

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022

Attending: Susan Derickson (president), Melissa Ganzeveld (vice-president), Ann Sutherland (Secretary), Scott Sieben (Principal), Rebecca Ashley, Chantelle Desrosiers, Tanya Sturgeon
Meeting held by Zoom

Approval of March agenda: 1st Melissa, 2nd Chantelle

Approval of February minutes: 1st Melissa, 2nd Chantelle

1. Reports

a) Principal's Report

- Congratulations to Mr. Perry and Mr. Kafka, our music students, and the music students at GMS and CNB who were able to perform concerts at the Kelowna Community Theatre last week. It was great to see the students perform. Our Music students have a Field Study planned to attend a festival in Whistler, and some students, who were supposed to attend MusicFest Canada in Ontario, are still going to go to Ontario, even though MusicFest was cancelled.
- Congratulations to our Robotics Team who competed in the First Robotics Pacific Regional Championships. The team made up of ten students, and led by Mr. Boulanger, did very well, reaching the Quarterfinals.
- Our Drama program is busy rehearsing "Romeo & Juliet." Dates of the show have not been decided but will be sometime in late May or early June.
- Spring Sports are starting. We will have Rugby (Boys & Girls), Track & Field (Boys & Girls), Girls Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee (Co-ed).
- The province has reduced some restrictions throughout the province. However, schools still must follow some health guidelines (i.e., wearing masks in school) until Spring Break.
- The Ministry of Education has announced that there will be a new graduation requirement/course. All Grade 10 students, and those in following graduating years, must take an Indigenous Course (4 credits). At present, we offer English First Peoples 10 & 12, Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12, Okanagan Language (Intro 11, 11, & 12), Indigenous Leadership 10-12, and Indigenous Art Studio 10-12. Is somewhat unfortunate that they are starting with grade 10 as some of them have already planned out all the courses they need to take: it would be better if they started with grade 8s preferably.
- School starts back up on Monday April 4th.
- Lockers be issued again, but not until the fall.

Update from meeting: The Ministry of Education is asking for feedback from the community on the Indigenous Course requirement. Here is the link:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements/>

b) Treasurer's report

Account balances as of 14-Mar-22:

- General Account = \$878.56
- Gaming Account = \$18,259.52

c) COPAC (Central Okanagan PAC) report – Susan

Relevant agenda items from last week's meeting include:

- Report cards and achieving better alignment across the district - a new version of report cards will come into effect in a draft format in the fall. There will be an opportunity for feedback before the format is finalized the following year. The new version will add opportunities for student reflection and learning plans. As part of this, FreshGrade won't be continuing – parents will only have to deal with one tool instead of multiple ones. Send Susan an email if you'd like to see the presentation on this.
- Partners for Inclusive Education (PIE) is a COPAC committee that aims to improve support for students with diverse abilities. If anyone is interested in knowing more, contact Susan.
- Sustainability Initiative – there was a presentation on a community level initiative to have a sustainability coach placed at KSS; they are available to present at PAC meetings. Chantelle noted that there are also useful sustainability resources available through the district. Susan and Chantelle will check into this and the potential for a presentation from SD23 before looking at the KSS initiative.
- COPAC Bylaws need to be updated as there are some urgent issues to deal with. This will require about 28 votes at the AGM to get them through. Susan will be attending and can vote on behalf of MBSS PAC. If anyone has contacts with other PACs, let them know that this is important for them to be part of.
- COPAC is looking for nominations for next year's executive. Let Susan know if you might be interested – must be holding an executive position on a PAC and not be a school district employee to be eligible.
- COPAC is asking for feedback from PACs on covid-related issues/concerns that they can help push forward at the district level.
 - Our suggestions – (a) socio-emotional support due to lack of social activities; (b) academic support due to lenient grading, student expectations of more leeway and difficulties with online schooling; (c) support for transitions to further education as dropout rate were already very high after first year university before the pandemic (increase awareness of success factors such as homesickness, the need to adjust to the “stand and deliver” model of teaching and an advance understanding of program demands with respect to work/social activities); (d) re-aligning expectations of parents and employers that school attendance must be the priority over other commitments.

COPAC has strong leadership and Susan encourages next year's MBSS PAC to stay involved.

2. New Business

a) BCCPAC Resolution

- They rejected the recent proposal put forth by Susan that BCCPAC should advocate for the BC Gaming Commission to allow organizations like COBSS to distribute bursaries on behalf of PACs. BCCPAC refused because they felt issues that did not directly relate to their primary purpose – post-secondary schools are beyond their purview.
- How to proceed? We could revisit some of Scott's ideas to figure out how to pay COBSS to do this. KSS charges for parking passes as a fundraiser for bursaries. Perhaps we could have a sub-committee for awards. Scott and Susan will discuss and get a list together to pass on to the next PAC Executive.

b) BCCPAC AGM Travel Support

- There are bursaries available from BCCPAC to go to their next AGM (April 29th – May 1st in Richmond). There is a parent information component that may also be of interest. Anyone who would like to go should contact Susan.

c) Ministry of Health and Education Food Guidelines

- BCCPAC is hosting a webinar on Apr 5th to provide an overview of changes to the guidelines and get feedback to pass along to MHE. Need to register by April 1st.

3. Reminders

- Dry Grad Parent Meeting is March 16th at 7:00 pm.

4. Next meeting

- April 11th at 6:30. It will be online and then we'll plan to do the remaining ones in person.

5. Meeting Adjourned