



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING Nov 20, 2025**

**Attendees:**

Nicole Sizemore                      Carmen Hood                      Linda Enockson  
Michelle Bell (presenting guest)

Bev Young – Principal  
Barb Barley – Chair  
Gillian Tucker - Vice Chair  
Melanie Luypen – Treasurer  
Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary (via Zoom)  
N/A - SD53 Board Rep

**1. Meeting Called to order 6:37pm**

**2. Presentation of Desert Sun Counselling and Resource Centre  
By Michelle Bell**

2 Offices - Oliver and Osoyoos  
In the community for 30 years!!  
Run 27 programs

Just to name a few: Safe Home, Parenting programs, Roots of Empathy in schools, Counselors in schools, fee for service counseling, Teaching Kitchen, Circle of Security, Better at home - senior support (based on income), Mens Shed, Computer Tech program in Oliver & Osoyoos, Community Lift bus, community connector for medical services, Social meals program.

Empty Bowls fundraiser HAPPENING NOW!!

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

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

**AGREED**                      First Melanie Luypen Second Linda Enockson

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

**General Account:** \$6,182.57

**Gaming Account:** \$299.32

**Current TOTAL Funds available:** \$6,481.89

**General Account Activity:**

Deposit - Oct 23/25 \$681.40 BTS BBQ donations from SOSS

Deposit - \$309.60 (Cash) Microgreens fundraiser

**Gaming Account Activity:**

Cheq#186 Oct 21/25 \$500 Jr. Field hockey helmet (H. Stopa)

Cleared - Oct 29/25

**Outstanding Request to be paid:**

N/A

NOTE:

**5. School Board Report:**

- Jocelyn skimmed through relevant news to share.

**6. Administration Report:**

- New for November
  - Term One came to a close. Report Cards went home via email link on Friday. Please log into Spaces and MyEducationBC regularly for updates on student progress.
  - Quarter two electives have begun
  - Second school wide pancake breakfast
  - Showcase Assemblies – Tuesday, November 18th
  - Phone policy reminders
- Extra-curricular
  - ➤ Lots of sports, athletics and clubs happening at SOSS!
  - Volleyball wrapped up, Sr. Girls off to provincials - Fan Bus!!
  - Field hockey and Cross-Country Running teams competed at provincials
  - Basketball beginning
  - All other clubs still running
  - ➤ Rehearsals for the production of Rock of Ages have begun
- Gearing up for December Activities:
  - Winter dance planned for Thursday, December 4th
  - Christmas Chaos December 19th
- Grad News:
  - Meat and plant fundraisers – purchase online from school website or paper order forms in office. Students reduce their grad fees by \$5 for every item sold!
  - Dry Grad possibilities are still being researched. The Grad Committee has been meeting to share ideas and research trip details. A survey will go out to all Grads once possible locations have been finalized.
  - Prom Committee meetings start this week!
  - Post-secondary applications - deadline to be considered for Early Entrance awards at most institutions is December 15th so students should be getting those applications in.
- Recruitment for SOSS Principal
  - Posting has gone out with a start date of February 1, 2026, or by mutual agreement. The posting closes at the end of November.

**7. Old Business:**

- Microgreens Fundraiser Update
  - Boost awareness in January.
  - Semester 1 “Celebration of learning” table sales.
- New Fundraiser ideas
  - Poker Night Fundraiser
    - 50/50 raffle?
  - Burger & Beer night?
    - Flealess Hound - Barb to inquire?
    - No go as soon as “beer” is involved but should be ok

if it's just food.

- Received a gift certificate from No Frills - Thank you!
- The cupcakes were great.
- The music was great!

#### **8. New Business**

- Fundraising opportunities
  - BFIT training
  - Case Lot Guys - Okanagan 10lb Grandpa's Navel oranges case lot fundraiser - Mel to look into.
- Funding Requests
  - Volleyball provincials - not approved.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm

Next General meeting Thursday Jan 15/25 @ 6:35pm