

KSS PAC Minutes
Feb 11, 2024 KSS Library 7pm

Call to order 7:03pm

1. Introductions

Adults in attendance: Fern Foster (Chair), Lisa Haupt (Secretary), Andrew Lee (Acting Principal), Paula Elgood, Lorna Gray, Brian Nikula, Rebecca Ladd, Ray Woroniak, Ann Skipsey, Jolaine Kelly, Stacey Mrack, Phil Munro (Director of Operations), Stacey Mrack (Treasurer), Elaine Young (School Trustee).

- 2. Adoption of the agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda. Lisa made the motion, Ann seconded. All in favour; passed unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes from December 2024.

Motion to approve minutes, Ann made the motion, Lorna seconded. All in favour; passed unanimously.

4. Special Guest – Phil Munro

Overview of the Operations in the District.

Overview of the 2 high schools making them closer to the same. The bathrooms will be completely redone this summer to be open and new.

Talk about an outdoor classroom in 2026/2027 and work on the soccer/hockey/basketball/pickleball court multipurpose.

Lisa asked how much is the school district going to contribute. It will be down the road and will be discussed with the town council. End design needs to be decided based on contributions. There will be a need for a steering committee. He will pass on the info to PAC. Ann will take to council.

5. Admin Report – Andrew Lee

Andrew is here until the end of the year.

Student learning updates came out today. Student learning survey starting next week for grade 10-12 and parent survey will come out as well. Parent teacher conferences on the 12/13 of March.

Planning for next year starts now – Week of March 4th comprehensive course guide will be happening this year.

Next year will have financial literacy as a course option. New courses for next year. Tech explorations. Adulting 101, revised and changing the old family studies class.

Intro to Japanese Intro to American Sign Language Cultural connections with community and elders Indigenous Studies 12 – EFP 12 and Contemporary Indigenous Studies + Capstone Two cross-enroll opportunities on the course guide this year -Hockey Skills 10-12

-Human Services Cohort Course selection will take place the week of March 4 Intend to have a more comprehensive course guide available on our website before then for students and families to look at

The new meals program is making a cookbook. Looking for submission and student artists. Numbers: KSS Meals – 425 per week QBES Meals – 80 per week Total meals – 1916 month of January

Question to Andrew Lee: Rebecca asked who decides that SD69 Qualicum uses Google Classroom? The majority of post secondary schools use programs that integrate with Microsoft (ie. brightspace) and most businesses use Microsoft. What training are teachers given on using the google platform, if any? And, how often? When/how are students taught to use Google (ie. where to find information on assignments from teachers, how to organize files, how to name documents, etc.)

It appears that, due to teacher autonomy, some teachers use google classroom differently, some don't use it and some don't know it's functionality. It can get very overwhelming for students due to the inconsistency of managing assignments. Not every student has a parent/guardian who can help.

Suggestion - Add a digital literacy section to new course selections – e.g. careers

Elaine Young said, this might be something that the Technology Curriculum Implementation Advisory Committee can look at. They will be meeting next month (March 2025). Rebecca to email Elaine to remind her.

6. Trustee Report – Elaine Young

It is budget season. Everyone would have received an email invite about the Staff/Public Budget Information Session with Trustees and Senior Staff meeting on 12th Feb at 6pm. It is going to be a tough year, some pressures will cause us a few problems. Elaine met with both MLAs this week, and honed in on a few problems. SD69 is in the 3rd year of a 3 year program for Seamless Childcare and Feeding Futures. We have heard that the government will continue funding feeding futures but not childcare. The government is not able to support funding right now, due to unpredictability in government and South of the border. At the meeting you'll hear about the budget process and how it works. You will also get information about the current and prospective demographics. Not as many students coming into K than Grade 12 leaving. There are financial pressures in terms of health; we have an unfunded liability around illness. Elaine knows teachers used to come in to work even when they were sick; they'd drag themselves to school. We don't want that now, but since Covid-19 people are extra careful and costs for replacement teacher costs have gone through the roof. In some situations, it is totally necessary, and in other cases it may not be necessary. Maybe people are taking advantage. This is costing the district \$1 million more per year. If we are not funded for feeding futures this will have an impact for KSS and we also want to keep seamless childcare. The Secretary treasurer will be presenting on 12th Feb 2025. This is the hardest year Elaine has seen in 12 years. The committee of whole meetings coming up on 18th Feb 2025 and regular board meeting on 25th Feb 2025. Link was emailed for the budget meeting.

