



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING Jan 15, 2026**

Attendees:

Linda Enockson Andrea Lester Fiona O'Brien (presenting guest)

Bev Young – Principal
Barb Barley – Chair
Gillian Tucker - Vice Chair
Melanie Luypen – Treasurer
Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary
Rob Zandee - SD53 Board Rep

1. Meeting Called to order 6:34pm

**2. Presentation of Interior Health's Integrated Child and Youth Program
By Fiona O'Brien**

Located in the Okanagan, Kootneys, Shuswap & Thompson Cariboo
Integrated Child & Youth (ICY) teams work in the community, offering a range of
Mental health and / or substance use support to children, youth and their families.

ICY teams help children and youth with mental health concerns such as anxiety and
depression, as well as children and youth struggling with substance use or addiction to
drugs or alcohol.

ICY teams are made up of a range of professionals from different agencies, including
FamilySmart, Interior Health, School District, Ministry of Children and Family
Development, Local Indigenous services.

The ICY team recognizes that sometimes a child or youth's family may also need
support. ICY teams offer education and peer support services to families and caregivers
of children and youth with mental health and / or substance use needs.

3. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes adopted from the previous meeting (Nov 25).

AGREED First Gillian Tucker Second Melanie Luypen

4. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$6,473.57

Gaming Account: \$299.32

Current TOTAL Funds available: \$6,772.89

General Account Activity:

Deposit - \$150 donation

Deposit - \$141 (Cash) Microgreens fundraiser

Gaming Account Activity:

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

AGREED First Andrea Lester Second Gillian Tucker

5. School Board Report:

- Rob announced new Board Chairperson Casey Bouwer.
- Budget consult meetings coming.
- BCTF negotiations on now.
- Electric buses are coming soon.

6. Administration Report:

- Semester Turnover
 - Formal exam days are January 23, 26, and 27. Students are only required to attend when they have exams scheduled. If they need to attend more due to bus/transportation, they will be assigned to the library to work. Report cards go out February 5th or 6th.
 - Semester Two begins on Wednesday, January 28th.
- 2026-2027 Timetable Creation
 - We are already beginning the process of timetable preparation for next year. The course selection book has been finalized. Grade wide meetings will be held during the week of February 9th to review the course selection process. Students will have two weeks to complete.
- Extra-Curricular
 - Basketball season has begun.
 - All clubs are still meeting. A new club has started up at SOSS: The Outdoors' Club with Mr. Breneman and Mrs. Burns.
 - Rehearsals for the musical, Rock of ages are well underway. The performance takes place March 5th, 6th, and 7th.
- Construction Behind School
 - Long awaited shelter for minibuses and storage.
 - Beginning this week starting with ground preparation.
- Update on Installation of Video Cameras
 - Three new proposed cameras in school to cover some areas that are not presently covered for security of facility/equipment and student safety. These areas are the science wing, Atrium (vending machine), outside small gym.
 - Licensing and quotes in progress.
 - Once shelter for minibuses is complete, we will need to install cameras on the outside of that structure as well so due to cost, proposing 2 inside and one on the outside for a total of 3.
 - PAC had been made aware and executive approved of any additional video cameras.
- Grad News:
 - Grade 12's in CLC 12 have their Capstone presentations in the main gym on Tuesday, January 27th (unless students have arranged with Mrs. Burns to present on an alternate day/time). There are also five assignments on Teams that need to be finished as part of the CLC course.
 - The Grad Committee and Prom Committee have been meeting regularly during lunch hours to help gather information and make decisions regarding grad events for the year. The Grad Committee is still in the process of collecting votes for the Dry Grad trip in June and will be finishing that this week. The next survey to go out will be regarding Prom as to the theme and food to be served.
- Recruitment for SOSS Principal

- The school district has hired Ms. Susan Beyer for the position of principal of SOSS. Susan is currently a principal in the Surrey school district and will begin at SOSS February 1st. I will overlap with her one week to support transition and orientation.

7. Old Business

- Fundraising opportunities
 - Backyard microgreens - \$141 donation for Oct/Nov/Dec
 - No Semester 1 showcase
 - Rock of Ages Musical?
 - Pick-up of Oranges?
 - Semester 2 Showcase?
 - Welcome back BBQ?
 - Case Lot Guys - Feb 20 orders collected. Delivery Mar 4
 - Jocelyn to connect with Sarah for quickpay
 - Jocelyn to connect with Natalie for newsletter

8. New Business

- Funding Requests
 - Lindsey Kingsfield Saga \$800 - Semester 2 - Tabled until Grant funds available.
 - Lindsey Kingsfield Art Club \$450 - Declined

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55pm

Next General meeting Thursday Feb 19/26 @ 6:35pm