What exactly is PAC?

The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

What is the role of PAC?

- To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
- To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
- To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
- To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
- To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
- To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).
- The business of the PAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

SKSS PAC Executive Committee

Cory L: Chair, **Allison** Vice-Chair, **Erin M** (Secretary/Treasurer/DPAC Rep), **Allison T** (DPAC Rep)

SKSS PAC Meeting

Thursday September 21 2023, 7:00pm via Zoom

1. Call to order. Land Acknowledgement.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda. Quorum Present:** Cory, Erin, Barrie, Amy, Candice, Cori, Tyne, Olivia, Krista, Elwira, Martha

3. Administration Report: Welcome from Principal Walt, and thank you for coming. Great to see so many new faces and a full Zoom screen.

- 1077 students in the building currently, including 24 international students.
- Next year we expect even more students.
- Welcome to our 14 new staff:

Ms. Wagge - VP

Teachers:

1. Deb Hendry- FSL
2. Taylor Watts- FI/En/FSL
3. David Connor- Mathematics
4. Marie Finch: Foods/CLC
5. Cara Fuzzen- English
6. Kyle Reynaud- SS/En
7. Wai Ma- T/C LART
8. Trista Hill- T/C CLE/Math/Sc.
9. Jennifer Suter-Beardsley- T/C- En/Drama

CEAs : Michelle, Steven and Anthony. New custodian this year as well.

- Busy start up this year. Thank you to Link Crew for the Grade 8 welcome and pizza/bbq.
- Startup had a very positive tone.
- Full time tables were out to students in June, with few changes this fall. Good grade meetings happened this week stressing our SKSS Values and Matrix.
- Monday is our first inservice day and teachers and staff will be focused on the new reporting matrix, working on the proficiency scale and MyEd gradebook. An educational video will be posted for families to website.
- Grade 8s and 9s will now have grading on a proficiency scale

- Grade 10s-12s will continue to have letter grades. No more effort marks.
- Terry fox run will be in October (date TBA)
- No change to course fees from the 2022/23 rates.
- We continue to work on our two school goals this year: Literacy (vocab) and Safety/Wellbeing (meaningful supportive connections with adults on campus)
- Summer work done at the school includes new gym floor, weight room almost done, 1200 sprinkler heads done, new computer lab, 5th portable, boiler room upgrade, and new paint job (which will be finished in the spring)
- QUESTIONS:
    - 1. Will award recognition (Principal's Award) continue for grade 12 this year? A: Yes.
    - 2. Did protesters come to school yesterday? A: Our campus remained safe with no protesters gaining entry.
    - 3. Can you help us arrange an education session on all the lunchtime extracurriculars offered at skss? A: Yes, will be done for November meeting.
    - 4. How does the grad committee work? A: Mme. Blais will be in touch with grad parents soon to start this work.
    - 5. Will the School Special start coming early on Connection Block days? A: No, this year we are piloting having the buses come at the regular time on Wednesdays to see if it allows students to use the resources in the school that are available during Connections.
    - 6. Bus passes for kids are expensive. Can the Affordability Fund cover any of this cost? A: Parents paying for a school bus pass for their student are encouraged to apply for Transportation Assistance. This paperwork can help cover a significant portion of the annual cost of a bus pass for students. Reach out to the office if you require the paperwork or assistance filling it out.
    - 7. Are any international exchange programs available through SKSS? A: Only through the Rotary Club. Reach out to them directly for more information.
    - 8. Any chance the cafeteria can offer healthier alternatives? A: Canuel caterers is in charge of the cafeteria and the Board manages those contracts. We have no direct influence over the menu but the School Board may be able to help if you have concerns.

4. New Business:

- Reminder of AGM next month. Reminder that Erin and Cory are in their last year and we need help to step up to executive to continue to get the annual gaming grant for PAC. Without a PAC, we lose almost $20,000 in annual funding for the kids.

- Parent education for next year: October is AGM and gaming fund allotment. November: Presentation by students on student clubs and intramurals.

