École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS)
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2025 – 7pm via Zoom

1. Call to order 7:01 pm
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of the Minutes from Oct. 16, 2025
5. Admin Report-Principal Preymak

Remembrance Day Assembly

I would like to extend a big thank you to Ms. Fonseca and all the staff and students for an excellent assembly.

Athletics

I would like to thank all the coaches, sponsors, parents, and students for their participation in our fall sports league. We have a number of teams that have made provincials and will be traveling this week and next week to attend those events. Winter season will be starting soon.

District Student Advisory Council

This is a district council that has two students from each school that meet once a month to discuss various issues. The students act as a resource to the School Board of Education on issues affecting students. These two students met with Principal's Council this week to go through the 'Two Stars and One Wish' activity where they highlight what is working well in our school and what could be improved.

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Take Our Kids to WorkTM is an annual national program in which Grade 9 (or equivalent) students are hosted by parents, friends, relatives and volunteers at workplaces across the country every November. The program supports career development by helping students connect school, the world of work, and their own futures. More than 250,00 students and 75,000 organizations take part every year across Canada, from Nunavut to Newfoundland participate in the program.

It is an opportunity for students to explore career options, through:

- Understanding the importance of staying in school by learning first-hand what skills are required in today's workplace.
- Thinking about what aspects of their "workday" they liked and what they didn't.
- Exploring career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
- By spending a day in the life of a working adult, they develop an appreciation of their parents' work and motivations.

The more students understand about the jobs of their parents and relatives, the more informed the decisions about their own future career.

Wed. Oct. 29 -SD73 District Honour Ensembles Concert, Sagebrush Theatre, 7pm

A total of seventeen SKSS musicians are involved in our SD73 District Honour Band and Choir ensembles this year! Great job, to our students and our Music teacher. Ms. McRae! Our accomplished guest conductors will bring out the best from our student musicians, who come together from across the school district.

Art Calendar Project – Wednesday, November 5th in the lobby of the Sagebrush Theatre
The Importance of Water in Kamloops, South Kamloops Secondary 2026
20th Annual Exhibition & Fundraiser
Approximately 50 artworks showcased. The Art classes partnered with the City of Kamloops Sustainability Office for this year's calendar project, which focuses on the importance of water in our region — a theme that is timely, environmentally relevant, and deeply connected to our community. Students explored how water shapes Kamloops socially, ecologically, and culturally, and translated these ideas into original artwork for public display.

SKSS Music Department showcase

Thursday, December 11th at the Sagebrush Theatre.
The lobby opens at 5:30 pm for fundraisers and entertainment.
The doors open at 6 pm – general seating, admission by donation.
6:30 pm is the start of the show.

Upcoming Parent Engagement Sessions

Wednesday, November 26th, 6:00 to 7:00 pm – Virtual event
https://calendar.sd73.bc.ca/default/Detail/2025-11-26-1800-Parent-Information-Session-District-Career-Program

6. Treasurer's Report

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SKSS PAC – TREASURER'S REPORT–NOVEMBER 2025

Current Financial Position as at Nov. 19, 2025	
Gaming Opening balance at start of 2025/26 school year: $22,579.41 in chq account – ($108.21 held in trust for Music License 157822/157823) – ($2.5 x 12months for bank fees)= $22,441.20 available to be spent.	
Gaming Grant for 2025/26 school year was $21,860	
Current SKSS Gaming funds available:	**$21,411,17**
General Account Balance as of Nov 19, 2025 (before any disbursements) = $1584.72 - $995.68 =	$589.04
Total SKSS PAC funds:	**$22,000.21**
2024/25 Gaming License 157822 (raffle) & 157823 (50/50)– Class B raffle license annual series. December 18th and June 11th 50/50 and Raffle for Music Department. Dec 18th = $1693 (50/50= $553 (our half) Raffle = $1140). Cheq 232 on Jan 10th - $40.91 towards Jazz Combo Music. Cheq 240 on Apr 11 - $48.77 Sheet music. Cheq 240 on Apr 11 – 450.00 Ensemble Clinic. Cheq 241 on May 6 - $24.17 music mallet. Cheq 244 on June 18 $157.47 for Student Awards. June 11th: 50/50 = $400 (our half) + $1230 (raffle) = $1630 added to this line item. June 23 Cheq 245 for Music banners $971.68. September 3: $1427.23 for Sagebrush Rental for recital Cheq 246. September 16: cheq 247 $94.56 for start of year meeting donuts	$108.21 remaining in gaming account
2025/26 Gaming License 165094 – Class B Football Raffle – Sept 15 to December 19	Ongoing
2025/26 Gaming License 165741 – Class B Football 50/50 – Oct 6-November 7: Total amount taken in is $1446, our half is $723. Revenue Report submitted and license closed Nov.16 – Chq. 250 - $723.00 on Nov. 19 for Titans Hoodies.	Closed
2025/26 Gaming Licence 167782 – Class B Music Christmas Concert – Dec 11 50/50	Ongoing
2025/26 Gaming License (Pending) – Class B Music Christmas Concert – Dec 11 – Raffle Baskets	Ongoing
2025/26 Gaming License 167780 – Class B - Dry Grad Committee – Dec 19 – 50/50	Ongoing

General Account

Bank Balance as at Nov. 19/25: $1,584.72 – Total Liabilities: $995.68 – Available Funds: $589.04

Description		Amount	Date		Cheques Written	Remaining
Green Club		$155.84 $41.33 $21.04 $53.37 $62.09 $37.01	Feb 04 April 09 May 07 July 03 Aug 05 Oct 07	TruEarth Direct Deposits	$370.68 Cheq 24 Nov 10/25	$0
SD73 Board 2025/26 Funds		$619.00	Nov 14			
Minimum Balance Required (Per Bylaws)		$500				$500 HOLD
Cushion fiduciary obligations (per motion/vote)		$100				$100 HOLD
Bank Fees	BMO Bank Fees	$2.50/Mo				$25

Q: How prescriptive should PAC be when a group spends differently than outlined in its original gaming request?
The Chair noted that since groups do not receive 100% of their request, PAC does not micromanage department heads and spending may be allocated as needed within the approved scope. Clarification can be sought from the Principal, with the option to return to the Executive for support if needed.

