athletics	\$19,391.00	\$5,000	Equipment & Uniforms	\$980.00 + \$1,112.28 + \$1,228.27	\$1,679.45
Lisa Yamaoka	Art Club	\$1966.57	\$1,500	Printing Calendars & Art Supplies	\$1,296.77 + \$203.23	\$,0
NSF Fee		\$48.00	\$48		\$48	\$48.00
S. Barker	Spirit Week/Leadership	\$300	\$300	Funds for running school spirit events (prizes and materials) and cover the costs of hot chocolates being given out to those in need	\$164.99 + 101.21 + 29.70	\$4.10
Phil Arkin	Chess Club	\$150-\$300	\$300	10 chess sets for chess club at lunch	\$0	\$300
Trisha Rimmer	Library Learning Commons	\$800	\$800	Two pieces of artwork from Secwepmc artist Edward Jensen	\$0	\$800
Mrs. Hay	Math Department – Calculators	\$600	\$0 from Gaming \$600 from General	30 calculators	\$0 from gaming \$0 from General	\$0 from gaming \$600 from General
Mrs. Hay	Math Department – Origami	\$150	\$0 (sent back to Math for clarity)	Origami papers for Shape and Space unit	On HOLD	On Hold pending clarification
Laura Richter	GSA	\$112	\$112	Board games that can be played at lunch by GSA	\$0	\$112
Alysia Francis	SKSS Ultimate Team	\$250-\$300	\$300	Disc store Goaltimate for small group skill development	\$233.60	\$66.40
Cory Yamaoka	Sports Awards	\$500	\$500	10 of each (S/M/L) block awards to recognize perseverance, attendance and leadership	\$0	\$500
Cory Yamaoka	Athletics – Field Hockey	\$1140	\$1140	Field Hockey Goaltender Safety Equipment	\$0	\$1140
Total Commitments		\$18,040 (+\$30 in bank fees)				
Total Gaming Funds to still be disbursed (if we want to leave approx. \$250 leftover to start next year)						\$1,710
Total General Funds still to be disbursed						\$600

Funding requests:

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a. Held over from last meeting: Math Department – Origami. Total request: \$150

Date:	March 11, 2021
Teacher Name:	Mrs. Hay
Contact Email:	khay@sd73.bc.ca
Group/Club Involved:	Math Department
Number of Students Involved:	all SKSS students
Date Funds Required:	as soon as they are available
Date of Event/Activity (if applicable):	throughout the school year
Description of Request:	We would like to vary our programming for the "Shape and Space" content of our curriculum by introducing students to origami. By incorporating origami into our programming, we can increase the richness and diversity of our courses. We can explore the concepts of patterning, planning, reasoning, spatial analysis, area, and data collection (think leaping frogs!). We have a few ideas up our sleeves already. An added bonus, is that it is also just good plain fun :) Our request: Instruction books + value packs of origami paper - \$150 (inclusive of tax)
Additional Sources of Funding (if applicable):	n/a

No update on this request.

b. Motion to approve an additional \$1000 in funding to Mr. Yamaoka for athletics uniforms for clubs and \$500 for Ms. Fonseca for Drama Club. Moved: Cory. Seconded: Tanya. All in Favour. Motion approved. Erin will update the April financials and advise Mr. Yamaoka and Ms. Fonseca of the additional funds available to them.

9. DPAC Report

-Next meeting is on April 20th at 6:30pm via Zoom. SKSS Dress Code Committee to present to the District Parent Advisory Council (including the Superintendent and Trustees) for the first 30-45 minutes. Congratulations to the SKSS Dress Code Committee on this historic, precedent-setting (we hope!) work!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68073433468?pwd=VUZOZFRGZTFwNmdCZHJvOVhzSWZzQT09>

Meeting ID: 680 7343 3468

Passcode: \$b+uyRx7

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10. BCCPAC Report – Update

Annual Parent Education Conference – May 28-29, 2021

Join us virtually for our annual parent education conference on Friday May 28 and Saturday May 29, 2021. Our theme and content focus over the two day event is "*Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing*". We strongly believe parents/guardians become more empowered for themselves and their children through a better understanding of all that encompasses "schooling and parenting" (during and post-pandemic) and by sharing what they learn and their experiences with their peers.

