

Okanagan Falls PAC

Meeting

OFES May, 1st, 2025 /6pm, School Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Introductions

- In attendance: Chels Fairweather, Ivy Yoder, Ang Marcinko, Cathrine G, Kari Hill, Katie Poole, Angela Mavety, Chantelle Bruwer, Vanessa Morigeau, Christine Meunier, Erin Thorne, Kandis Lipsett, Cam Hutchinson
- Call to order: 6:12pm

b. Adoption of agenda:

- Adopted: Chels
- Seconded: Cathine

c. Approval of minutes from April 2025 meeting

- Motion to approve: Christine
- Seconded: Chels

2. Reports

a. School Trustee – Sholeh Pickell – Board Report –

District Highlights for May 1 2025 PAC DISTRICT INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES Student Achievement - Numeracy: In early April grade 6 teachers from across the district met to continue their work on the district's new numeracy screeners. The screeners allow teachers to highlight areas where students are struggling so they can provide timely support. Teachers reviewed data and worked within school teams to discuss their results. The second part of the day was spent with numeracy expert Katie McCormack who focused on classroom strategies to respond to the challenges highlighted by the screeners

FEEDING FUTURES UPDATE Feeding Futures Update: Schools continue to provide healthy breakfast and lunch options to target students that experience food insecurity. Starfish backpacks also provide food over weekends and holidays. Federal Funding was announced for spring, and for the next 3 years to compliment Provincial Feeding Futures funds. This additional amount will be based on a Socio Economic Index (SES) tool per district. This was exciting news, because this funding can be used to support schools with infrastructure needs, as well as food costs, or staffing. Having this flexibility will allow schools to be supported in various ways, such as creating more effective food serving areas, purchasing commercial grade appliances, etc. Food Literacy was also a focus this winter. The district's healthy school's teacher, Jenny Martin, visited many classrooms where students had the opportunity to prepare and enjoy a wide variety of food experiences. From spinach muffins, green smoothies, to making sushi from scratch, students used food to create joyful moments to look at food choices and how they can influence wellbeing and mood. BC Schools Food has also launched a new Toolkit to support school Districts and provide information: BC School Food Toolkit - Building Healthy Inclusive School Food Environments. As spring arrives, so do more opportunities to engage students in food learning and literacy. Across the District, five out of eight of our schools have gardens and many students and classes have been busy preparing soil, starting seeds, and learning about local food systems.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS REPORT During the Healthy Schools Winter Wellness Initiative, over 400 students enjoyed a day of snowshoeing, and 100 others got to experience their hand at ice fishing. The Grade 7's at OES spent an overnight at Winter Wellness Camp, for some, this was their first time away from home. Students participated in campfires, outdoor activities, and enjoyed working in teams to create their own meals and clean their own dishes! The motto of Camp is: Everyone Belongs, and Everyone Contributes. A new project was piloted at SESS, in Grades 5-7 to bring engaging, hands-on learning activities into the school for a multi-week Electives opportunity. Students had engaging presenters, community people and support staff, sharing their passion areas. Students were in small groups and took part in an elective of their choice. Students could select from cooking, martial arts, flag football, wood whittling, wood burning, pottery or flint knapping. It was an opportunity to build connections with their teachers, engage in learning new skills, and enjoy activities they might not otherwise have had the opportunity to do. From post-experience student surveys, it was a huge success, and students felt empowered by having a choice around their activities.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION The annual District Powwow was held April 4 - 5 at Similkameen Elementary Secondary School (SESS) in Keremeos. Grade four students from around the district attended the morning session. In the afternoon, secondary and other students from SESS took part in the event. There were five drumming groups in attendance, highlighted by the local group High Water and host drum Smokey Valley. Oly Bent, the longtime arena director who recently retired, was recognized in a blanket ceremony for his commitment and involvement with the annual Powwow. Feedback from the community was very positive. Thank you to Helen Gallagher and the Indigenous Education team for organizing another successful event. Next year the Powwow will be held in Oliver at Southern Okanagan Secondary School. Upcoming Indigenous Education events include: the salmon fry release on May 1st for grade three students, the Indigenous Student Leadership Summit being held in Kamloops May 1st and 2nd, the Indigenous Grad ceremony May 21st at 5:00 PM at the Ashnola Powwow grounds, Speetlum digging, and the SD53 Indigenous Student Voice Forum.

