



Parent Advisory Council MINUTES

South Kelowna Elementary PAC Meeting MINUTES

Date | March 12, 2025 Time| 7:00 pm Location | Beaver Lodge and Zoom

Meeting called to order by | Kay Bowering

IN ATTENDANCE

Jasmine Lemon	Jenny Kurnik		
Jennifer Emily	Jordana Steinberg		
Kay Bowering			
Amanda Stevens			

AGENDA DETAILS

- Opened with President's Welcome & Land Acknowledgement.
- Meeting Called to Order by Kay (Mtg. Chair) at 7:03 pm.
- We have quorum of at least 6 voting members including 3 who are executive
- Motion to approve tonight's Agenda – Approved.

REPORTS

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (*Jasmine Lemon*)

- 1.1 When school returns after Spring break there will be a planning meeting for next school year. Kindergarten numbers are very low for September 2025. Class placement process will begin after break, this process will be explained to parents.
- 1.2 Pink shirt day went very well.
- 1.3 Pancake breakfast will happen on Friday. The senior students are doing lots to help and showing lots of initiative. We will make 1000 small pancakes.
- 1.4 Term 3 begins now. In term 3 we will focus on literacy intervention for students who are struggling.
- 1.5 Art cards are now ready and will be sent home on Friday.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (*Kay Bowering*)

2.1 Health and Safety

Technical Safety BC wants to let us know that all blow-up inflatables need to be set up by a certified contractor.

2.2 Pedalheads Bike Camp

Kay received an email from the director of Pedalheads bike camp. They run a camp in the summer. They are offering a fundraiser activity. He can make a promo code for SKE for \$25 off registration, and \$25 that would go to the school. He could also offer a gift certificate.

We all agree to get the code, but it has to be promoted by SKEPAC, not the school itself.

2.3 *The anxious generation*

This is a book by Jonathan Haidt, that talks about children and social media use. There is an idea to bring parents together for a social night to discuss the ideas presented in the book. We could use blinkqist to summarize the book for those who have not read it.

SKEPAC likes the idea but the event would need to be well structured.

Some other ideas are to have a speaker affiliated with Haidt come to the school. Maybe we could coordinate with other PACS especially middle schools and host an event.

Kay will look into what the event could look like.

2.4 BC AITC (Agriculture in the classroom)

2.5 BCC PAC

There are nominations going on for various roles on the BCCPAC. They need to be in by March 31. They are looking for a number of roles to be filled. If anyone is interested all the details are on their website.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (*Ashley Bush*)

3.1 Funds raised

So far this year we have raised more than \$11000 since September and this does not include hot lunch profits.

3.2 Purchases

- Cheque given for the crazy carpets
- A cheque was given for bottle returnables for the grade 6s.

3.3 BCeID

Ashley applied for a BCeID for the PAC in order to get a gaming grant.

3.4 Gaming grant

We still have money left in our gaming grant that needs to be spent. Some of this money can be used for volleyball nets. Ideas for where to spend the money: extracurricular activities.

3.5 Bingo night

Bingo night earned \$2619.15

The new Square payment device worked really well. Kay needs to teach others how to use it.

3.6 RBC Account

Ashley was at RBC and found that there is an issue with receiving e-statements. We may be charged an extra \$2 per month to get e-statements but we all agree it is worth it in order to keep unlimited e-transfers.

4. FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR REPORT *(Jordana S. and Jenny K.)*

4.1 Family Fun Night

Jenny spoke with Park And Play from the city. We can't get a bouncy castle from the city because we got one last year. Through a private company we can get an inflatable, prices range from \$400 to \$1000.

Vote: Do we fund the big bouncy thing for \$1000? All in favour, vote passes.

Another idea was Face Painting, it would be \$200 with a company. All in favour of paying IF we can't get KSS students to volunteer or get enough parents to volunteer.

Volunteers for Family Fun Night: an idea is to approach SKE grads who go to KSS and those students could get those volunteer hours.

We will approach the food trucks to see if they will give 10%.

4.2 Movie night

We need to decide on a date. It would be good to have an intermission. SKEPAC decides on May 8. Doors open 5:30 pm, 6 pm movie starts. Vendors: popcorn for sure.