7. Old Business

7.1. Executive Code of Conduct to be signed and filed with SKSS PAC Secretary

8. New Business

8.1. Fundraising Resource and Gaming Licence Support

At a previous meeting, a parent suggested developing a PAC resource to help parent groups and teachers navigate fundraising requirements and gaming licences (raffles, 50/50, etc.). The goal is to support groups not only with funding but also with tools and information to run their own fundraisers effectively and in compliance with BC Gaming regulations.

The document could include:

- A list of common fundraisers that do or do not require a BC Gaming Event Licence
- A link to the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch online application portal
- A brief overview of reporting requirements and timelines
- Contact information for a PAC member (e.g., Treasurer or Fundraising Advisor) who can assist school groups.

Motion:
That the PAC create a Fundraising Resource and Gaming Licence Support document, guided by the recommendations outlined above.
Moved: Elwira Seconded: Paul Carried

8.2. Wi-Fi Issues. Fixed.

8.3. Naloxone Training for parents. Tabled.

8.4. Succession planning. We want to encourage parent participation, strengthen confidence, and offer practical tools for becoming an executive PAC member. While DPAC is planning an in-person PAC 101 event, would we like to consider hosting one online session for our feeder schools that covers the role of the PAC, governance, Treasurer 101, and fundraising?

- Just for gr 7 parents? No. Offer to PACs from feeder schools. Anyone welcome.
- No decision made. (Erin's item-not present.)

8.5. Bylaws. Please expect a notice of bylaws changes. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the document.

8.6. BC Transit and City of Kamloops Budget. As the City of Kamloops Council is working on the budget, they are considering cutting previously planned transit expansion. **No change to the current service hours.** Our students rely on public transit and families might find this topic of interest.

9. DPAC Report. Gratitude to Jen, our new and highly engaged DPAC representative, for attending her first DPAC meeting on behalf of SKSS parents and for stepping up to support DPAC's website maintenance. It's been a couple of years since this role was filled, and this will help improve timely access to information for families. Thank you!

November 18, 2025 DPAC update

- PAC 101 Training and Naloxone training for parents scheduled for January 2026.
- Still need to fill the Secretary position.
- Advertising on BC Transit School Specials. After a student in the district complained, through their parent, to DPAC about an ad on a school special by Kamloops Pro Life Society targeting high school students, as stated in the Society's own newsletter, DPAC made a statement to the School District, BC Transit, and the City of Kamloops to intervene and have the anti-choice ads removed from the buses that transport our students.The School District declined to intervene (immediately) stating they meet with BC Transit once a year to discuss issues. There are district administrative procedures and board policies that deal with advertising to students, when the bus is an extension of school environment, social and political messaging, etc. The Canadian Advertising Standards also prohibit messaging that shames Canadians for what is afforded to them under the Charter-access to reproductive healthcare is of medical nature and falls under Canada Health Act. DPAC is investigating other ways to have the ads removed.
- National School Food Program. Schools must apply to the District. It is not automatically allocated to them. The National School Food Program is in addition to the BC Feeding Futures program.
    - PAC asked Principal Preymak to inquire with the District about access to the fund, which covers a wide range of food-related items, including infrastructure. PAC asked whether the stand mixers could have been covered by this fund.
- All PACs voted in favour of endorsing the request from the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Group's "Climate Ready Schools" initiative, a proposed

national standard for the design and maintenance of climate resilient outdoor educational spaces.
- Director's Insurance

10. Correspondence and Other Business

10.1. Invitation from SKSS Baking Club for PAC Executive to observe the team in action at the next school wide event. Dates and details to follow. We are very excited!

10.2. https://brightraiser.com/ is offering South Kam PAC a unique, ongoing campaign with full access, along with ready-to-use social media materials. Please contact our Secretary for contact info if your group would like to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity. There's no cost to launch or run, no ongoing work needed, and the profits add up over the year. Our PAC has not used this provider before, so we encourage any interested parents to look into the platform themselves and make sure they feel comfortable with how it works before deciding to use it.

11. Next Meeting Date.
Thursday, January 15, 2025 - 7pm (via Zoom).
Meeting ID: 873 1414 7246 Passcode: 888045

12. Adjournment 7:53 pm

13. Future items. Parents asked to add these items to future meetings.

- How to get involved with PAC at the high school level? Objectives. Roles.
  - Although we are no longer a BCCPAC member, this information from their website is still relevant. Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why they are Important for Families.
- Where to find relevant information?
  - See 8.4 but for new parents with a condensed version on the PAC website.
- PAC website visibility and accessibility.

2025-2026 SKSS PAC EXECUTIVE
Chair: Elwira R.
Treasurer: Dana N.
Secretary: Jennifer B..
DPAC Reps: Jennifer B. and Erin M.