

South Kelowna Elementary Parent Advisory Committee



Date | November 19, 2025 Time | 7:00 pm Location | SKE Library & Zoom

Present:

Jasmine Lemon, Amanda Stevens, Jenny Kurnik, Kay Bowering, Kevin Bowering, Jennifer E, Amy Russo – virtual, Jenny Lamberton – virtual, Jordana Magin – virtual, Jessica Blisset – virtual

- Welcome everyone and call to order at 7:04 pm.
- Land acknowledgement
- Quorum established
- Agenda: nothing to add or amend

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report - Jasmine Lemon

Gratitude:

- Mr. Larkin sponsored the grade 6 boys and girls volleyball seasons, including their participation in the Jamboree last week
- Ms. Juda for coordinating the visit from Janice Hennig, watercolour artist. Art card orders due on Friday, November 21st.
- Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Bitcon, Mrs. Brassard for the completion of our IEP meetings to set up all our learners for success
- Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Morgan for coordinating our grade 6 Leadership program, including the beginning of our Food Drive
- Student leaders who stepped up to be part of our Remembrance Day ceremony as speakers, artists, crew, emcees, etc.
- Classroom teachers organizing field studies, such as Ms. Robertson and Ms. Romano's classes going to McMillan Farms, Mrs. Jennejohn, Mrs. Estey and Ms. Slattery's classes going to Airhouse.

Events/Updates:

- Cultural Performances, including Mark Kroos (guitarist), No Time for That Anti-Bullying presentation featuring Elsie Morden, former SKE student and nationally renowned speaker (grades 4 - 6 only)
- Harmony Day Potluck tomorrow!
- Food Drive from now until November 28th.
- Tickets for Winter Concert will be available next week. Limited number of seats per performance.

School Information:

- 6 classroom teachers participating in KinShift Program, which has a focus on exploring local syilx teachings, decolonizing pedagogy, and implementing relationship and collaboration-based practices in the classroom.
- 4 teachers working with school district's Learning & Innovation Team teachers on projects directly connect to KinShift learning in tandem with our school's learning priorities on collaboration, writing and reading.
- 3 teachers collaboratively working on a nature-based learning experience

Upcoming Events:

- Spirit Days: Nov 28 (Jersey Day), Dec 1 (Santa/Holiday Hat Day), Dec 17 (Holiday Sweater Day), Dec 19 (Silly sock & PJ day)
- Winter Concert Performances Dec 10, 11
- Grade 6 Entrepreneurship Fair December 12th
- Learning Updates sent home Dec 17
- Winter Singalong Assembly Dec 17

2. President's Report – Kay Bowering

2.1 Author/Illustrator Vote

Information was emailed out by Kay regarding the author/illustrator Jeff Chiba Stearns. His website is www.meditatingbunny.com. The cost would be \$725 dollars for the presentation.

Kay puts forward a motion for him to come. Kevin seconds it.

Question by Amanda about where it fits into the budget.

Kay amends motion- all present at the meeting like the idea but will have Blair double check the finances to see if it fits. Majority in favour.

2.2 Santa photos

Kay would like the invitations printed and sent out by Monday November 24. Kay talks about how to decorate for the event. In the lobby we will do hot chocolate, cookies. Jenny K will reach out to the cookie seller.

Santa is confirmed, photographer is not. This will be confirmed ASAP.

2.3 Bylaws and Constitution

Three quarters of this process of updating the bylaws and constitution was completed last year. Kay really needs help to complete this, and asks for help. Amanda steps up!

In December or January meeting we hope to put out the changes.

2.4 Meeting Dates

Kevin finds that meeting on Wednesdays is challenging and would like to change it. We will still keep it at 7pm on the third week of the week.

We decide to switch to Tuesdays.

3. Treasurers Report -Blair Crosby

An email was sent from Blair with budget details. Our operating balance is approximately \$47 000. Since last meeting we paid for posters, \$43. Gaming account has had no change. Santa Steve is charging \$350. Last year's profit from Santa pics was approximately \$600.

4. Fundraising report – Kay Bowering for Jordana Magin

4.1 Brief update on current fundraisers

4.2: Bingo night

The Valentine's Dance is currently scheduled for February 11, 2026.

Jenny would like help planning the Valentine's dance. Kay and Jordana will help.

For Bingo night: we decide on the date of **Thursday, March 5**. Jordana will not take on on the silent auction for Bingo night as it was too much last year.

5. Hot lunch report

Amanda is getting a lot of inquiry from vendors, including Harvest Grocery across the street. Amanda is trying to support as many vendors as possible.

There is a manual for volunteers. Cutlery is a challenge – it would be great to have a volunteer focus on cutlery. Kay offers to tackle this as she is here anyway.

Ms Lemon bought lots of cutlery in the summer. Even though we lose some it is still worth using it to break habits of disposability.

Kay notes that she would like to see a designated grade 5 student hand out pizza.

6. Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator Report

Nothing to report

7. COPAC Representative – Kay Bowering for Roen Janyk

Kay missed the meeting, she has notes from Copac.

CARE (Climate Action Ripple Effect) program is looking for Mentors.

BC Gaming Grants have been late going out but that does not seem to affect our school.

8. Communications Coordinator Report – Amy Russo

Nothing to report, she has been trying her best!

9. Green Committee Report– Ruth King

Ruth is looking into ideas for using budget. Jennifer E will connect with her regarding ideas.

10. Health and Safety Representative Report – Jenny Lamberton

10.1 White Hatter project

Jenny found out that grade 6s can attend the grade 4 -5 grouping. Jasmine would like to work directly with Jenny to plan the details for the presentation. This will come from the part of the budget allocated for in-school presentations. Jasmine and Jenny will work out the details of how to bill the event.

11. KLO representative report

-Vacant position, nothing to report

New Business

12. Natural Gas Stove

Update: Jasmine has spoken with the district about replacing it. Before the school will remove it they want to make sure it is not viable for the school, and want a trainer to come in to teach how to use it safely. Jasmine would like some parents to sign up for lessons.

13. Teacher Requests

13.1 A grant for bringing nature into the classroom was given to grade 2/3, grade 3, grade 3-4 for a program on biodiversity. This funding is from an outside source.

These classes would like funding for wool roving. Request for \$300 for material supplies.

Vote: all in favour to fund this, with funding coming from the Green Fund.

13.2 Our librarian and some teachers would like to do the salmon program, FINS, this year. Amanda will help coordinate this.

14. Miscellaneous

- Jasmine will have Ms. Angus send out SMS alerts for PAC meetings to remind parents, especially about the new dates.
- Kay points out that we had allotted budget for childcare. We agree that childcare should be promoted for our May Annual general meeting.

ADJOURNMENT -move to adjourn meeting at 8:23 pm.