And just like in prior years when we were able to meet face-to-face, we are unique in our ability to provide parents the opportunity to hear directly from the Minister and senior officials within the Ministry of Education and to provide the opportunity to give direct feedback and engage in dialogue.

Our conference [speakers and sessions](#) will cover 10+ hours of valuable content for you and your PAC parent community! Our online format over two days enables parents/guardians/caregivers from across the province to safely participate from their home or office. [Register Now!](#)

We are excited to announce our **Saturday opening Keynote Speaker is Dr. Gordon Neufeld**, a Vancouver-based developmental psychologist with over 45 years of experience with children and youth and those responsible for them. A foremost authority on child development, Dr. Neufeld is an international speaker, a bestselling author ("*Hold On To Your Kids*") and a leading interpreter of the developmental paradigm. Dr. Neufeld has a widespread reputation for making sense of complex problems and for opening doors for change.

And why have one keynote when you can have two?! We are excited that our **closing Keynote Speaker is Dr. Ashley Miller**, child and adolescent psychiatrist, family therapist, and Award-winning educator and author of "*What to Say to Kids When Nothing Seems to Work*". She is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia where she serves as co-director of family therapy training.

But that's not all! We have top quality speakers on both Friday and Saturday including:

- Friday opening address and Q&A with the Minister of Education, the Honorable Jennifer Whiteside

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- Mental Health in Schools with Jennifer McCrae, Assistant Deputy Minister, Learning Division, Ministry of Education
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning with Shelaina Postings, Executive Director, Sector Policy and Performance, Ministry of Education
- Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying with Dr. Greg Gerber from Safer Schools Together BC.
- Tyrone McNeil, president of First Nations Education Steering Committee(FNESC) and vice-president of the Stó:lō Tribal Council will be discussing First Nations Education and Your Role

Registration & Proxy Forms by April 19

The [Annual General Meeting](#) (AGM) for members will be held virtually on Saturday May 1, 2021. While the AGM is free to attend, current members must register in advance. And a reminder that while only one individual will be eligible to vote per the Proxy Form submitted, any individuals of that member PAC or DPAC can attend the AGM (there's no limit). **However, each person who is planning to attend the AGM (voting or not) must register by April 19.** Our [AGM](#) will include board elections, review of budget and financials and the discussion and adoption of new Resolutions.

All Regular Members in good standing who paid their membership dues by December 31, 2020 are entitled to vote at the AGM. All [Proxy Vote Forms](#) must be completed and signed by two members of that member's PAC or DPAC executive in order for **ONE (1)** official delegate to exercise voting rights on their behalf during the AGM. To expedite registration and operations, members are encouraged to scan and upload completed Proxy Vote forms at the time of registration.

Children Benefit from Parents and Schools Working Together

The best school is one where parents, educators, staff, and school administrators have a shared vision and work diligently together to achieve it. Children are at the core of everything in education. The public education system benefits – and our children benefit – when parents



are recognized as a valuable resource forming mutually-respectful relationships with the school administration. When we put our collective talents together, we can achieve so much more for our communities, our schools, and our children. This is true during a regular school year and becomes essential within a pandemic environment

[Interested in reading more?](#) This article by President Sinclair was published in full in the [March issue](#) of the [BC Principals and Vice Principals Association](#) (BCPVPA) magazine.

Report on Youth Vaping During the Pandemic

In June, September, and December 2020, 28 youth researchers from across BC collected over 3,500 surveys from their peers about their experiences with vaping during the COVID-19 pandemic. Youth who vaped during the pandemic were more likely than those who last vaped pre pandemic to have vaped because they felt addicted, as well as because they felt anxious, sad, and bored. Youth who last vaped before the pandemic started were more likely to say it was because they wanted to try it and because their friends were doing it

The report of the findings, *Youth vaping during COVID-19: BC youth's experiences during the pandemic* is now [available to read](#). Youth researchers also created an [infographic poster for parents](#).

