

South Kelowna Elementary

Parent Advisory Committee



Date | January 20, 2026 Time | 7:00 pm Location | SKE Library

Present: Jasmine Lemon, Jennifer E, Blair Crosby, Amanda Stevens, Roen Janyk, Jenny Kurnik, Kay Bowering, Kevin Bowering, Jordana Magin (virtual) Amy Russo joins virtually at 7:30, Jenny Lamberton joins virtually at 8pm. Quorum is met.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report –Jasmine Lemon (10 min)

1.1 Report from Ms.Lemon

Gratitude:

- **Eagle Guides:** our grade 5 Eagle Guides have participated in training alongside our incoming grade 4 Eagle Guide volunteers - 33 of them!
- This twice-weekly program is a way for students to build connections and relationships across grades, to practice leadership skills, and to contribute to strengthening healthy bonds amongst all students.
- In its third year, we are now seeing students who took part as primary students becoming the leaders themselves!

Updates:

- **Student Planners:**
 - We have received our quote for the 2026/2027 school year, which comes to a total of \$1557.02. The number may be adjusted slightly depending on final enrollment projections.
 - This will provide our primary and intermediate classes with planners for home/school communication (not Kindergarten).

- **New Volleyball Nets/Poles:**

- Mrs. Shanks is working on gathering quotes from companies so that we have the most accurate information to work with. If the best choice is a quote that comes in above the PAC-allotted funding amount, I will communicate with PAC so we can determine a plan moving forward.
- We plan to have this finalized in the next few weeks.

- **Enhancement Projects**

- **Outdoor Classroom:** The school district's Operations department has just begun a process of reviewing all enhancement proposals across the district, so that they can confirm which projects are still relevant, with teams prepared to move forward. Once they have this list, they will be prioritizing the work based on capacity.
- Our school's intention to have an outdoor learning space is one of these proposals, although having a formalized description with the scope, intentions and a rationale would be helpful as a way to communicate the plans clearly.

- **White Hatter**

- Booked for our grade 4, 5 and 6 students on Monday, March 9th.
- Digital Literacy and Internet Safety: This session is designed to help those young online to understand the basics when it comes to privacy and security in the connected world. No amount of filtering or monitoring tools are sufficient compared to our critical thinking skills and understanding of behaviours and consequences. Plus, any app used to control internet access have limited in capabilities. Unless there is 100% parental supervision every time a child is online, this presentation is necessary to help teach kids the power and openness of the internet and sometimes those who we speak to online may not have our best interests in mind.

School Information:

- ***Co-Curricular-Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture, & the Relational Self, SSHRC Partnership Grant:*** We have received funding to support our school in bringing in Indigenous knowledge keepers for all classrooms with teachers participating in the KinShift program (7 classes total), as well as to build out our Indigenous resources including story workshop bins.

- Anona Kampe, syilx knowledge keeper will be visiting our school in February.

Upcoming Events:

- Family Conferences: January 29th and 30th. Families should have received communication from teachers inviting them to sign up for conferences, as part of our communicating student learning process.
- Written Learning Updates for term 2 will be sent home just prior to spring break.

2026/2027 & 2027/2028 School Calendars

- It is required that school administration establish site-based calendars in consultation with staff and the school's PAC
- See attached for the DRAFT calendars for the next two years, based on the common district-wide calendar along with school-specific dates based on past-practice.
- The bell schedule in particular will be discussed at an upcoming staff meeting; the start and end times will remain the same (8:30 am, 2:30 pm).

Questions:

- Funds allotted for school performances and presentations: What was/is the intention of PAC regarding the management of these funds?
- If they are managed by me, I had the following plan in place for the \$4000:
 - Alien In-Line Skating: \$3000 (this covers about half of the overall cost of the program, which this year will result in students getting 3 lessons each, charging families \$14 for the rest of the cost)
 - White Hatter: \$475
 - Rocks & Rings (Curling Program): \$570
- If they are to also support PAC-initiated schoolwide learning, then at this point, we won't move ahead with Rocks & Rings, which will leave funds available for the possible author visit

1.2 Feedback from PAC

- No feedback regarding school calendar and conference dates
- PAC agrees to fund Rocks and Rings and put author visit (Chiba) on pause as Kay B. has not heard back from him

