

École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS)
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – 7pm via Zoom

1. Call to order 7:01 pm
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Adoption of the Agenda ✓
4. Adoption of the [Draft Minutes from Feb 19, 2026](#) ✓
5. Admin Report-Principal Preymak

Principal's Report – April 7th, 2026

Timetable Update

We have the timetable created. The next step is to have the counselors go through each student's timetable to make sure they have a full timetable (including all graduation required courses).

Spring Sports

Our spring sports season (practice only) is underway. We have soccer, track and field, Ultimate Frisbee and Rugby starting their seasons.

Destination Imagination

The SKSS Destination Imagination Team are heading down on Saturday, April 11th to Burnaby for the Provincial tournament. We have 12 students taking part in this event.

BC Interior Jazz Festival on April 16-19th.

We have several of our music students taking part in this festival.

Day of Secwentwecw

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, marked the 13th annual Day of Secwentwecw (Acknowledging one Another) in School District 73. An initiative that recognizes and celebrates the Secwepemc People and other Aboriginal People residing within the Secwepemc Territory.

The theme of today – Speaking our Truth

Every block is focused on the theme and connected to each staff member's curricular area. Cultural sharing “job fair” style will take place at lunch. The last 10 minutes of the day we will gather on the field to connect and share experiences/products as a school before dismissal.

Graduation

Our Commencement ceremony takes place on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 pm at the Sandman Center.

Submitted by Chris Preymak, Principal – South Kamloops Secondary School

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1. [Full Report](#) – included as a separate attachment on our website.

7. Old Business

7.1. Disc Golf Course Installation

- NEW information: Admin is submitting a School Project Request form to the district maintenance department seeking approval for permanent structures vs. temporary/moveable baskets.
 - Parents discussed perceptions that student needs are not consistently prioritized in district decision-making.
 - Parents agreed to hold off on further advocacy to the school district pending a response from the Principal.
 - It was noted that funding from the PAC's Gaming Grant has been allocated but has not yet been used, and therefore is not currently supporting students.
 - PAC Chair noted that, as the PAC bylaws prohibit carry-forwards, if the project is not installed within the current school year, the funds will return to the gaming fund pool and the disc golf course proposal will need to be brought forward again in October 2026.
 - Parents discussed the risk that funds allocated this year may not serve their intended purpose within the current school year.

BACKGROUND:

- Mr. Barker and Mr. Laidlaw planned on purchasing a couple of baskets with the gaming funds allocated via PAC at our October meeting hoping the grounds crew would install them in Spring 2026.
 - The grounds crew expressed concerns and suggested temporary equipment.
 - Principal Preymak and Mr. Laidlaw were to follow up with the grounds crew to clarify how permanent baskets are installed and maintained.
- 7.2. Snine Elementary Catchment changes affecting SKSS students going into grades 9, 10, and 11 in September 2026.
 - PAC Chair sent a letter outlining concerns regarding the consultation process and its outcomes. The Superintendent of Schools responded by outlining the activities leading up to the Board's final decision. The PAC Chair reiterated these concerns and requested improvements to future consultation processes. The full exchange can be found [here](#).
 - Members discussed concerns that student needs are not consistently prioritized in district decision-making and noted the significant time required to respond to the catchment change letter. The PAC Chair noted that the Superintendent acknowledged and appreciated the contents of the subsequent letter.

BACKGROUND

- At our February meeting, the PAC discussed the secondary school transition impacts associated with the approved Snine Elementary catchment changes,

specifically affecting students residing in Lower Aberdeen, Lac Le Jeune, Cherry Creek, and Tobiano who are currently enrolled at South Kamloops Secondary and who are scheduled to transfer to Sa-Hali Secondary effective September 1, 2026. The PAC Chair expressed concern regarding the process of the consultation and the resulting outcome, particularly as it relates to secondary school transition provisions. Following discussion, members who expressed comments agreed that the process of the consultation and the resulting outcome did not align with PAC values of transparency, equity, and meaningful engagement.

- The Chair advised that she would send a letter to the Superintendent outlining these concerns and requesting clarification regarding the secondary school transition provisions. No concerns were raised regarding this action, and the PAC will be kept informed of any response received.

8. New Business

8.1. [B.C. public schools parent online satisfaction survey](#). SURVEY CLOSING MAY 1st.

The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools. Questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and inclusive education.

Schools, districts, government ministries, and other external organizations such as the Representative for Children and Youth use the survey data for planning, research, and advocacy work for youth. Feedback from participants provides valuable insight for addressing current needs and trends.

8.2. 2026-2027 Budget Consultation

- March 11, 2026 [PAC Executive Budget Briefing for Parents](#)
- [SKSS PAC 2026–2027 Budget Submission](#) prior to first reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw – April 27, 2026
 - April 20, 2026 – Budget preview / presentation
 - April 27, 2026 – First reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw
 - May 2026 – Final approval (second and third readings)
- In the context of the 2026–2027 budget discussion, parents expressed concern about the gradual erosion of space, programming, and services for students, and the cumulative impacts over time.

8.3. Use of cleats on our field postponed til mid April. Student safety concerns.

- Discussion:
 - The use of cleats on the school field has been postponed until mid-April due to field conditions and the risk of damage.
 - Parents noted that the field is not artificial turf and that existing grass conditions are poor. Parents also raised concerns that student athletes do not limit effort during after-school training, which may increase the risk of injury under current conditions.

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- The Principal advised that this is a district-wide decision and noted that preserving the field is necessary to maintain safe and usable conditions for all users, including physical education classes.
 - The PAC Chair noted that an inquiry has been sent to the Superintendent regarding how decisions are made about the timing of restrictions on cleats use.
 - Parents expressed interest in the potential for artificial turf and in collaboration between the School District No. 73 and the City of Kamloops to improve local field conditions.
9. DPAC Report
- [DPAC Delegation](#). March 9, 2026 Kamloops-Thompson School Board meeting.
 - In the News: [DPAC wants parent voices to be heard as SD73 starts 2026-27 budget process](#)
 - Next meeting April 21, 2026 – 6:30 pm – In person at the Grube and on zoom. Follow [FB page](#) for updates.
 - The new Superintendent of Schools and Chair Grieve plan to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet and welcome Superintendent St. John. Please join us.
10. Correspondence and Other Business
- 10.1. Let's Talk Dyslexia – Understanding, Advocacy, and Supports By Dyslexia BC [Must register. Limited seating.](#)
Tuesday, Apr 14 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm
Henry Grube Education Centre Kamloops, BC
- 10.2. [Community Meal Calendar](#). Hot Meals, food hampers, and hygiene products for youth.
- 10.3. Kamloops Music Collective [Summer Program](#) registration is now open.
- 10.4. [Flip the Script](#) - evidence-based sexual assault prevention workshop for self-identified girls ages 14-18. It happens over two days, with trained facilitators and has been shown to reduce the experience of sexual assault. To learn more about the development of this resource you can visit: [SARE Centre](#)
The North Shore Women's Centre and Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre have partnered to offer this FREE workshop in Kamloops on April 25th and 26th. Registration required.
11. Next Meeting Date. Thursday, May 21, 2026 - 7pm (via Zoom). Meeting ID: 873 1414 7246 Passcode: 888045
12. Adjournment 7:51 pm
13. Future items.

At our May meeting, we will be discussing the results of our Student Learning Survey done at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 level. At this time, 60% of the students have completed the survey.

2025-2026 SKSS PAC EXECUTIVE

Chair: Elwira R.

Treasurer: Dana N.

Secretary: Jennifer B.

DPAC Reps: Jennifer B. and Erin M.