McCreary Report on the Mental Health of Youth

The McCreary Centre Society has released “Doing OK? Checking in on the mental health of BC youth”. The report is based on data from the 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey. McCreary’s Executive Director, Annie Smith, explains “A couple of weeks ago we released a report about vaping during the COVID-19 pandemic and it showed the link between stress, anxiety and vaping. This report takes a deeper look at youth mental health and how we can support young people when they are struggling in this area, which will be particularly important as things start to open up again.” Smith went on to say “Although this data was collected pre-pandemic, the results still give us some timely information about adolescent mental health, including which youth seem to be most likely to self-harm and feel suicidal, as well as the reasons they sometimes don’t get the treatment and support they need.” The report also



highlights where services might not be meeting the needs of young people, particularly those with additional challenges and barriers. [Read the report.](#)

Gaming Grant 2021-22 Overview - What You Need to Know

Community Gaming Grants revised and updated DPAC/PAC Guidelines for 2021-22 school year have now [been released](#). Additionally, during December 2020, we reached out to members for feedback about how they were spending their Gaming funds in the current pandemic influenced environment. [We have posted the key themes of the member feedback](#) for your reference as there are some very creative spending within the Guidelines. Additionally we shared it directly with CGG staff as a data point for development of the revised Guidelines for 2021-22.

Student Learning Survey until April 30

The 2020-21 Student Learning Survey is available for students in Gr 4, 7, 10, & 12 and their parents. The student survey is in English and French. The parent survey is available in 16 languages. The input from students and their parents/guardians is important each year but especially so during the pandemic. The data from this survey helps to inform K-12 education. **Survey closes April 30.** [Get details on access etc.](#)

New Resources for Gangs/Guns Awareness

The Ministries of Education and Public Safety & Solicitor General and Safer Schools Together have recently announced the launch of the Gangs and Guns Online Resources: a suite of videos and guides to increase awareness, knowledge and competencies related to gang and gun violence prevention for parents and students, educators and school support staff. It's all part of the larger erase strategy. [Access the Resources.](#)



Updated Mask Requirements for K-12

Further to the March 29 announcement by the PHO, both the [BCCDC Public Health Guidance for K-12](#) and the [Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12](#) have now been updated to reflect the amended mask requirements for K-12 staff and students. Effective immediately, all staff, adult volunteers and visitors, and all Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times while indoors at school, subject to the exceptions noted in the documents. Masks for students in grades K-3 are "strongly recommended". [Learn More](#)

Increased Demand for French Immersion - Survey in April

The Ministry of Education is seeking to better understand the factors leading to increased demand for French Immersion programs across the province. A survey will be launching in mid-April in an effort to learn more about the experiences, insights and ideas of those families with students currently learning in a French Immersion program as well as families who find themselves on a wait list for entry into a French Immersion program. Families in either of these categories are encouraged to complete this short survey. Please stay tuned for further details as they become available.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Resources

[#ScienceUpFirst](#) is a social media movement developed by a team of independent scientists, health care providers and science communicators to stop the spread of misinformation around COVID-19. Their goal is to put science first. [Learn more.](#)

Have you heard about the “Ask Kelty” mental health tool? It’s not easy for families to navigate the mental health system. Access the new interactive tool where you can ask and see answers to common questions families have about accessing mental health supports and services for your child. [Check it out!](#)

It’s important to know the difference between bullying, single acts of aggression, and conflict. Not all mean behaviour, rude behaviour, or conflict is bullying. [Learn more.](#)

DYK about SEL? SEL – or Social Emotional Learning – is all about how children identify and manage emotions, make good decisions, show empathy, and maintain positive relationships – and the benefits of SEL are shown to last a lifetime. Check out the Kelty Mental Health [podcast](#)



[on SEL](#) to learn more about what parents and caregivers can do to support SEL at home, and to learn about the role of schools in promoting SEL.

Do you feel like your complaints about public services are going nowhere? The BC Ombudsperson can help. You [can connect with them directly](#) to learn how to complain effectively so your voice is heard. As an independent and impartial office the BC Ombudsperson has 40 years of experience dealing with public complaints and can provide you with expert advice to make sure you get results.

Have a child in high school? Did you know that you can find info on undergrad programs offered at the 25 public BC post-secondary institutions in one place? That's right, find them all on the EducationPlannerBC Search Database! [Take a look](#).

Key Dates and Events

May 1

[Annual General Meeting](#)

May 7

National Child/Youth Mental Health Day

May 28-29

[Parent Education Conference](#)

May 31

Bike to School Week

11. Other business/Correspondence received:

- a. **Upcoming parent education session** – Vaping Presentation by SD73 on April 20th at 6:30pm. See SD73 website to register.

12. PAC Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 20/21 (Note: All meetings will be on Zoom)

May 13, 2021 at 7pm

June 10, 2021 at 7pm

13. Adjournment at 8:10pm.

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