b. Administrator – Katie Poole

Parkor kicks off next week, two divisions are going each day. Summer reading programs, read and rec has enough to run, rhythm and rec may not run, as the numbers are too low. Read or rhythm and rec will transition into RDOS day camp for those that want it too. School plan is coming along really well we report to the district in June. Adrian Greer was just hear. Mrs. Souchs class is running a reading program. Ice cream challenge is exciting, all the kids are jazzed. May 16th is jump for rope. Badminton tournament May 22nd is coming. May 30th volunteer appreciation day, there is a tea, please rsvp. Distract track met is June 9th. We just hired Mrs Simbailious. She is very willing to do gardens with collab with PAC. She has a background in healthing living and outdoor education. Planter boxes would be helpful for this. Beach day is on the June 26th, and Fun Day is June 16th Kandis has offered to donate the planter boxes over the summer.

c. Treasurer – Erin Lang

- Small Business Account (CHQ)– 4975.28
- Gaming Account – 1293.11

Still have to pay for Parkor, which is around \$600, that already includes funday. We budgeted \$3000 for end of year, and still have \$680 remaining. Raffle box is completely paid out, and we have \$1500.03

3. Business

a. Gratitude

Kandis would like to say that she appreciates each and everyone who attended the meetings, and the current exec. Erin, thank you so much for being Treasurer over the years. Kandis appreciated the opportunity to be chair, and acknowledges that things will look different next year, but knows great things will happen, just in a different way.

b. Should we do raffle box again?

Choose the less then 20k licence, and run it over the summer, and run it until Nov. Allow it to be passive income earned over the summer. Chels suggested that we hold off until the fall.

Erin would like to talk about what the \$1500 should go to. Katie suggested we move the funds to the SD PAC trust accounts.

Motion to Move the Money: Kari

First: Chel

Second: Kandis

c. Fun Day and Beach Party. Dates ect..

June 16th is fun day. All the rentals have been secured, still about \$600 left in the budget. Beach party is on the 26th. A&W is lunch for last day of school.

d. Meat Draw Update

May 24 and June 14th. Both are Saturday, start at 3pm. We should have some of the new exec attend to figure out the ropes. We can run it on 3 people. It's about an hour and half. The legion has an all-new exec. Bev is the returning chair. Bev likes to put all the money raised from the meat draws into a pot, and then they choose where to donate it. If we attend as volunteers we are more likely to donate to us. We won't be getting a set amount anymore. It will be about \$2500 a year. We did just receive a \$1000.

e. Movie night's update

Hard to get an actual movie night for may or June. Have a movie after fun day. Run concession ect. Every kid gets one token for concession. Pizza for free for the kids?

Motion for Pizza on funday: Erin

First: Kandis

Second: Cam

f. AGM – Location, Budget?

It is best if the AGM is held at the school library for child minding reasons, and \$200 can be found in the budget somewhere for appetizers.

Motion of \$200 for rise and shine to cater the AGM, to be held at the school: Kandis

First: Kari

Second: Christine

g. Discussion of changing and approving signors to the valley first account

Make an appointment with the bank, and then bring the new minutes from the AGM for acceptance of executive positions. And show that to change the signors with a motion done at the AGM.

h. Bylaw review and approval

Motion to approve: Kandis

First: Erin

Second: Chels

i. Nomination for Treasurer: **Vanessa Morigeau accepts nomination**

4. Wrap Up

a. Skaha matters communication for MONTH (Chantelle)

Thanking the legion for the money. Mention the fun day, tickle berry's collaboration, bobby drumming announcing. A general thank you to the parents and volunteers. Rise and Shine, and Beliches thank yous. See you in Sept.

5. Open table, for discussion

Welcome back party is in sept. Pac is welcome to have a booth.

Do we want to pay for platters for teachers, and popsicles on beach day?

Platters on the 28th?

Motion for Platters and Popsicles: Kandis

First: Erin

Second: Cam

Tickle Berry's ice cream contest:

Tickle Berry's going to donate the ice cream for the contest, and the winner can go in and actually make the ice cream. When do we want the ice cream to arrive? Make it on the pizza day? Agreed to do it on a Friday in June, separate from funday or beach day. It will be one flavor, with 1 ribbon and 2 inclusions. Erin is still working on the form for the writing contest. The teachers will be using the contest for teaching a lesson on persuasive writing.

6. Next Meeting – AGM May 28th 6pm, school library.

7. Adjournment 7:27pm