



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

Attendees:

Gillian Tucker Kary Steele Jen Linders
Barb Barley Petra Veintimilla Melanie Luypen
Stephanie Hofman (special guest)

Tracy Harrington – Principal N/A Cam Adam – Vice Principal
Rob Zandee - SD53 board rep Andrea Lester – Chair
Cindy Hernandez – Vice Chair Joanne Schaffrick – Treasurer
Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary (Via phone)

1. Meeting Called to order 6:35pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes adopted from the previous meeting (Nov 24).

AGREED First Joanne Schaffrick Second Kary Steele

3. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$7,814.06
Gaming Account: \$3609.69
Current TOTAL Funds available: \$11,423.75

General Account Activity:

Dep 13Jan25 - \$435.50 Dec Concession basketball; \$360.50, Online Donation; \$75

Gaming Account Activity:

Cheq#176 Dec13/24 \$1,500.00 SOSS Gardom Lake Gr9 trip (M.Willms)
Cleared Dec19/24
Cheq#177 Dec13/24 \$1,500.00 SOSS Yearbook Costs (Schulting)
Cleared Dec19/24
Cheq#178 Dec13/24 \$2,000.00 SOSS Grad Ceremonies Fees (Burns/Ibaraki)
Cleared Dec19/24
Cheq#179 Dec13/24 \$400.00 SOSS Art Club Supplies (Kingsfield)
Cleared Dec19/24
Cheq#180 Dec13/24 \$1,200.00 SOSS Sr.Girls Basketball Uniforms (Schulting)
Cleared Dec19/24

Outstanding Request to be paid:

From General:
Concession Stand supplies - J. Kirs \$437.10
ASAP Cheques - J. Schaffrick \$115.16
Cheques needed for Gaming Acct.

AGREED First Gillian Tucker Second Barb Barley

4. School Board Report:

- Student support services team is in the early stages of collaboration with the BC Children's hospital School Health Promotion team to explore how their support could enhance our mental health initiatives. This collaboration aligns with our strategic plan through a focus of health and wellbeing which leads to positive culture and student achievement.
- District calendar proposal on the district website for viewing.

5. Administration Report:

- Goodbyes and Retirements: Brad's last day is Tuesday, January 28 and will be working at You Learn Vice Principal; Philo Lang and Shani Laver are retiring with 33 and 31 years respectively; Louisa Peterson is also retiring with almost 30 years in the district – 8 of which were at SOSS; Cam Spelay is leaving and has taken a contract at OSS. We will miss them all and are very excited for them on their new journeys.
- Christmas breakfast was awesome – everyone very appreciative
- Celebration of Learning
- Grad photos Feb 18-20 – sign up and \$20 sitting fee required; Scholarship & Bursary application and Francis Family application are out; CLC Capstone sign up
- Exams January 24, 27,28; 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 January 29th, and it will be a four-block rotation day.
- Course Selection has started – Counsellors 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 to Apex second semester
- Basketball teams are in full swing – have hosted multiple tournaments
- Yearbook team is working on it- hopefully cost will be like the last few years
- Breakfast Club still available every day; additional support to Starfish families
- many assessments and surveys coming up- will be sending out the link for parent voice on the Student Learning Survey
- Audit this year during the week of February 24th

6. Old Business:

- Microgreens Fundraiser Update
 - In full swing with a table set up at Celebration of Learning - 100 samples given out.
 - Samples given to the cafeteria
- Snack Shack - Concession coming up
 - Jan 17/18 Sr. Girls - Need volunteers
 - Jan 31/Feb1 Jr. Boys - Need coach contact and parent volunteers
 - Feb 7/8 Gr8 Boys & Girls - Need Girls coach contact and parent volunteers.

7. New Business

- Scholarship request letter.
 - Scholarships in 4 different categories in the amount of \$750.
 - Not only for academics
 - Jocelyn to provide a description of the 4 categories that have been given to the awards selection committee.

Melanie Luypen put forward a motion for PAC to award 4 x \$750 scholarships as previously outlined to the awards committee

AGREED First Cindy Hernandez Second Barb Barley

Meeting adjourned @ 7:25pm

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