



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING May 18, 2023**

Attendees:

Louisa Paetkau Minh Thai Lily Knelsen
Kary Steele Cindy Hernandez

Tracy Harrington – Principal Rob Zandee - SD53 board rep
Karen Clayton - SD53 board rep
Mindy Ward – Chair Deborah Rivest - Vice Chair
Joanne Schaffrick – Treasurer Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary

1. Meeting Called to order 6:34pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

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

AGREED First Minh Thai Second Louisa Paetkau

3. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$8,219.04
Gaming Account: \$4,487.73
Current TOTAL Funds available: \$12,706.77

General Account Activity:

Deposit May 18/23 \$406.50 (from SOSS) *Ultimate Concession Apr14/15 \$248.50
(reported at Apr Meeting)
*Snack Shack sales \$83
*Parent Donations \$75 (\$50 reported at Apr Meeting)

Gaming Account Activity:

Cheque #161 May 18/23 \$2000.00 Student Yearbook Costs; Schulting (SOSS) **Outstanding**
Cheque #162 May 18/23 \$200.00 Skateboard Club Logo Contest Prizes; McKinnon (SOSS) **Outstanding**
Cheque #159 Apr. 10/23 \$3000.00 PAC Scholarships 4x\$750; Grad Scholarships C.Koffler (SOSS) **Cleared** April 21/23
Cheque #160 Apr.10/23 \$1500.00 Gardom Lake Outdoor Ed. Camp; S.Smith (SOSS) **Cleared** April 21/23

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

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4. School Board Report:

- Staff reported to the Board that under the Accessible BC Act, school districts must develop an accessibility plan by Sept1/23. Previous plans focused on forms of physical disabilities; however, now hidden disabilities such as anxiety, ADHD and depression must be taken into consideration.
- The Board passed its 2023/2024 Capital Funding Bylaw in the amount of \$2.68M. The funds granted under this bylaw will be utilized in the rolling ways: HVAC upgrade project at Osoyoos Elementary (\$2.25M) and 2 new yellow fleet buses for a total of \$431K. These projects are to be completed by Mar31/24.
Some time ago, a class action suit was brought against Microsoft for creating barriers to competition. The result of the suit has resulted in approx \$165M being made available to K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions. This money is in the form of vouchers to support schools across Canada to purchase new computer hardware. Schools in the district applied for this successfully and have been awarded vouchers for the purchase of hardware amounting to \$230,000 which must be completed before Jun30/28. (SOSS will be getting \$50,000 in laptops).
- The Policy Committee reported back on regular working plan reviews of a number of policies. Of note, 3 policies; namely, C-10 Financial Planning and Reporting, C-11 Accumulated Operating Surplus and G-2 Public Access to Information and Protection of Privacy were all given Notice of Motion and have been placed on the district website for feedback.
- (The Ministry of Childcare came and re-announced 4M for Seamless Day kindergarten. Oliver Elementary School will have 35 spaces + 360 in the province. They will be measuring how things will look for these kids and follow them through to Grade 3 and 4.)

5. Administration Report:

- District Dogwood Presentations last week - had 15 submissions (\$1,250 each)
- Rod/Lauren took most of the grade 10s to Experience OC last week
- Girls soccer team at Valleys this week; Ultimate Team made it to provincials
- Multicultural Week - various activities for students to participate in (colour run!)
- Grade 7 transition meetings - students have been touring; connecting with counselors
- Yearbook - on sale \$20 (sold 230)
- Gardom Lake trip for grade 9s - end of the month (74 students going!!)
- Stacey - Hornet Homies to work with grade 8s next year and go to transition meetings
- Student forum May24 (50 kids / staff randomly chosen)
- Spirit Day June7 (afternoon)
- Awards assembly June15 10-11am
- Celebration of Learning - Wednesday June21 5:30-7pm
- Indigenous Grade 7 parents & student Welcome dinner June21
- School Plan presentations - Monday June5 @ 5:30pm (Zoom link available)
- Grad update
 - Prom last weekend at Spirit Ridge
 - Grad Amazing Race June1 afternoon
 - Grad Tropical Event / luncheon June1
 - Scholarships and Bursaries June27@ 7pm

- Grad Ceremony June28
- Grad after event being held at school
- Exams - June 26, 27, 28
- Recycling fundraising - school account is our phone #250-498-4931 (max 6 bags)
- AI Chat GBT
- Feeding Futures fund - \$78,000 for SOSS
- Welcome Back BBQ - Sept13
 - White Hadder presentation on kids safety and tech security
 - Kids presented in the day and parents in the evening in the library

6. Old Business:

- N/A

7. New Business

- School Scholarship / awards night
 - June27 @ 7pm - Mindy to represent PAC
- Welcome back BBQ
 - Sept 13
 - By donation
 - Mindy to head
- Staff Lunch
 - June23
 - Approx 70
 - Mindy to head... because she is amazing!
 - \$500

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- Funding Requests
 - Dry Grad
 - Request from Mr. Kitt for \$2,000 for dry grad activities
 - (from Gaming)

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- Celebration of Student Achievement
 - Request from Ms. Kingsfield for \$450 for catering at the celebration event.
 - (from Gaming)

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- Ultimate Frisbee Club
 - Request from Mr. Hall
 - \$462 for competition fees
 - Up to \$600 for t-shirts
 - (from Gaming)

AGREED First Deborah Rivest Second Louisa Paetkau

Meeting adjourned

Next General meeting Thursday, Sept 21/23 @ 6:30pm