- Football – Barrie gave an update on sponsorship, Gaming Licenses and plan for annual fundraising.

- Music – Also looking for sponsorships, applying for Gaming Licenses, and Legacy Grant. Walt notes that he has submitted the forms for out of province travel to board office so students can travel to Nationals in Ontario.

- Legacy Grant Application – criteria reviewed.

5. Treasurer's Report: We have just over $1000 in gaming account left over from last year. All outstanding gaming paperwork has submitted including:

a. Annual Gaming Account Summary Report for 2022/23

b. Explanation to Gaming of what we use CNC Machine for (paid for by gaming funds 2 years ago)

c. Outstanding GASR report from before Erin was treasurer.

We expect notification from gaming in the next week or two about how much money we will be getting this year, and whether any paperwork remains outstanding.

7. **DPAC/BCCPAC Reports.** See attached report from Superintendent at the end of these minutes. BCCPAC has minutes posted to their website from the annual conference and AGM in May. See BCCPAC website for more information. DPAC meeting touched on committee reports (just starting up for the year), as well as DPAC logo contest upcoming. Erin will forward information on this as soon as it is available. Perhaps an Art Student at SKSS wants to take on this art and marketing project to design a new logo?

Transportation Committee: Elwira from the DPAC Transportation Committee has a new grade 8 student at SKSS and discussed the committee's work. The Transportation committee is advocating for better public transit, and are advocating for free transit for youth under 19. Also discussing more active transportation corridors. Elwira talked about the exciting initiative at PAC Way with their "bike bus" and encouraged parents to reach out if they have elem students interested at their school too.

8. Other Correspondence. See attached at the end of this document.

10. Adjournment.

Reminder: Next meeting is to hand out grant money and the annual AGM.

Next meeting:

Topic: SKSS PAC Meetings
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Nov 16, 2023 07:00 PM
Dec 21, 2023 07:00 PM
Jan 18, 2024 07:00 PM
Feb 15, 2024 07:00 PM
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SD73 Trustee and Superintendent DPAC Report- September 19, 2023

Trustees Hickson, Trustee Kang, and Superintendent Nixon

1. **PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT THE PLANNED PROTEST: LINK**

   Parents, students, and staff are aware of the planned protests on September 20th. In preparation for ensuring the safety of our schools, Assistant Superintendent Mochikas has worked diligently with school administrators to ensure that they have contextually relevant messages for parents, students, and staff. We will prioritize the safety of students and staff and have steps to ensure everyone's safety. We have made a public statement that you will find at the link by clicking on "Safe, Caring, and Welcoming" schools on the front of our public website.

2. **DISTRICT LEARNING PLAN**

   The Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education approved the District Learning Plan 2023 to submit to the Ministry of Education. 2022-2023 was the first year of living our 2022-2027 District Strategic Plan, which emerged from consultation that started and ended with cycles of ongoing review with the Aboriginal Education Council. We invite you to review a one-page summary of key results. Read more.

   We highlight that we have seen continuous progress across K-12 in literacy, numeracy, grade-to-grade transitions and high school completion. SD73 students typically outperform the province. While we are proud of these positive results, we acknowledge that SD73 Aboriginal students compared to non-Aboriginal have not historically had the same life chances to progress. Additionally, SD73 students who have diverse abilities have not always performed as well as their provincial peers. We continue to see improvement in students feeling safe, welcome, and connected to two or more adults. We see slower gains in students feeling a sense of belonging. Each department provides areas of success, need, and adjustments to continue to improve. We invite you to learn more either through the PDF document (linked above) or on our website– here.