2. President's Report - Kay and Kevin Bowering (20 min)

2.1 By Laws and Constitution Vote

- PAC requests another month to review the constitution and review it

3. Treasurer's Report - Blair Crosby (10 min)

3.1 Bank Account update

- Current balance \$47 620
- Gaming account at \$8 859
- We used approx. \$400 this month for a deposit for DJ Haymaker
- We still have some money left in community fund, the cheque was given to the parent in medical need

3.2 Fundraising Money

- Some money has come in from the greenery fundraiser – approx. \$700
- We all agree that we need more communication to parents about fundraisers
- Unreceived funds from our fundraisers with Basil Cooper and Purdy's
- Basil Cooper: Jenny K has been messaging Basil Cooper about the photo fundraiser
- ACTION ITEM: Blair to look into fundraising profit from Purdy's
- Jordana to look into fundraising profits from Ready to Cook

4. Fundraising Coordinator Report - Jenny Kurnik and Jordana Magin (10 min)

4.1 Local businesses

- Leather and Lace will be added to Munchalunch
- If anyone has any ideas about local businesses to partner with please reach out to Jordana
- Jordana does not yet have March fundraiser planned. Other spring fundraisers are planned.

4.2 Valentine's Day Dance

- Valentines Dance Wednesday Feb 11, 5 pm – 8pm
- We request Amy make an invite for the dance

- Concession – we discuss having an option for parents to pre-order food
- Jenny brings up Fat Burger as a pre-order option
- Jasmine requests that poster be very clear about food options
- Jasmine suggests that the music stops at 7:30 or 7:45
- Jenny K suggests theme: Dress to Impress, having a photo booth/photo shoot option
- We discuss having a photographer for a photoshoot – Jordana thinks that Taylor might do it for \$100 an hour
- Jordana feels that we should make more money at the dance – this could be done by increasing the entry cost
- We discuss prices: Halloween Dance was \$2 per person and \$5 per family
- We agree that \$15 per family includes entry to dance and includes one photo
- We can sell additional photos for 3\$ each
- Concessions: candy bags, cupcakes -can be homemade if the maker has Foodsafe

4.3 Bingo Night

- Scheduled for March 5 at 5:30
- If anyone has anything to donate for prizes please do! Talk to Jordana.
- Jasmine will put a note in the newsletter about donating prizes for Bingo night.
- A personal trainer has donated a \$400 voucher for services, we decide to use it on Bingo Night
- The silent auction will not happen on Bingo night.

5. Food Coordinator Report - Amanda Stevens

- Amanda keeps asking about refundables (juiceboxes, cans etc), a reminder needs to go out to senior students to collect them
- Cutlery situation – needs a point person. Amanda will check in with the person who had offered.
- Amanda offers to keep ordering open, not having a closing period. She will try this out the next round.
- Volunteers are great, there is a core group of 5 – 10 volunteers.
- FINS program – salmon eggs are in the tank

6. Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator Report – Kamal

- Fruit and Veg program (Fresh for Kids) is going great, the students loved the red pears.

- Sonic Wash Fundraiser is still live. Current amount raised is 1/3 of last year. Prices did go up slightly. Overall it's a great deal because you get 6 washes for the price of 5 and 40% goes to SKEPAC. I have asked Kristy to send a reminder that the fundraiser closes at midnight on January 25.

7. COPAC Representative – Kay Bowering for Roen Janyk (5 min)

- Registration is open for the COPAC Parent Education Conference, an in-person event on February 28 from 9am to 3:30 pm
- COPAC has a survey for parents, on Safe Routes to School
- Paul David visiting middle schools, Jan 19 and 20
- Science Fair- March 10 and 11 at UBCO.
- Kelowna Museum has opportunities for Sylix language learning
- Kay will send out links for all of the above points
- COPAC has their AGM in May, they are looking to fill a number of positions.

8. Communications Coordinator Report – Amy Russo

- Nothing to report, Jenny K will keep Amy updated on fundraising events

9. Green Committee Report - Ruth King

- Nothing to report, Ruth will follow up on outdoor classroom

10. Health and Safety Representative Report - Jenny Lamberton

- Nothing to update

11. KLO Representative Report - *Vacant Position*

OLD BUSINESS | NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12

NEXT MEETING

SCHEDULED FOR February 17, 2026