SOSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING Oct 15, 2026

Attendees:

Joanne Schaffrick Petra Veintimilla Linda Enockson
Danielle Pugh Charley Short

Susan Beyer – Principal NA
Cam Adam – Vice Principal
Barb Barley – Chair
Gillian Tucker - Vice Chair
Melanie Luypen – Treasurer
Jocelyn Kirs – Secretary
Rob Zandee – SD53 Board Rep NA

1. **Meeting Called to order 6:36pm**

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

- Minutes adopted from the previous meeting (May 2026).

AGREED First Gillian Tucker Second Melanie Luypen

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

General Account: $2,003.30
Gaming Account: $9,919.32
Current TOTAL Funds available: $12,603.62

General Account Activity:
Dep May 29/26 - $1,083.20 Microgreens + Winery fundraiser
Cheq#40 June 25/26 - Jocelyn Kirs Staff appreciation Lunch Cleared - Aug 18/26
Cheq#038 Apr 22/26 - Gillian Tucker Staff appreciation Lunch Cleared - July 2/26
Cheq#039 Apr 22/26 - Andrea Lester Staff appreciation Lunch Cleared - July 3/26

Gaming Account Activity:
October 1/26 etransfer from Province of BC Gaming Grant Funds! $9,620.00
Outstanding Request to be paid:
N/A

AGREED First Joanne Schaffrick Second Petra Veintimilla

4. **School Board Report:**

- Board report read by Cam Adam
- Health & Wellbeing - 200 Students taking part
- National Teacher's Dan, the District and SOSTU making food bank donations
- Literacy remains an important district priority
- Post Secondary Institution Day at SOSS October 19
- Annual Indigenous focused professional development day

5. **Administration Report:**

- Reporting
  o Parent Teacher interviews will be happening on Oct 21. Sign up is still open.
  o We have asked teachers to communicate with you early if students are struggling.
  o First Term Report cards are mid-November
  Spaces is no longer - MyEd only
- Website
  o Please use the online Calendar on the website for upcoming events. It is updated regularly.
  o This is a good space to see what is happening at SOSS
  o Instagram is also a space I use for current events
- Extra-Curricular
  o Field Hockey, Volleyball, boys' soccer and cross country are in full swing. Thank you to all the parents who supported the teams at home and at tournaments, and with driving to our away games
  o Skateboard Club is up for their last couple of field trips for the season. This club will start up again in the spring. This has been very popular with our grade 8 students. Our senior students are showing good mentorship.
  o Mountain Bike club has continued to build this year along with the outdoors club. They have been on a couple big rides and hikes this year. This will be going for another couple weeks and start up again in the spring.
- Building updates
  o Our new bus shelter is almost ready, just awaiting approval from the city.
  o Our all-gender bathrooms have been more accessible this year for actual bathroom use. We are awaiting our vape detectors to install.
  o We have removed the smoke pit off school grounds to abide by the school act to have no vaping, smoking or drugs on school property.
  o Cell phone non-use has proceeded well so far this year. We have only had to have a couple of conversations about cell phone use. Students seem to be responded to the expectations of no cell phones or headphones during class time except for students require its use for their IEP.
- Grad News
  o Check out the grad information on the school website. Thank you to all the parents who showed up to the grad parent night.
  o CLC is being completed in class on the inquiry days. Please make sure your student attends on those days as the information is important and they need to keep up.
- Fundraising
  o Lots of fundraising happening right now. Follow along on the website.
  o Hoping the parents will want to do the gift card fundraiser through Shopfunds for PAC.
- School Plan
  o Need your help with gathering feedback. We will be sending some sort of questionnaire home to parents. Our focus has been around attendance and success in school.
- Sept 30 OIB local education agreement was signed.

6. **Old Business**
    - Welcome Back BBQ
        - Very Successful!! We raised $681 for our Scholarship fund.
        - Attribute more families in attendance to multiple communication notices from the school.
        - Student Lead Tours were amazing.
        - Gardening Club / Sewing Club / Skateboard Club / SAGA all were representing.
        - PAC posters were hanging with email signup sheets.
        - Grad Board hanging.
        - Microgreen samples handed out.
        - PAC parents donated cupcakes.
        - SOSS took care of ordering the food. Hamburgers were a hit. 150 Hotdogs, 60 Burgers, Veggie burgers. They also ordered the sliced cheese, foil bags, condiment & GF buns.
        - Gillian purchased water and Chips from Canadian Wholesale.
    - Flealess Hound Fundraiser
        - Table until more time to plan.
        - Venue is kid friendly.
        - Let's organize games, auction items. There are things we can do without a charitable gaming event licence.
    - Microgreens Fundraiser
        - May - September totals to bring up next month.

7. **New Business**
    - About our PAC
        - How can we get more members in attendance?
            - Have a zoom link available!
            - Automatic calendar upload?
            - On the socials earlier - Sunday?
            - Student involvement?
            - Hot Topics always bring a crown!
    - Funding Requests
        - Art Club & Saga requests pending.
            - Waiting on Admin to forward approval.

8. **Parent Discussion**
    - **NA**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52pm
Next General meeting Thursday Nov 19/26 @ 6:35pm