3. **ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

   In May, 2023, DPAC learned about progress on the Accessibility Committee to fulfill the requirements of the BC Accessibility Act, which includes having a committee that is comprised of at least 50% of its members identifying as persons with disabilities or representing organizations that provide services or programs to them. The committee met on May 10, 2023, July 14, 2023, and September 6, 2023. They have developed a Draft Accessibility Action Plan, which was approved by the Board on August 28, 2023, and is available on pages 62-76 of the Regular Public Board Meeting agenda. To offer feedback, please: complete an online survey or access a printed copy of the survey, mailing a letter to the school board office, calling the school board office, or emailing accessibilityplan@sd73.bc.ca. At the last committee meeting,

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other means to gather feedback were shared by the members and we look forward to increasing opportunities beyond a survey. Thank you to Bonnie McBride, Vice-Chair, DPAC, who continues to serve as a member on this committee.

4. WILDFIRE RESPONSE

The Board of Education was deeply concerned about the out of control wildfires that took hold on August 18, 2023, leading to a state of emergency declared by B.C. Premier David Eby. During the morning of Saturday, August 19, 2023, the SD73 district administration struck a Wildfire Response team (district management), and they met to plan how best to support a coordinated response at the district level.The team has remained in close collaboration with the First Nations communities impacted as well as with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) to identify SD73 families on Evacuation Order and to share updates about emergency response requirements.

District staff have continued to meet with Principal Greg Gartrell, Chase Secondary School, and Principal Colleen Topolovec, Haldane Elementary School to review and revise communication for their families about an evacuation order plan. Assistant Superintendent Mochikas and District Principal Bowden are communicating regularly with the education managers of Skwlāx te SecwepemcúĺecwandAdam's Lake Indian Band to coordinate supports such as backpacks of food and gift cards for necessary items such as clothing and shoes through the school and working with Secretary-Treasurer Cassidy on providing transportation from Rayleigh Evacuation Centre to SD73 schools in Chase and Chief Atahm for these families. The District will continue to support families and staff from a trauma-informed lens and seek to provide stability and normalcy as everyone continues in school.

5. PINEVIEW VALLEY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education has advocated for a new school in Pineview Valley due to notable enrolment growth and space pressures in schools in the south west sector of Kamloops. On February 22, 2023, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced funding for a new school in Pineview Valley. At that time, the Board had been working with the McGowan Future Growth Planning Committee to problem solve what could be done if space pressures continued in that school (160% capacity utilization). The Board of Education is looking forward to the much-needed opportunity to have families experience the opening of this new school in 2026.

We are especially excited about this unique location because it is located by Python Lake which is known for its natural beauty, protected species (Painted Turtle), and varied plants (mariposa lilies, yarrow, and giant wildrye) and animals (a variety of butterflies, songbirds, and ducks, as well as deer and many small mammals). This

location opens up so many opportunities for land-based learning and outdoor education, and we are excited to be part of the development of this school.

The Board initiated the Pineview Valley Community Engagement Committee with representatives from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Aboriginal Education Council, KTTA, CUPE, Pineview Valley community, parents, staff, District Parent Advisory Council, City of Kamloops, Ministry of Education and Child Care, and Trustees to work together with Station One Architects and SD73 staff to review and provide feedback on draft plans for the new school. We aim to meet in a cycle of gathering feedback, working on plans to respond to feedback, and then bringing plans back to the group. The goal is to truly collaborate by listening to concerns and co-problem solving. Read more.

6. RURAL LOCATIONS FOR BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education represents 12 communities that are located across 27,000 square kilometers of diverse rural and urban contexts. It is important for the Board members to travel and experience these diverse locations and we do that through board meetings, celebrations like graduations, and liaison meetings throughout the year which are informal school visits to learn firsthand about how we are achieving the District mission and priorities in the District Strategic Plan. As per Board Policy 7, Board Operations, section 3, Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on Mondays, with exact dates and times established by motion of the Board, in the boardroom at the Board Office, 1383 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC. At least once annually, the Board shall meet in a community represented by each rural trustee. There must be at least one meeting during each month of the school year. The Board of Education has been establishing, by Board Motion, a Schedule of Board Meetings in three year cycles since 2016-2017. This allows for better attendance at meetings and effective planning for Education Topics and Board Reports. To see the schedule of rural board meeting locations, view the 2023-2026 Board Meeting Schedule.

7. STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

In the 2022-2023 school year, SD73 families benefitted from accessing $760,237 of the $1,656,000 Student and Family Affordability Fund provided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care for food and fees for courses, school supplies, activities, athletics, and field trips. This year, the School District carried forward $746,000 of the Student and Family Affordability Fund to support families with school fees. These remaining funds are available to assist students and families with school fees. Read more.

8. FEEDING FUTURES

In August 2022, the Ministry of Education and Child Care allocated $60 million to support families in BC through the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund aimed to help with school-related expenses like meals, supplies, and activity fees such as field

trips, athletics, and fine arts. You may recall that in November of 2022, SD73 received $1.65 million.

By December 2022, the District's Student and Family Affordability Fund program had assisted over 284 students, and $11,309 (0.68%) was allocated to cover student fees and expenses. In January 2023, the District worked with six pilot schools to offer a $40 student fee rebate to families from the fund. By March 2023, over 17,000 families were contacted, with 3,859 families consenting to the rebate. As of June 30, 2023, the District reported to the Ministry of Education and Child Care: $252,746 of funding was spent on food security resulting in approximately 3,900 additional student meals served to students; $184,804 of funding was spent on supplies and equipment helping students and families approximately 5,900 times; and, $322,687 of funding was spent on fees helping students and families approximately 10,343 times. Nearly $900,000 will carry forward into the 2023-2024 school year, and we have set aside $150,000 to support families on evacuation order who may require extensive supports.

Hot Lunch Mucho Burrito

Inbox ×

Mucho Burrito Kamloops <muchoburritokamloops@gmail.com> Sep 20, 2023, 8:20 PM (22 hours ago)
to me

Hi there,

How are you? I hope you all had a great summer! My name is Vic and we recently just opened our franchise here in Kamloops this year July 31. I have 3 Mucho Burritos in Kelowna and we do hot lunch for many schools here. We wanted to touch base with you in regards to hot lunch and to see if we can be one of your vendors this year? We would love to come give you samples of our food and size if you like? I have attached the price list and what's included for your reference. If you can give us a try once we would be greatly appreciative. My business partner Ranjeet is running the store here in Kamloops and he would be your point of contact.

Also, I wanted you to know that we have a combo store, Mucho Burrito and La Diperie (ice cream, cheesecake, mini donuts to name a few items). We could do a lot for you and the students and it would be an honor to serve them.

Please let us know if you can squeeze us in this term? I have listed our website so you can browse through them. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

www.muchoburrito.com
https://ladiperie.com/

Thank you so much

Vic and Ranjeet

Vic number: 604-626-2301
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Graduation Catering 2024

Inbox ×

Nicole St Godard <n.stgodard@coasthotels.com>
to

Wed, Sep 20, 3:00 PM (1 day ago)

Hello!

My name is Nicole and I am the General Manager of Food and Beverage for Uptown Chefs Catering + Events. We are hoping to be considered this year to be your venue or offsite caterer for your graduation festivities.

We would love to answer any questions that you have and would love to work with you this year!

Nicole

NICOLE ST. GODARD
General Manager

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The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) is the voice of public school parents. We unequivocally encourage a culture of acceptance, inclusion and equality as expressed in our mission statement.

BCCPAC believes it is time, alongside our community of District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs) and Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to publicly reaffirm our commitment to stand with Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual and other students, educators, and family members who are members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We are here for you. It is imperative you know that we see you, we hear you and you have our unwavering support.

BCCPAC, together with DPACs and PACs, will continue to work towards ensuring the children of this province are educated in an unbiased atmosphere, regardless of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity or ability.

poinsetta fundraiser Inbox ×

Carrie Campell <carrie@artknappkamloops.com> Fri, Sep 15, 11:46 AM (6 days ago)
to me

Good morning,

My name is Carrie. I work at Art Knapp Garden Centre here in Kamloops. I am organizer of the poinsettia fundraiser that we offer for the holidays. I am just reaching out to let you know that we do this. I will be able to provide you with the information next week.

Thank you for your time.

Carrie Campbell
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