



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING Oct 17, 2024**

Attendees:

Gillian Tucker	Kary Steele	Jen Linders	Mel Luypen
Barb Barley	Karen Walters	Wende Arnett	

Tracy Harrington – Principal	Rob Zandee - SD53 board rep
Andrea Lester – Chair	Cindy Hernandez – Vice Chair
Joanne Schaffrick – Treasurer	Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary

1. Meeting Called to order 6:37pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes adopted from the previous meeting (May 2024).

AGREED First Joanne Schaffrick Second Cindy Hernandez

3. Special Guest Presentation

- Wende Arnett presented an introduction of the SOSS Enrichment Fund Society.
- The role of the Southern Okanagan Secondary School Enrichment Fund Society is to offer financial assistance to graduating students who are pursuing post-secondary education. Various scholarship, trust and memorial funds make annual scholarships available to all students demonstrating excellence in their chosen field of academic, technical, trade, or vocational training.
- The committee is made up of 12 people. They are a registered Charity.
- Amazing Golf Tournament Fundraiser in August.
- Since 1995, over 500 students have received scholarships from the Enrichment Fund Society.
- A group of teachers and administrators select scholarship recipients based on certain criteria of each scholarship.

4. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$6,253.76

Gaming Account: \$10,209.69

Current TOTAL Funds available: \$16,463.45

General Account Activity:

Cheque #028 June24/24 \$456.99 Year End Staff Appreciation Lunch (M. Ward)

Cleared June 27/24

Gaming Account Activity:

Cheque #174 June04/24 \$1,049.00 SOSS Music Club equipment (G.Baerg)

Cleared June 21/24

Cheque #175 June04/24 \$924.00 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament fees x2 (R.Hall)

Cleared June 21/24

Deposit - Auto October 2/24 ProvBC (BCLC Gaming Grant) \$9,500.00

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

AGREED

First Kary Steele

Second Gillian Tucker

5. School Board Report:

- Administration and staff report the new restrictions regarding personal digital devices in the classrooms have been relatively well received and that classroom compliance by students has been high. These restrictions are as a result of the January 2024 mandate from the Provincial Government.
- Numeracy is a key priority for our district. Our District numeracy committee has made a lot of progress since last spring. Local teacher teams have design screening tools for students in grades 2 and 6 which are currently being piloted in schools. These screening tools will help to quickly identify areas where students are struggling so that they can be supported. The District is also bringing in targeted professional development opportunities in October to directly support teachers in their numeracy instructions.
- Administration reported that the District is providing a four-part after school series around "Reclaiming Our Students : Why children are more anxious, aggressive and shut down than ever" by Hannah Beach. Educators from Kindergarten to Grade 4 will come together to learn more about what is happening for children in our classrooms and what we can do to support them.

6. Administration Report:

- Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday, October 23– most teachers fully booked
- Breakfast Club/ Starfish Program – local farmers supporting us
- Feeding Futures Fund - \$59,000 - focus on food security
- School Plan presentations – (posted on website)- focus on the circle of courage – generosity, belonging, mastery, independence *gr 12's cooking school-wide breakfast – Team Generosity starting soon (6-7 options) Amazing Grad Race was Wednesday – great for team building
- Lots of clubs up and running – Student Voice, D&D, Skateboard, Art
- Literacy Assessments coming up – UBC is using Lit12 Assessments for acceptance
- Link Crew organizing Hallweek – different dress up days each week
- Halloween Parade – Thursday, October 31
- Athletic Seasons - cross country, volleyball, field hockey, soccer – thanks to all our coaches
- Nov 5 MADD presentation - All grades
- Nov 7 end of semester
- Yearbook same as last year

7. Old Business:

- Welcome Back BBQ recap

- We received a \$100 Gift Card from No Frills. THANK YOU!! We used it to purchase Ice Cream, onions, and condiments.
- We will discuss in May to know what the school will purchase and donate and what PAC will purchase.

8. New Business

- PAC Agrees to purchase up to \$350 for concession supplies.

AGREED First Kary Steele Second Barb Barley

- Funding Requests
 - Gardom Lake 4th Annual Grade 9 Trip
 - Request from Mike Willms for \$2,000
 - PAC agrees on \$1,500 (from Gaming)

AGREED First Barb Barley Second Melanie Luypen

- Art Club
 - Request from Ms. Kingsfield for \$400 for Club supplies
 - (from Gaming)

AGREED First Cindy Hernandez Second Karen Walters

- Grad Ceremonies
 - Request from Jocelyn Burns for \$2,000 for gown rental and rockery photo

AGREED First Cindy Hernandez Second Karen Walters

- Yearbook
 - Request from Mr. Schulting for \$2,500 for production costs
 - PAC agrees on \$1,500 (from gaming)

AGREED First Karen Walters Second Barb Barley

- Sr. Girls Basketball
 - Request from Mr. Schulting
 - \$2,200 for Team tops

Table until we have more information (Quantity required)

9. Parent Discussion

Karen Walters would like to discuss at the next meeting the opportunities for fundraising!

Meeting adjourned

Next General & AGM meeting Thursday, Nov 21/24 @ 6:35pm