



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING January 18, 2024**

Attendees:

Kary Steele Cindy Hernandez

Tracy Harrington – Principal, Rob Zandee - SD53 board rep

Mindy Ward – Chair N/A

Joanne Schaffrick – Treasurer, Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary

1. Meeting Called to order 6:36pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes adopted from the previous meeting (Oct 23).

AGREED

First Kary Steele

Second Joanne Schaffrick

3. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$9,513.73

Gaming Account: \$8,482.69

Current TOTAL Funds available: \$17,996.42

General Account Activity:

Cheque #024 Dec.12/23 \$291.30 Concession Supplies - Mindy Ward Cleared Dec.19/23

Cheque #025 Dec.12/23 \$284.00 Coffee Fundraiser - Wolf Tree Coffee Cleared Dec.22/23

Deposit Jan.11/24 \$1,131.80; Basketball Concessions \$621.80, Online Parent Donations \$70.00,
Coffee Fundraiser \$440.00 (Raised \$156.00)

Gaming Account Activity:

Cheque #168 Nov.23/23 \$383.04 Cross Country Running Team Shirts - SOSS (R.Hall)\
Cleared Nov.30/23

Cheque #169 Nov.23/23 \$1200.00 Jr.&Sr. Girls Basketball Shooting Shirts – SOSS (Schulting)
Cleared Nov. 30/23

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

AGREED

First Kary Steele

Second Cindy Hernandez

4. School Board Report:

- Superintendent Young reported that there were 8 “Take a Risk” grants approved across the District. The grants are an ongoing opportunity for teachers to access release time to plan for and investigate new approaches they are working on to meet and support students’ needs in new ways. Areas of inquiry for the successful grants include exploring self-identity and unique backgrounds in early primary classrooms, cross-curricular learning, school garden to promote school-wide cross-curricular learning, reading, experiential learning through centers, and place-based learning. The Board looks forward to the reporting out of the projects

in one of the spring Education Committee meetings.

- As a teaser to the January Education Committee meeting, Assistant Superintendent Toneatto reported to the Board some early highlights of the District's completion rates for the 2022/2023 school year. Of note, the completion rates for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students have hit the highest levels ever seen in the District in both the 5 and 6 year categories. The Board looks forward to seeing more in-depth numbers in the new year.
- The Board is pleased to announce some administrative changes that have been made due to the retirements of some of our staff. The Board is pleased to welcome Naryn Searcy as our new Director of Instruction - Student Learning and Inquiry, Stacey Smith as the new Principal of Okanagan Falls Elementary School, Cameron Adam as the new Vice-Principal of SOSS and Maurizio Basso as temporary Acting Vice-Principal of OES.
- School calendar for 2024/2025 has been drafted.
- Budget surveys are coming up.

5. Administration Report:

- Stacey's last day is Friday, January 22 and Mo's will be the end of the semester; Cam Adam (new VP coming from SESS) has spent a few days with us. We will miss Stacey and Mo greatly and are very excited for them on their new journeys.
- Christmas lunch was awesome - fed the whole school - everyone very appreciative.
- Celebration of Learning overview
- Grad photos Feb 20-23 - sign up and \$20 sitting fee required; Scholarship & Bursary application and Francis Family applications are out; CLC Capstone sign up
- Exams January 29-31; 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. Semester 2 starts February 1st and it will be a four-block rotation day.
- Have surveyed staff and students regarding timetable for next year - either stay the same or go with 4 blocks every day.
- Course selection has started - counselors will also be working with students on this; students will be using MyBluePrint.
- Clubs - Art, Student Voice, Saga, outdoor club
- Winter Active Living Day ski trip Feb 6, Apex ski Feb 22
- Basketball team are in full swing - have hosted multiple tournaments.
- The Yearbook team is working on it - hopefully the cost will be like the last few years.
- Breakfast Club still available every day; additional support to Starfish families (currently 12 families on Starfish).
- Many assessments and surveys coming up - will be sending out the link for parent voice on the Student Learning Survey.

6. Old Business:

- N/A

7. New Business:

- Election of the Executive PAC team moved to May as per the November AGM
 - Looking for a new PAC Chair for the 2024/2025 year.

- Funding Requests
 - Request from Cam Adam for \$1,500 for the Gr9 Gardom Lake trip

AGREED First Kary Steele Second Jocelyn Kirs

- Request from Mr. Schulting for \$2,000 for the yearbook

AGREED First Jocelyn Kirs Second Kary Steele

- Request from Mr. Kitt for \$2,000 for Dry Grad activities TBD
Pre-approval to earmark the funds until more details are available.

AGREED First Kary Steele Second Jocelyn Kirs

8. Parent Discussion:

- Proof of residency
 - The office does not need to keep a copy of the documents - just to see them to verify.
- Parent University
 - Perhaps a Gr11 grad info (grad hoodie details at the same time)

Meeting adjourned @ 7:17pm

Next General meeting Thursday, Feb 15/24 @ 6:35pm