



SSS PAC MEETING

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 @ SSS Library 6:00PM

Meeting start: 6:00 PM

Attendance: Mrs. Hay, Mr. Sommerfeld, Nicole Latka, Tiffany Rybachuk, Alayna Pinchak, Keli Weinbender, Tiffany Rose, Todd Bruce, Jamie Bruce, Bev Bellina, Lindsey Gerscht Bree Chardonnes (Student Council) Angela Osasan (Student Council), Angelica Boss (Online)

Welcome – We would like to acknowledge this meeting is taking place on the homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

Approval of minutes: September 20th, 2023 attached.

1st Tiffany Rybachuk

2nd Keli Weinbender

Treasurer report:

\$ 10,044.33 in gaming – PAC RECEIVED GAMING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.

\$ 1,058.10 in general

2023/2024 Revenue/Expenses reports attached.

School Trustee Report

TRUSTEE BELLINA'S OCTOBER 2023 REPORT

<Insert Report Here>

**Additionally, attended DSAC on October 18, 2023 and spoke candidly with students for over an hour. A question pertaining to bussing, no bus for field trip, no bus for early dismissal. Only a recent issue. Discussion, early dismissal bussing is unique to Elk Valley area. Decision was made that bussing would not be provided for early dismissal due to elementary level parent teacher meetings however there was only a short period of notice provided. Decision was made in Cranbrook (where community bussing is available). Question specifically is, can School Trustee advocate for bussing. Ms. Bellina will speak with Joe at the School District and bring forward the concerns of parents.

Principal's Report

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Question pertaining to why there is a gap in numeracy, some discussion. COVID, attitudes pertaining to math. Instead of saying ‘I hated math’, you could tell your student, “I had to work really hard in math as well.” Kathy Conlin is the Numeracy Support teacher who supports teachers and also parent groups.

Question pertaining to what is being done for students that are excelling, are there any provisions in the school growth plan for kids who are completing assignments in less time than allotted. Discussion pertaining to different initiatives ie Mr. Faucher’s Grade 11 Pre Calc learning about mortgages. Numeracy tasks can be extended, it may worth having a conversation with the classroom teacher to find ways to motivate student to take on extension opportunities.

Discussion took place at staff meeting today pertaining to Parent engagement. Parent Teacher interviews are not well attended, and traditional Parent Teacher Interviews will not be taking place. Suggestion pertaining to having an evening event, BBQ or something fun to build these relationships. A draw may entice parents to attend.

Correspondence

DPAC: Summit registration: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/dpac-summit>

Community Reflections: Focusing on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Mrs. Hay: School Growth Program – *See Attached.*

DPAC AGM held Wednesday October 11th, regular meeting followed.

Old Business

1. Mrs Lowe is requesting funds and help to continue to fundraise for the Ninja Fitness Playground. \$70, 904 funds raised thus far. \$141, 848.70 required.

Action item: Nicole to email Penny as the PAC would like to request for her to attend a meeting to give PAC more information regarding the Ninja Playground before we commit to taking on Fundraising for this. Penny declined attending the PAC meeting due to Track and Field Meet. Penny sent along an information letter and plans.

Nicole has been in contact with Penny regarding the Chamber Community Grant. The PAC will apply for this grant with the main request for funds to go towards the Ninja Playground Project. Next applications open up in the Fall.

UPDATE: PAC provided Penny Lowe and K&J Street Consulting with information in order to apply for BC Community Grant in a effort to secure the remainder of funds for the Ninja Playground. Application deadline August 3rd. As far as we know the application was submitted on behalf of SSS PAC and Ninja Playground Committee. Have not received any word. Emailed to follow-up.

2. Gaming Grant application completed. ***Received email October 4th application approved. Received PAC/DPAC Grant in the amount of \$6,000.***
3. Yearbook: Spoke with Mark from Lifetouch and received information regarding yearbooks.

Pages: minimum 16. Maximum 40. Can get hardcover or softcover. The more books a school orders the cheaper the cost per book would be. i.e. 40 pages @ 100 books is \$23.07+ taxes and shipping. 40

pages, 300 books is \$13.96+ taxes and shipping. Need to sign a publishing agreement with them. This agreement is made out to the school whether PAC takes on or Grade 12 student(s). Will entail yearbook info i.e. number of paces, quantity, quoted pricing, etc. There are online building tools. Lifetouch will give access to the school pictures they have done and the school would need to give PAC access for any school photos they may have. ***Will a Grad be taking on for CAPSTONE? Or should PAC head up the project? How many pages? Softcover? Hardcover? How many? PAC paying a portion? PAC paying for all? Students paying?***

4. **Team jerseys:** determine if teams will be approaching business for sponsorships, the school or PAC for teams/club in need of jerseys. Some teams have received jerseys and/or will be receiving jerseys via Sponsorships? Fundraising? **Sr. Boys and Jr. Boys Basketball Coach has secured funding for new jerseys.**
5. **School Clothing Swap:** PAC will look at running this a little later in the school year pending results of survey of students via QR code.
6. **Referee Clinics:** Have reached out to local people and people in the EK to find contact for possibility of setting up referee clinics in the area to increase referee pool for school sports. ***Will update when receive more information.***

New Business

1. New PAC Emails:

Chair: Tiffany Rybachuk

chairssspac@gmail.com

Vice-Chair: Nicole Latka

VCssspac@gmail.com

Treasurer: Tiffany Rybachuk

ssspactreasurer@gmail.com

DPAC: Tiffany Rose

sssdpac@hotmail.com

Existing email: Secretary: Keli Weinbender

ssspac@hotmail.com

2. School Concession

PAC would like to help in getting the concession open for events at the school. Hopefully we can get the support of parents/teams running tournaments. Can PAC get a list of upcoming events to see if we can organize volunteers and supplies? Discussion pertaining to concession, supported by students, used to fund foods class. Student council would like to see this supported. Lindsey will send the Healthy Foods Guideline to the chair. One positive result may be that students may choose to stay at school over the lunch hour.

Tiffany Rybachuk is in the process of obtaining Food Safe Certification. Course Cost \$104.95.

Motion to PAC to reimburse *receipt attached*.

Motion to accept:

1st – Nicole Latka

2nd - Keli Weinbender

3. PAC Funds for Student Counsel

Question to Student Counsel, what can we help with, the PAC funding request can be completed?
Student Counsel to advise.

ADDITIONS:

Request from Mr. Bullock pertaining to the Sparwood Drama Club to support their ongoing efforts with a donation of \$400.

Motion to accept:

1st – Nicole Latka

2nd - Tiffany Rybachuk

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 PM

November PAC Meeting: Wednesday November 15th @ 6PM in the SSS Library.

SSS PAC 2023/2024 Meetings:

December – NO MEETING

January 17th

February 21st

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th