Other meeting links are on school calendar on SD69 website.

7. Chair Update (Fern Foster)

New Government Representative We received a letter notifying us of the new Minister for Education and Childcare, Lisa Beare. The government is trying to fund more education assistants and counseling resources in schools.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mandate_letter_lisa_beare.pdf

DPAC Bank Account: Fern received an e-mail detailing the long history of DPAC bank account. New DPAC executive didn't get access to the bank account from the previous executive. Ray Woroniak is the current president. MOTION: Rebecca Ladd made the motion that Fern Foster reply to the email and request that Angel Delange helps to close the TD bank account. Brian Nikula seconded. All in favour, passed unanimously.

100 Kids for Change Fern received an email from 100 kids for change. Kids meet 4 times per year and donate \$10. The group decides who will receive funds at each meeting. All students 13-17 are welcome to join.

<https://www.parksvilleequalicumfoundation.com/100-kids-for-change>

KSS PAC Board Upcoming changes to board members. Shannon Cowan will be leaving after June 2025 and Stacey Mrack will have completed her 2 year limit as treasurer. Anyone interested in holding a board position, please contact ksspac@gmail.com

8. Treasurers Report (Stacey Mrack)

Recently received \$260 from the school district. Same amount in 2024-2025 allocation as in all previous years.

General Bank Account: \$2089.36 Gaming Account: \$13,191.39

Funding we supported which have been paid out:

Ms. Dayna Johnson - Activity bins

Ms. Tanya Gardner - Games

Mr. Jason Fenton – Fog machine

Ms. Suzy Craven – Festive brass tickets

Ms. Lil Rassa – food competition

KSS Prom Grad Committee: Prom DJ

Mr. Bevy - Basketball uniforms - still has \$2400 remaining

9. DPAC Report – Ray for Lisa Haupt

The next meeting is Wednesday 19th February – hybrid meeting. On the agenda is Konrad Langenmaier, a representative from MATA. He is speaking about the bargaining process. Also, are PACs named as additional insured parties in SD69. Feeding futures Emergency supplies Phil Monroe (Facilities and Maintenance) is looking to determine what SD69 wants/needs with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of outdoor play structures.

Question – If our DPAC was to offer a Foodsafe Course, would people prefer to come on a 1 day in person course at the school or would they rather do it themselves online. Answer: Everyone votes to do it themselves online.

10. Old Business

Healing Forest Ray Woroniak, Shannon Cowan and Mr. Leggat are meeting with Masters student Jasmine from VIU on Friday 14th February to discuss next steps. With the change in administration, we are hoping to keep the project rolling.

1000 Cranes Project (Paula Elgood) Students have made 255 cranes so far. Tuesday's at lunchtime is working very well. There has been consistent student interest. Paula will arrange for the admin, front office or Ms. Martens in library to add Crane Making to the daily announcements for Tuesdays or an announcement over the loudspeaker/intercom. The plan was to move around, but sticking to the one location seems to be working well. Anyone who wishes to help or volunteer please reach out to Paula Elgood.

Anne Skipsey – Traffic Calming Initiative PAC had written a letter of support for the Town of Qualicum Beach's grant application, however, Council did NOT approve submission as the scope seemed over-engineered and too expensive at \$1.9M. The plan has been reassessed and expected costs reduced to \$328,000. The new plan still contains raised medians, solar-powered rapid flashing beacons, an additional crosswalk and limited sidewalks. The Town of Qualicum Beach is meeting tomorrow, and this plan is on the agenda. If approved, the Town will apply for a grant worth \$197,000 and would appreciate support from the PAC.

Basketball court – Mr. Lee reports that they have started engaging Qualicum town for planning drafts drawings it is moving ahead.

11. New Business

Awards Discussion - Fern will write a letter to KSS Admin to request further investigation and consideration of student awards. Awards can be for all/any subject area to recognize students for their achievements and effort. E.g. Art, Athletics, Music, Science, English etc
Context: Many students apply for University in G11/12 and although their grades are good they are at a disadvantage against students from other schools that still offer recognition awards.

Adjournment – 9:10pm