4.3 Local fundraiser

Ruth would like to do a fundraiser that supports the local community. Some ideas: a listing of all SKE family businesses. Another idea: inviting family businesses to have a table for their business/products (must have a child in the school). This could be at the family fun night.

4.4 Popcorn Sale

The grade 6 popcorn sale ordered more popcorn then was sold. PAC will buy the extra from them at their fundraising cost and we can sell it at an upcoming event.

4.5 Spring Fling

The Spring Fling Dance is coming up on April 11. There is a fairytale theme. Jasmine would like volunteers to be hallway monitors.

5. FOOD COORDINATOR REPORT *(Amanda Stevens)*

5.1 Spring Fling food

Amanda will add another food option for the Spring Fling (burgers).

5.2 Cutlery

Cutlery has been replaced in the classrooms. It would be ideal if a hotlunch volunteer parent can ensure that the cutlery gets properly cleaned.

6. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE COORDINATOR REPORT

Nothing to report

7. COPAC REPRESENTATIVE *(Roen via Email update)*

7.1 COPAC AGM Notice

May 5, 2025 7pm via zoom

COPAC Executive Nominations:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfka4OQeJviuL289g0_Rt8HhVaWaes7YEkzNzzbOxW3uJyq2w/viewform?usp=sharing

7.2 March School Board meeting – This Wednesday March 12

One of our COPAC community members, Cadre Simpson, will be presenting to the School Board: Enhancing School Learning and Play Spaces Through PAC Partnerships.

If you want to come and support one of our fellow PAC leaders in her advocacy around enhancement agreements, the community is always welcome to attend Public School Board Meetings at Hollywood Road Educational Services/School Board Office. The Board Meeting including Cadre's presentation will be broadcast, but the zoom doesn't open until the Inside 23 portion of the agenda is completed so don't be alarmed if you are sitting in the waiting room for a while (Suggest logging in around 6:15pm. The broadcast is not recorded)

Agenda: <https://pub-sd23.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=8107>

Zoom link for viewing business portion of Public Board Meetings:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8341176781>

Meeting ID: 834 117 6781

Cadre's Letter:

https://www.sd23.bc.ca/documents/0217802c-c3e5-42bb-b4cf-0fa241b82304/2025-01-22%20Email%20from%20C.%20Simpson%20re%20Enhancement%20Agreements%20-%20Outdoor%20Learning%20Spaces_Redacted.pdf

7.3 APRIL 10 Virtual Event

COPAC & Jennie King from Science World Present: AI for Parents

April 10 at 7pm. Register now and more details to follow.

https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ghqd_n28RbK6uLxXY6cgEw

7.4 Summer Camp Registrations

Note that Geering Up UBC-O, WWEST and CampOC are accepting registrations for summer camps.

7.5 STEM in Kelowna/SD23

RoboCup Jr. is an upcoming community even that seems to be flying under the radar.

<https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/technologies/electronic-engineering/robocup>

It might be getting tight to assemble a team but it's great to build awareness and share this opportunity with families in our communities.

SD23's SumoBot competition is coming up in May – a great opportunity for elementary and middle school students to put their Lego robotics skills to the test. Talk to your school robotics specialist or administration to find out more and encourage registration.

STEM at your Carnivals:

Just a reminder about availability of some of our STEM partners to attend your events and set up an interactive station for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring. Each group has limited availability so I recommend reaching out early to secure your event date/time.

-WWEST – STEM stations availability for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring. Contact kaleigh.marks@ubc.ca to check availability

- GeeringUP UBC-O – Jennifer Garner jen.garner@ubc.ca

-Let's Talk Science - <https://letstalkscience.ca/outreach/ubcokanagan>

8. COMMUNICATIONS *(Jess Broderick)*

No updates

9. GREEN COMMITTEE *(Ruth King)*

No updates

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE *(Vacant Position)*

- No discussion

10. KLO REPRESENTATIVE *(Vacant Position)*

- No discussion.

New and Other Business

Jennifer asked about the possibility of putting in a Gaga ball pit. It was explained that this has been explored before, but as it is a permanent outdoor installation it has to go through the school board requisition process which can take years. Other schools have put in requisitions for Gaga ball pits and it is considered low priority.

MEETING ADJOURNED AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2025.