

École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS)
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
Thursday, October 15th, 2026 – 7pm via Zoom

Post-Meeting Update (October 19, 2026)

Following the October 15 PAC General Meeting, the SKSS PAC Executive appointed Amanda McKeen as DPAC Representative to fill the vacant position until the next Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Section IV of the PAC bylaws.

1. Call to order 7:04 pm
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted.
4. Adoption of the [Draft Minutes from May 21, 2026](#) -adopted.
5. Admin Report

Principal's Report – October 15, 2026

1. Parent Teacher Conference

October 8th

Schedule: 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 5:00 to 7:00 pm

2. School Learning Plan Goals:

We continue to make our two School Learning Plan goals a focus for this year.

1. Through developing a school wide literacy continuum guided by our core literacy target areas, we will show an annual growth of students obtaining a 3 or 4 (meet or exceed/be proficient or extend expectations) in NFRA and Provincial Literacy Assessments.
2. We will show an annual growth with students feeling safe, having a sense of belonging, and having 2 or more adults who care within our building.

3. Club Fair on Tuesday, October 6th

We had another successful club fair at lunch on Tuesday, October 6th. A special thank you to the students on Principal's Council for their hard work in organizing this event.

4. Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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.

5. Student Vote

We are holding a Municipal Election on Friday, October 16th and a Provincial Election on Friday, October 23rd.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

6.2. Fall 2026 Gaming Grant Funding Allocations

- SKSS PAC allocates BC Gaming Funds twice per school year. 75% in October and 25% in February using the [Matrix](#).
- [REVISED Funding Requests](#)
- [APPROVED Funding Allocations and Scoring Matrix](#)

DISCUSSION:

- Makers Making Change: The PAC raised questions about the quality of the proposed 3D printers, access for other students, existing 3D printers in the library, anticipated student participation, and conditions of the external grant. Principal Preymak will follow up, and the PAC will reassess the request once additional information is available.
- Math Contests: The PAC Executive proposed reducing the \$1,000 request to \$700 based on historical spending, to avoid tying up funds intended to benefit current students. The PAC agreed to the proposed reduction. The department was encouraged to submit an additional request in February if needed.
- The remaining proposed allocations were accepted as presented.

Motion: That the SKSS PAC approve the Fall 2026 Gaming Grant funding allocations as presented in the Proposed Funding Allocations and Scoring Matrix, including any amendments approved during this meeting.

Moved by Elwira. Seconded by Dana. Carried unanimously.

Fall 2026 Gaming Grant Allocations

1. Destination Imagination: \$1,488
2. Art Calendar: \$1,488
3. Hot Rod Car Club: \$1,913
4. Film Club: \$2,339
5. Model UN Club: \$1,488
6. MusicFest Nationals: \$1,276
7. Math Contests: \$700
8. Athletics Department: \$9,544

Gaming Funds Summary

- Total gaming funds available: \$26,982.33
- Fall allocation (75%): \$20,236.75
- Spring allocation (25%): \$6,745.58
- 50% single-request cutoff: \$10,118.37
- Total funding requested: \$38,320
- Total approved allocations: \$20,237 (rounded)

7. Old Business

7.1. Disc Golf Course Installation

- The School District will install the first set of baskets in the Spring.

8. New Business

8.1. Bylaws Review - we encourage parents to familiarize themselves with [SKSS PAC Constitution and Bylaws](#) as they are living documents and should reflect the values and needs of the PAC.

- The SKSS PAC Executive received a request to modernize and update our bylaws in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. We are seeking parents who would like to liaise with the School District to gain advice and a better understanding of relevant provincial guiding documents.

8.2. Published Notices – Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- In accordance with Section XI, paragraphs 1 and 4, bylaw amendments may be introduced by Published Notice but cannot be voted on at the same General Meeting at which they are introduced. Voting on both notices will take place at the November PAC General Meeting and requires approval by at least 75% of votes cast.

