



**SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING February 16, 2023**

Attendees:

John Batyka	Tiffany Michas	Charlie Scott	Travis Bolenback
Zain Bolenback	Marlene Bolenback	Louisa Paetkau	Lily Knelsen
Kary Steele	Lieza van den Muckhof	Andrea Lester	

Tracy Harrington – Principal	Stacey Smith – Vice Principal
Rob Zandee - SD53 board rep	
Mindy Ward – Chair	Joanne Schaffrick – Treasurer
Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary	

1. Meeting Called to order 6:32pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

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

AGREED First Kary Steele Second Joanne Schaffrick

3. Treasurer's Report:

General Account: \$7,812.54

Gaming Account: \$11,187.73

Current TOTAL Funds available: \$19,000.27

General Account Activity:

Cheque #022 \$145.89 Mindy Ward - Snack Shack/Concession Supplies

Gaming Account Activity:

Cheque #156 Jan.22/23 \$150.00 Student Voice Club; Christmas Decor & Contest Prizes - C.Scott (SOSS) Cleared Jan.26/23

Cheque #157 Jan.22/23 \$500.00 Arts Club; Art Supplies - L.Kingsfield (SOSS) Cleared Jan.26/23

Cheque #158 Jan.22/23 \$400.00 Celebration Learning; Food & Supplies; Arts Club - L.Kingsfield (SOSS) Cleared Jan.26/23

Outstanding Request to be paid:

N/A

Note: 2022/2023 is the last year Gaming Funds can be used for Scholarships

AGREED First Kary Steele Second Louisa Paetkau

4. School Board Report:

- District staff reported that Oliver Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten team made its first visit to the Bhavsagar Sikh Temple. The purpose of the trip was to

engage in yearly learning conversations with families. The team connected with over 60 families and 35 children. They are already planning their next event at the Temple.

- A second Pop Up Play event for Keremeos and surrounding communities was held on Jan 18. SESS students volunteered to help with the event where they served dinner for families, helped with entertainment.
- The career education programs such as Work Experience, Gateway to Technology, Train in Trades, and Professional Cook are all strongly subscribed programs and are very successful. In fact, through Train in Trades, in addition to Okanagan College we have students enrolled in Camosun College and 1 student traveling to Prince George for welding at the College of New Caledonia.
In addition to our trades programs, there are also 4 students enrolled in an Academic Dual Credit business program at OK College.
- The Board discussed the 2023/2024 budget process and timeline and an initial meeting will be held February 16 to begin the process.
- The District calendar to be approved this coming meeting.

5. Administration Report:

- Winter Active Living Day update
- Course Selections for next year
- Link Crew & Student Voice- Random Acts of Kindness week; Pink Shirt Day Feb. 22
- Grad Update - Capstone & CLC; Photos; Scholarship Application
- Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday, March 15
- District Calendar has been sent out for review
- Foundry Partnership- Megan Edwards – new Peer Support position -focus on Harm Reduction services, Substance Use help, counselling for anxiety and depression
- MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) survey for grade 8 (Feb 14 & 21)
- Student Learning Surveys grade 10 & 12 in March (April 6 & 13)
- Parent University - survey is out
- Pedal Car opportunity – Travis Hofman (1 of 7 schools in the province)
- Theatre Production- March 9-11
- Inclusive washrooms
 - Alteration of 1 bathroom from 10 in the building
 - Stalls with floor to ceiling wall/door & common wash station
 - Discussion regarding being inclusive on both sides of (gendered and gender neutral)
 - Many recommendations of single bathroom and wash station rather than multi stall bathroom.
 - Discussion regarding bullying and social media
 - The [erase Report It tool](#) is an easy way to send a message to the school or school district's safe school coordinator, who will follow-up on the situation right away
- Gardom Lake update
 - Currently \$210/student
 - 118 Grade 9 students - the goal was $\frac{2}{3}$ of students
 - Many students not attending - one of the issues is no electronic devices including cell phones.
 - Going to proceed with trip even if there are not enough students attending
- SPACES

- For Grade 8-9
- Mandatory come Sept 2023

6. Old Business: N/A

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7. New Business

- Funding Requests
 - Gr9 Gardom Lake
 - Request from R. Goncalves for \$1,000 for trip fee supplementation
- Concession helpers for spring play
 - Serving it right?
 - Joc/Mindy/Joanne/Lily

AGREED First Louisa Paetkeu Second John Baytka

Meeting adjourned

Next General meeting Thursday, April 20/23 @ 6:30pm