



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING Oct 16, 2025**

Attendees:

Cindy Hernandez
Danielle Hutten

Severine Pinte
Linda Enckson

Andrea Lester

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

1. Meeting Called to order 6:39pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

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

AGREED

First Andrea Lester

Second Melanie Luypen

3. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$5,191.57

Gaming Account: \$799.32

Current TOTAL Funds available: \$6,672.29

General Account Activity:

Cheq#034 June 26/25 \$258.84 Staff appreciation lunch (J. Schaffrick)

Cleared - July 7/25

Cheq#035 June 27/25 \$95.50 Staff appreciation lunch (J. Schaffrick)

Cleared - July 7/25

Deposit - June 23/25 \$240.00 (Govt chq)

Gaming Account Activity:

N/A

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

NOTE:

Unfortunately our application for the BCLC Gaming Grant will not be looked at until March. Funds will need to be raised for specific funding requests or tabled.

AGREED

First Andrea Lester

Second Cindy Hernandez

4. School Board Report:

- Karen read and discussed the board report.

5. Administration Report:

- The start up was smooth and positive.

- All positions filled.
- Enrolment: 494 head count, 501 FTE
- Just posted two additional EA positions.
- Lots of sports, athletics and clubs happening at SOSS!
 - Volleyball: Soccer, field hockey, X-country running
 - Pickleball drop-in
 - SAGA group
 - Art Club
 - Skateboard Club
 - Garden Club
 - Thread Heads – sewing and up-cycling
 - Grade 8 Day on the Land
 - Literature Club
 - Math Club
 - Tutoring for athletes
- School Inquiry Focus:
 - The plan is grounded in Dr. Martin Brokenleg's Circle of Courage (Belonging, Mastery, Independence, Generosity).
 - Strong sense of Belonging at SOSS – (see slides).
 - Progress in 'belonging' now serves as a platform to shift focus toward Mastery and Independence – specifically in the areas of numeracy & literacy (that transcend subject areas), and the engagement, motivation, and grit to achieve success.
 - The action plans to address the 'how' will be the focus of upcoming meetings.
- Increased number of e-scooters being used to commute to school and an increased
 - number of safety concerns to and from school and outside of school.
 - Speed, lack of helmets, and risky riding are the main concerns.
 - BC regulations say you must be 16 years or older to ride on public roads.
 - BC regulations say there is a speed limit of 25 MPH.
 - We have reviewed these regulations and concerns with students and in the parent newsletters, asked the RCMP for support, and have removed privileges when necessary for some students but appealing to parents to support.
 - We have plans to do a spring campaign with RCMP presence.
- AI Guidelines:
 - Microsoft Copilot Chat will be used in SD 53 schools. This is an AI powered education assistant and will be used in classroom activities to support learning, creativity, and appropriate use for students 13 and older.
 - Microsoft Copilot Chat is a secure, District managed AI assistant that operates within Microsoft 365 Education environments.
 - All interactions are monitored and managed by the District's IT administrators to ensure safety and compliance with educational standards. No personal data is shared outside the school's Microsoft 365 environment and students are instructed on responsible and ethical use of AI tools.
- Check out our website from time to time. Useful dates and events listed including newsletters, past newsletters and parent resources.

6. Old Business:

- Microgreens Fundraiser Update
 - Microgreens have donated over \$500 since Jan to our PAC

- as a fundraiser.
 - Keep going with info posters in the newsletter and on socials as well as samples in the cafeteria.
- Welcome back BBQ
 - Very low attendance
 - Melanie will get a cheque from the office - totals still unknown.
 - Received a gift certificate from No Frills - Thank you!
 - The cupcakes were great.
 - The music was great!

7. New Business

- Newsletter content
 - Brief mention of the Fireweed Collective & content for parents issued by Interior Health. PAC wants to support these types of communication and help spread awareness.
- About Our PAC
 - Handed out our PAC introduction letter and talked about wanting to provide more education to parents about services and resources within our school and community. We would like to have several guest speakers attend our 2025/26 meetings and speak to PAC about their organization. First one next month Desert Sun Counselling and Resource Centre.
- Funding Requests
 - Request from L. Kingsfield for \$300 for the Art club supplies.
 - Tabled until Gaming Grant approval.
 - Request from L. Kingsfield for \$300 for the SAGA club supplies.
 - Tabled until Gaming Grant approval.
 - Request from Mr. Schultin for \$2000 for the Yearbook.
 - Tabled until Gaming Grant approval (earmarked priority).
 - Request from J. Burns for \$2500 for 2026 Grad activities.
 - Tabled until Gaming Grant approval (earmarked priority).
 - Request from C. Adam for \$1500 for the Gr.9 Gardom Lake trip.
 - Tabled until Gaming Grant approval (earmarked priority).
 - Request from H. Stopa for \$500 for the Field Hockey Team for new goalie helmet

Motion for this approval for safety concerns.

AGREED First Cindy Hernandez Second Danielle Hutton

Meeting adjourned @ 8:04pm

Next General meeting Thursday Nov 20/25 @ 6:35pm