

KSS PAC MINUTES

2-Dec-2025

Library 6:30pm

1. Call to order 6:31pm

Land acknowledgement and word of the week.

Each week a Hul'q'umi'num' word is shared in the school's [Daily Announcements](#) along with a sound file to hear how the word or phrase should be pronounced.

2. Introductions and attendees:

Rebecca Ladd (Chair), Stacey Mrack (Treasurer), Nayana Mongeau (Vice Chair), Julie Babiy, Chris Gauvin (District Careers), Andrew Lee (Principal), Lisa Haupt, Jacob Gisk, Devon Phelps, Christy Thompson, Lorna Gray (Secretary), Ray Woroniak, Paula Elgood.

3. Approval of the agenda:

Ray Woroniak made the motion to approve the agenda for 2nd Dec 2025. Lisa Haupt seconded. All in favour, passed unanimously.

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Stacey Mrack made the motion to approve the minutes with amended change to the order of topics to be discussed. Lisa Haupt seconded. All in favour, passed unanimously.

5. Principal update: Andrew Lee

Staffing update:

Siri has moved on as counsellor to a position with Island Health. The position has been posted and will be filled. Kim Wilson and Lindsey Ririe are still available as the school counsellors. A new VP Grady Sjokvist, will be joining from Kamloops. He starts after winter break. Ms. Henricks is still on leave, no further update at this time.

Renovations:

North building undergoing painting, operations going class by class on bottom floor, then MPR. Working on this till Spring Break.

Pro D (November 24th school based):

Topics related to trauma informed practice, brain science. Belonging and shared experience in placed based learning.

We celebrated Dallas Ruff who has been with the school for 10 years. Departments collaborated on priority items towards meeting school and district goals.

Seminars:

Upwards of 500 students signing up. There are many variables to consider with our senior students: options, variety, scheduling

Student voice:

An update will be provided on renovations, formative feedback during the year, vending

machines. Not fully clear on the criteria on how the vending machine decision will be made yet. We will discuss ways to enhance school spirit and look towards planning student activity.

Leadership:

Mr. Lee has taken on the leadership class. On Thursday there is a mini gym riot and a PEP rally on Friday. This will include activities e.g. blocks, parachutes, a visit from Santa and door decorating.

Fire and Earthquake Drills:

Students did OK on previous fire and earthquake drill discussions. The school always makes sure the Fire Safety and Earthquake drill notice is visible and contact numbers are clearly visible on doorways and exists.

Home room:

Introducing the theme for December 'Xwiyu' los' (Look after each other). The students will make Holiday cards for seniors, and those in local care facilities.

Biosphere Awareness Day (BAD):

Students' knowledge on the Oceanside and Arrowsmith biosphere area will be tested. Teachers will provide questions ahead of time so that kids are prepared for Biosphere Awareness Day. Biosphere Awareness Day (BAD) takes place on Thursday. Community connections. Over 300 kids signed up.

Indigenous Education:

Metis family night took place in November.

Grade 12s will be having some personalized post-secondary visits. Indigenous Grad Coaches will be presenting Indigenous focused data to senior leadership at semester end. Carving project, grant received last year. Starting the project in 2026, and will involve students in creating and carving a legacy piece.

Garbage collection:

The town has cleaned up a lot of trees, lots of garbage has been cleared up too up around the parking lot.

6. KSS Staff: Chris Gauvin (District based, Career Education Coordinator for SD69)
Mr. Gauvin works with students to get credit for current work, or set up opportunities for work experience in the community.
 - There is a Cohort of English 115 running a Ballenas. 25 students are taking this course which is a 1st year University course and will give them a start for future studies.
 - There are 2 courses taking place at North Island College and others at Vancouver Island University. Courses available include: Online business admin, heavy mechanics, plumbing, welding, hairdressing, culinary courses for restaurants, worksafe approved, lots of options. Parents can contact Mr. Gauvin anytime for more information on options available if your student is interested in final year of school gauvin@sd69.bc.ca

7. Trustee Updates: Elaine Young sends regrets.
8. BREAK
9. Chair Report: Rebecca Ladd
Committees for sports, resources etc will be sorted out soon.
We would like to improve communications and plan to look at realistic options; for example, send out email updates weekly.