8.2.1. [October 6, 2026: Gaming Fund Allocation Matrix and related bylaw amendments.](#)

8.2.2. [October 13, 2026: Quorum, executive composition, election procedures, and executive vacancies.](#)

- 8.3. SKSS PAC AGM will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- All PAC Executive positions are open for election each year, as Executive terms are one year.
 - Members may serve in the same Executive position for a maximum of five consecutive years, if re-elected or acclaimed annually.
- 8.4. [2025-2026 Year End Budget SUMMARY- Public School Board Meeting Sep 21, 2026.](#)

Annual Surplus/(Deficit):

As a result of the revenue and expenditure budget variances noted above, the District ended the year with an Annual Surplus of **\$14.471 m** as summarized in the following table:

Item	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues	\$213.691 m	\$220.276 m	\$6.584 m
Expenditures	\$212.485 m	\$205.805 m	\$6.680 m
Surplus	\$1.207 m	\$14.471 m	\$13.264 m

As illustrated in the table, this positive variance is a direct result of greater than expected revenues (**\$6.548 m**), some vacancies in employee staffing, and underspent supplies and services budgets.

Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit):

With the Annual Surplus of **\$14.471 m** noted above, staff have proposed internal restrictions of \$9.140m to support student and District initiatives, external restrictions on \$0.540m based on funding requirements, replenished the Operating Contingency to 3.00% and set aside \$0.700m as unrestricted surplus.

- [2025-26 Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2026](#)
- 8.5. Student pick-up and drop-off-consider transit.
- [Where to buy a transit pass.](#)
 - BC Transit [School Specials](#)
 - [City of Kamloops](#) recommends that the RCMP Traffic Section be notified (250-828-3000) by the public and provide as much information as possible. This should include the location and, if possible, the make, model, color and license plate# of any vehicles perceived to be speeding excessively. Times of day that speeding tends to occur is also helpful.
 - We also recommend that you request that the RCMP have "Speed Watch" monitor the location. Speed Watch is a volunteer program that uses portable RADAR equipment and an electronic sign to increase public awareness of their speed.

9. DPAC

9.1. [SD73 District Parent Advisory Council \(DPAC\)](#) AGM on October 20 at 6:30 p.m., in person at Henry Grube or via Zoom.

- Parents no longer have to be DPAC Reps to stand for election
- Seeking one to two parents interested in becoming DPAC Reps for SKSS PAC
 - Amanda expressed interest in serving as the SKSS DPAC representative for the 2026–2027 school year.

10. Correspondence and Other Business

10.1. Research Study on Student Attrition in BC French Immersion Programs



Share Your Perspective: Research Study on Student Attrition in BC French Immersion Programs

Why do some students leave French Immersion?

Dylan Trerice, a doctoral candidate at the University of Calgary, is inviting people across British Columbia (BC) to take part in a research study exploring **student attrition in French Immersion programs**.

The study is interested in hearing directly from people who know French Immersion from different perspectives and experiences. Participants may include:

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| • Parents/Guardians of both current and former BC French Immersion students | • BC French Immersion Students, both current and former | • BC French Immersion teachers and retirees | • BC School administrators | • District-level leaders and coordinators in BC |
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What does participation involve?

One voluntary, semi-structured interview lasting approximately **45–60 minutes**. Interviews can take place online through Microsoft Teams, by telephone, or in person where feasible and mutually agreed upon.

Interested in sharing your perspective?

Express your interest in participating by filling in the form below:

Expression of Interest: Doctoral Study Exploring Student Attrition in British Columbian French Immersion Programs

Questions about the study can be directed to Mr. Dylan Trerice at dylan.trerice@ucalgary.ca

The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this study (REB26-0924).

DISCUSSION:

French Immersion Retention

- The Principal shared that the school is currently working with the Language Coordinator to examine retention in the French Immersion program.
- Parents discussed the challenges of communicating to students the long-term benefits of bilingualism and earning a Dual Dogwood Diploma. One parent suggested involving older students or graduates to share their experiences, noting that students often respond more positively to their peers.

- 11.** Next Meeting Date –November 19, 2026. 7pm on zoom.
- 12.** Adjournment 7:58 p.m.
- 13.** Future items. n/a

2025-2026 SKSS PAC EXECUTIVE

Chair: Elwira R.

Treasurer: Dana N.

Secretary: Jennifer B.

DPAC Rep #1: Amanda M.

DPAC Rep #2: vacant