

# **South Kelowna Elementary Parent Advisory Committee**



**Date:** October 15, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** SKE Library & Zoom

**Present:** Kay Bowering, Kevin Bowering, Jasmine Lemon, Jennifer E, Amanda Stevens, Jenny Kurnik, Ashley Bush

**Zoom:** Jessica Blissett, Jordana Magin, Amy Russo

- Welcome everyone and call to order at 7:00 pm
- Land Acknowledgement
- Quorum established

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Principal's Report – Jasmine Lemon**

- Thank you for parents that helped out with hot chocolate
- Would like feedback about Harmony Day, for sign-up, food, ways to make it better for parents
- School district has worked with COPAC to figure out insurance requirements

### **2. President's report -Kay Bowering**

#### **2.1 Thank you's**

We received a number of thank you's from the COBSS Program – Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society. We funded 2 students for approximately 350\$ each, these are for former SKE students.

## **2.2 Facebook Page Updates**

- Amy now has access to the FB group so she can now post things.
- Kay posted info that COPAC sent out:
  - I. ADHD information session from a local doctor, Dr Duncan.
  - II. Understanding Adolescents from the Inside-Out, presented by COPAC, run by Hannah Beach. October 16th (that's tomorrow). Ideal for parents of teens, good for grades 4-6

## **2.3 Author/Illustrator**

Kay shared info from an author/illustrator who now lives in Vancouver but may come out here, his name is Jeff Stearns. He does sessions about writing/illustrating. We need to clarify the fees. We need to look over the details of costs and where this would fit into the budget.

We request details about the presentation and exact costs before we can vote on it. This will be sent out in an email.

Most of the budget has been allocated for in-school presentations.

### **3. Treasurer report: Kay Bowering for Blair Crosby**

- Operating account Balance at \$33197.
- Things from our budget that we paid for since lat meeting:
  - Field trip commitments \$10000 from \$10000 budget
  - Scream Program \$1300 from \$1500 budget (this is a program to help grade 6 students transition to middle school)
- School supplies (agendas) \$1648.76 of \$2000 budget
- PAC Welcome BBQ profit: \$703.46.
- Gaming grant came in at \$5340 and is now in the gaming account.  
Current Balance of gaming grant is \$9276.98. A large part of this grant money will be used for volleyball nets.

### **4. Fundraising Coordinator Report – Jenny Kurnik**

- Jenny K: Basil Cooper photography – bookings look good. If we can send out another email/message about the November sessions that would be great.
- Spirit week is coming up. Amy has made a poster about this.

- Jordana says: for November there is a lot going on with fundraisers. There will be an incentive of a pizza party for the class that sells the most for the Purdy's fundraiser.
- Jenny has some potential fundraisers she will talk to Jordana about.
- Priest Creek said they could do a fundraiser where the wine could be picked up at the winery. Amy will look into this and bring it to Jenny and Jordana.

#### **5. Food Coordinator Report – Amanda Stevens**

- Hot lunch is going great, nothing to update

#### **6. Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator Report**

- Nothing to report
- Jasmine says that Kamal gives updates about the fruits and veggies to the school

#### **7. COPAC**

- The next meeting is November 3, and Kay will attend.
- COPAC plans to have 2 full day winter events, for PAC members and families. There is a request for input: <https://forms.gle/tHxWx8yyE68KHDA58>
- COPAC also has a survey for parents regarding input on events for parents: <https://forms.gle/ND3nBDnSowYeF4bTA>
- COPAC is still looking for a secretary
- Are we interested in composting? COPAC has an informational about composting at the school. Ashley said that in the past the school did it but it did not go well, due to smells, fruit flies, potential for rats etc. Jasmine felt that a composting program would be too much for both teachers and parents to take on.

#### **8. Communications Coordinator Report -Amy Russo**

- Nothing to report
- Can we let parents know that we have a Facebook page?

#### **9. Green committee report**

- Ruth would like to know how much we have in the budget.
- Jennifer notes: maybe Mikaela Cannon (nature educator) can do an event with this budget? She will look into it and get ideas/quotes.

#### **10. Health and Safety Representative Report – Jenny Lamberton**

- White Hat Project -digital literacy and internet safety. It is live but remote. Live but remote is \$450. This is designed for grades 4 and 5. Jasmine says that in our context it would be great to include the grade 6s.
- There are a few questions still to be answered about numbers. Jasmine will look into whether this fits into the allocated budget.
- Jasmine fully supports this program.

10. **KLO representative:** vacant position, nothing to report

## **OLD BUSINESS | NEW BUSINESS**

- Jasmine brings up: tentative family bingo in November. Jordana states that she needs more time to plan. Jasmine will remove this from the calendar.
- Ashley: asks about school skiing trips – Jasmine says that grade 5 and 6 classes do cross country ski events.
- New discussion arises: safety. Jasmine says that the kitchen stove/ovens are gas, but she would prefer electric stove/ovens for safety reasons. The city will partially pay for electric stoves. Jasmine is pushing hard to get the school board to approve funding for electric stove/oven. Jasmine will come back with more info. Perhaps this is something PAC could fund.
- Jasmine talks about some of the safety drills and how the school does them, in particular hold and secure drills. Ashley asks if PAC can support with anything. Jasmine informs us that there will be a safety audit this Friday and if something comes up that could be helpful she will let us know.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01.

## **NEXT MEETING**

SCHEDULED FOR November 19, 2025