

- # SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING January 19, 2023

books and snacks to over 60 children and 45 families, asked for feedback and answered questions

- New Trustees reported on their experiences at the BCSTA new Trustee Academy held in Vancouver. New Trustees had the opportunity to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of being a Trustee and understanding what the governance is and how it applies to the role within the Board and, conversely, what is not our role outside the governance, which is the operations of the District. New Trustees learned about the Branch, the school boards found within our region of the Thompson Okanagan, who work cohesively to advocate bringing funding from the Ministry, or common interests, to the table to help move Districts in the directions that are best for students.
- The Board was presented with information regarding the latest student completion results for the District. While we have trending areas where we can be proud of our progress, we are always working to improve these results.
- Proposed calendar for the 2023/2024 calendar is up on the website by the end of January.
- SOSS school trip to Quebec will also be joined by OSS and SESS.

5. Administration Report:

- Thank you for supporting our Christmas Lunch – it was awesome!
- Celebration of Learning overview - 300+ in attendance. PAC would love to help support in June. Jocelyn to reach out to Lindsay.
- Grad photos Feb 28- March 2 – sign up and \$20 sitting fee required; Scholarship & Bursary application and Francis Family application are out; CLC Capstone sign up
- Exams January 27- 31; some final assessments are in class prior to exam dates; students are only required at school during exam days if they are writing exams; buses will run on regular schedules
- Course Selection has started – Counsellors will also be working with students on this; students will be using MyBluePrint
- Clubs- Art, Student Voice and Saga
- New Outdoor Club – working with Jenny Martin - Feb 7 start
- New ICY Peer Support Worker – Megan Edwards two days per week (Youth @ highschool level support)
- Apex & Baldy ski trip Feb 16, Baldy ski trip Feb 23
- Basketball teams are in full swing – have hosted multiple tournaments
- Yearbook team is working on it- will be requesting funds similar to last year
- Breakfast Club still available every day
- Request for cameras upstairs for safety purposes (already have them in most parts of the school)
- Spaces training for teachers – part of continuous reporting for grades 8 & 9 (part of K-9 Reporting Order)
- PGU- Parent Guardian University – list of dates and topics coming soon (Mike Wilms)
- many assessments and surveys coming up- will be sending out the link for parent voice on the Student Learning Survey (April 6 & 13)

6. Old Business:

- The Unlock Your Future seminar sponsored by PAC was well attended with 71 kids!!

- Grade 10 fundraising balance after Gardom Lake is still earmarked for graduation.
- MYED and MyBlueprint navigation help online and in the office. We will post the MyBlueprint tutorial on the Facebook page.
- Joanne read a wonderful Thank You letter from the Sr. Girls Field Hockey team for the donation they received from PAC to purchase their tournament shirts.

7. New Business

- Funding Requests

- Student Voice

- Request from Ms. Scott for \$150 for a Christmas decorating contest.

AGREED First Deborah Rivest Second Lily Knelsen

- Celebration of Learning

- Request from Ms. Kingsfield for \$400 for catering at the celebration event.

AGREED First Deborah Rivest Second Kary Steele

- Art Club

- Request from Ms. Kingsfield for \$500 for art supplies.

AGREED First Jocelyn Kirs Second Kary Steele

- Security Camera

- The school would like to put in another camera in the upstairs hallway. The reason for this is safety. Since the campus is so large, if we have cameras in different areas, we can ensure everyone's safety.

Meeting adjourned 7:51pm

Next General meeting Thursday, Feb 16/23 @ 6:30pm