

South Kelowna Elementary

Parent Advisory Committee



Date | February 17, 2026 Time | 7:00 pm Location | SKE Library

Present: Jasmine Lemon, Jennifer E (virtual), Amanda Stevens (virtual), Jenny Kurnik, Amy Russo, Kay Bowering, Kevin Bowering, Jessica Blissett, Jordana Magin (virtual), Ruth King (virtual), Blair Crosby, Jenny Lamberton (virtual)

Meeting called to order at 7:02

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report –Jasmine Lemon

Gratitude:

- Thank You: to the families who reached out in the days after the tragic incidents in Tumbler Ridge, to connect & check in on our school community.
- Eagle Experts: Student volunteers in grades 1 through 5 who met in small groups with Ms. Lemon to share their thoughts, feelings and perspectives about our school community, their learning, and what we can enhance.

Updates:

- Anona Kampe - Indigenous Knowledge Keeper: Will be visiting 7 classrooms at the end of this week as part of a grant we received aimed at supporting authentic Indigenous learning opportunities

Rocks & Rings Curling Program:

- Booked for March 3 and 4th.
- All classes will get one full lesson; 3 will receive a bonus lesson due to our timetable.
- Ms. Slattery has also brought curling equipment to SKE for us to use between now and spring break.

School Information:

Health & Safety Reminder:

- We continue to remind parents & caregivers about the safety protocols in place regarding guests to the building.
- It is expected that all guests to the school come to the office first to connect with staff, and sign in if staying (such as volunteering for Hot Lunch or with a classroom).
- If parents/caregivers have a message for a student or need to connect, school staff will get the student or will bring an item to them.
- We have completed an office review of our lockdown procedures, and will also be reviewing them at our next H&S meeting, as well as the upcoming staff meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Written Learning Updates for term 2 will be sent home just prior to spring break.
- Shamrock Pancake Breakfast: Will be on Friday, March 13th between 9 and 10:30 am. The whole school will gather for pancakes & St. Patrick's day themed fun. Parent volunteers will be needed. An invitation will go out soon.

2. Presidents Report -Kay and Kevin Bowering

2.1 Discussion: Volunteers

- Volunteer issue with events- we do not have enough dedicated volunteers. It's the same few people doing everything (especially Jenny, Jordana and Kay) and there is a risk for burnout.
- How do we increase volunteers? Maybe have an incentive that volunteers enter a draw?
- Ruth has an idea about getting a list of interested volunteers - a "pre" list.
- Ruth has another idea- getting one or two dedicated volunteers from each class.
- We all like this idea. Jasmine points out the importance of using both paper and digital communications as outreach.
- Jordana will be sending out info sheet about Bingo night, suggests adding on call out for volunteers

2.2 District Confirmation of Funding Priorities

- The School district has requested our funding priorities and so we have a discussion about them.
- Jasmine notes that it is very important that we clarify our priorities, and that the funds are available and ready for when the project can be installed by the school board.
- Previously discussed idea in past years were: playground expansion -school bus play structure, garden boxes, outdoor learning space, electric/digital sign for front of school
- Jasmine suggests scrapping the digital sign option.
- Ruth gives her speel about why she feels that the accessible playground bus is not the best use of funds at this point. She talks about why an outdoor learning space is important. Kay agrees.
- Kay puts forward motion: are we all in agreement about removing bus from list of priorities. Majority in favour. Vote passes.
- Outdoor learning space and garden boxes will be top priorities.
- Blair says we could have \$40 000ish to build it.

2.3 Bylaws and Constitution Vote

- Remaining Bylaws are amended, discussed and voted on. The document is now complete!

3. Treasurer's Report - Blair Crosby

- Since last meeting Blair found the cheques, and they have been deposited. Some of the approximate amounts: Purdys at \$1200, Basil and Cooper \$450, Sonic Wash - don't have full numbers back. Dance- made profit of \$72 dollars, approximately 71 families attended.
- Volleyball nets
Nets need to be replaced. We can also get pads for the poles. And a cranking system for the nets as our current system is very old. Our current poles are fine.
Option 1: bare bones -nets and pads – just under \$2000
Option 2- replacing everything including posts- around \$6000
Option 3 – nets, pads, and cranks – \$3500

- We have set aside \$2000 dollars in the budget. Blair asks if Jasmine can access any funding for the nets, Jasmine says it could be possible.
- Question: where would the extra \$1500 come from? Blair says: capital improvements. Blair asks if the city can fund anything? Jasmine thinks she can find \$750 from the PE budget.
- Blair: motion that we allocate up to \$3500 for the nets, pads and cranks. Vote passes!

4. Fundraising Coordinator Report – Jenny and Jordana

- Jenny – nothing to report, thanks everyone for the Valentine’s dance
- Bingo night- Thursday March 6, 5 to 7 pm. Bingo will start at 5:30. Jordana is working on bringing it all together and communications.

5. Food Coordinator Report/FINS

- Amanda will have new session of Munchalunch open tomorrow.
- Fish should hatch soon!

6. Fruit and Veg Coordinator Report

- Nothing to report

7. COPAC Representative

- COPAC wants to remind parents to register for conference, an email has been sent to all parents.

8. Coommunications Coordinator Report- Amy

- Nothing to report

9. Green Committee Report – Ruth

- Greenery fundraiser is set up for the end of March
- Ruth made a one pager about the outdoor classroom- sent out by email

10. **Health and Safety -Jenny L**

- Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned