

**École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS)**  
**Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 7pm via Zoom**

1. Call to order
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of the [Draft Minutes from April 7, 2026](#)
5. Admin Report and Student Learning Survey results. These survey results are from April 2026, at which time approximately 60% of students completed the survey across Grades 10–12: [Grade 10](#); [Grade 11](#); [Grade 12](#).
6. Treasurer's Report
  - 6.1. [Full Report](#) – included as a separate attachment on our website.
  - 6.2. At the April 27, 2026 public school board meeting, the School District presented a 2026-2027 Draft budget slide suggesting financial support for PACs at a rate of 78 cents/student. However, SKSS PAC historically received closer to ~ 50 cents/student. When we inquired about the discrepancy, the SD73 treasurer replied that “The formula for the PAC funding allocation is made up of two parts - \$120 flat rate per school that all schools get and an additional \$0.45 per student.”



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## Draft 4 – 25/26 Amended Status Quo



### Maintains:

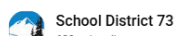
- 25-26 level supports including recently added:
  - 10 teachers to support Inclusive Education
  - 8 Certified Education Assistant positions
  - Financial support for PACs including operational funding at current average rate of \$0.78/student, and the DPAC professional learning budget

### Discontinues:

- 1-time initiatives (25-26 only)
  - Financial assistance
  - School and staff technology
  - Custodial and grounds equipment
  - Other district-level budgets



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7. Old Business

7.1. Disc Golf Course Installation

BACKGROUND

- Mr. Barker and Mr. Laidlaw planned on purchasing a couple of baskets with the gaming funds allocated via PAC at our October meeting with the expectation that 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.
- April '26 information: Admin was to submit 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.

7.2. 2026-2027 Budget Consultation

- [First Submission](#) prior to first reading of the budget bylaw on April 27, 2026.
- [Follow-up letter](#) prior to second and third readings of the budget bylaw on May 11, 2026.
- [Response from the School Board](#) re 2026-2027 Budget Consultation Feedback. The links in the document are not live. Awaiting response from the district with working links.

7.3. School Field Cleat Restrictions. Response from the School District:

SD73 Grounds Manager has provided the following information to Superintendent Mike St. John:

*Historically, sports fields have always been opened in mid April. Experience has shown that early spring use, particularly cleated sports activity, causes excessive turf impairment at a time when fields are least capable of recovery. This damage often leads to prolonged closure periods later in the season and impacts overall field quality and player safety.*

*SD73 collaborates with the City Parks management to ensure alignment and consistency in messaging and operations. As a result of this collaboration, we jointly confirmed that all sports fields will officially open on April 13, 2026.*

*Non-cleated running shoes will always be acceptable in the shoulder season to help maintain student access to our fields.*

*We appreciate the patience and cooperation of PACs, staff, students, and community partners as we balance access with responsible field stewardship. Protecting our turf early in the season ensures safer, higher-quality playing surfaces for all users throughout the year.*

**BACKGROUND:**

- 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.
  - 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.
8. New Business
    - 8.1. Staff appreciation lunch.
  9. DPAC Report.
    - April update.
    - Next meeting May 28th at 6:30pm VIA ZOOM ONLY
  10. Correspondence and Other Business
    - 10.1. [Reimagine Downtown](#) – City of Kamloops public engagement. Closes June 3rd.
  11. Next Meeting Date –TBD. Bylaws Review. Will send written notice via email.
  12. Adjournment
  13. Future items.

**2025-2026 SKSS PAC EXECUTIVE**

Chair: Elwira R.

Treasurer: Dana N.

Secretary: Jennifer B.

DPAC Reps: Jennifer B. and Erin M.