OCEANSIDE CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT

Interesting data reported recently from Oceanside Children & Youth report, stating:

Local child and youth poverty rates are higher than the BC average

- 7% youth skipped meals due to lack of money

Only 56% of youth rate their mental health positively.

- 1 in 4 needed support, but only 8% were able to access services.
- 23% considered suicide, and 16% reported self-harm.

Anyone wishing to help with the Hands and Heart Food Program (old SD69 backpack program) email DPAC or Gillian Wilson to put your name forward.

Biosphere Awareness Day: The 1st Annual BAD day (Biosphere Awareness Day) is taking place on Dec 4, 2025 at KSS. The BAD day aims to raise awareness that we live in a UNESCO-designated Biosphere Region and the collective community efforts that go into supporting its mandates. The theme is “Community Connections”, the event intends to connect students with the community by bringing the community into school. Over 30 non-profit groups and government organizations have confirmed their attendance.

Discovery Program Caregiver Connection Group: Contact KSS for more information; registration is required ahead of time 16th Dec

10. Treasurers Report: Stacey Mrack

\$1356.12 General Bank Account

\$17,935.36 Gaming Bank Account

The PAC Gaming Committee met on Oct 28, 2025 and reviewed 20 teacher applications. Most applicants received funding, except a few that didn't meet the gaming grant fund criteria.

Successful applications:

Tanya Gardner – Board Games - \$100

Chris Gauvin – Bikes - \$523.64

Mr. McDonald – Science Trip - \$700.00

Maria Gonzales - \$100

Music Dept (transportation) - \$1400 Transportation

Mr. Mills Rock Band (Seminar) - \$500

Mrs. Worthen - Bard on Beach - \$1600

Mr. Scorer (CNC machine) - \$2000
 Mr. Verberg - Science Trip - \$1000
 Basket Ball Uniforms - \$2500
 Ms. Switzer - Tea and Talk - \$200
 Mr. Abel - Travel Club - \$600
 Garden Club - \$300
 Mr. Gauvin (Skills Canada) - \$250
 Mr. Fenton - \$263
 Youth Climate - \$1000
 Ms. Davidson – Field Trip - \$500
Ms. Jessica Nikula – Couch Library - \$1046
Total spending: \$14,582.64
 Total remaining: \$3,352.72 (Held back for last minute requests)

Nayana Mongeau and Stacey Mrack attended the Town of Qualicum Beach Volunteer appreciation luncheon on behalf of KSS PAC.

11. DPAC Update: Rebecca Ladd / Lisa Haupt

Food program discussion - District69 Backpack Program.
 This year SD69 gave Thrifty's and QF etc money to fill orders for food and supplies for the backpack program. In previous years, money was provided directly to the organizer.
 Questions/discussion re: funds distributions and transparency and waitlists. *More info to follow in future months.*

There are very active groups working on topics of food security, inclusion, hunger and homelessness in our community.

Contact DPAC for more information on:

- District Food Programs Working Group
- Inclusion Working Group
- DPAC meeting with MLA Higginson, ask questions
 - She is hosting an open house for her new office in Parksville next Wednesday.

12. Grad Committee Brie Sorensen (Chair)
 Upcoming 50/50 draw Dec 30, 2025.
 Upcoming Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping Jan 10, 2026.
 The grad theme is "Midnight Garden"
 The grad committee will be looking for gifts of baskets for prom.

13. Old Business
 DPAC Rep position still open
 Interim Treasurer Position still open

14. New Business
 BAD Day funding requirement approved to provide snacks to offer volunteers.

Discussion around community connections. Christy Thompson and Devons Phelps recently attended a workshop on the Blue Zone Initiative. They have a goal to create an app to promote community and information sharing. Ideal for students to develop.

Nayana will share contact information for Bill Preston. He is an advocate for building community as Chair of Qualicum Community Education and Wellness.

15. Next Meeting: Feb 3rd 2026