

Okanagan Falls Elementary PAC

Agenda

OFES February 6, 2025 6pm

1. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Introductions - Welcome Barbara Langston

- i. In attendance: Kandis Lipsett, Chantelle Bruwer, Catherine G, Angela Mavety, Ivy, Jeremy, Alisha Hardy, Barbara Langston, Kari Hill, Erin Lang, Katie Poole
- ii. Call to order: Meeting called to order @ 6:03 by Alisha

b. Adoption of agenda:

- i. Adopted: Alisha
- ii. Seconded: Chantelle

c. Approval of minutes from December meeting

Approval of minutes from December meeting Skipped - Kari and Barbara did not approve the minutes due to discrepancies

Amendment to December's meeting. Original motion for \$700 did not go forward, new motion made for \$150 - passed

Correct the attendance list for December: to include Katie Poole, Kari Hill, Catherine G, Patti Parker

Original motion

Request was for a craft budget Motion \$100 per activity group, \$700 in total for the school.

Adoption: Kandis Lipsett

First: Chelsea

Second: Christine Meunier

Motion was not valid due to bylaw rules not followed. Proper vote count wasn't made/ taken (wasn't all in favour).

Members that voted were not at 3 consecutive meetings and did not have voting power.

PAC executives also felt uneasy about the vote at the meeting. \$700 at once is a lot of money and it was not on the agenda - so we did not have time to prepare a response. After looking at our finances, specifically cash flow, we did not have \$700 to spend right away, unless we were willing to potentially take it away from somewhere else. It was suggested to revote and put in a motion for \$150 towards Gingerbread houses as per the original request from the teacher/ as per the agenda.

New motion made on Monday, December 9th

Motion to spend \$150 on Gingerbread houses - Motion made by Erin

First - Alisha

Second - Ivy

All in favour - yes - passed

d. Approval of minutes from December meeting

- i. Motion to approve: Angela
- ii. Seconded: Chantelle

2. Reports

a. School Trustee – Sholeh Pickell – Board Report – Skaha Matters Feb 2025

By Sholeh Pickell, School Trustee

Lots of exciting things happening throughout our district. A few highlights include a partnership between the SD53 Mental Health Team and BC Children's Hospital, along with Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre. The partnership will deepen our district's ability to support promotion, planning and implementation of school mental health. Helping school professionals move to action, based on available student well-being data. The partnership is also helping us collate and analyze our data, providing evidence-based mental health and social-emotional learning resources, information and tools to school professionals within our district. They are connecting our school communities to other mental health and wellness resources and initiatives in BC. Offering support for school counsellors and psychologists, who are providing mental health and substance use care to students.

Another highlight for our district is a short video has been produced to assist other districts in the implementation of the Indigenous course as a grad requirement. If you'd like to see it, this video can be found on YouTube by searching for Indigenous-focused graduation requirement. The video is 3:02 minutes and is the third result in the search.

The proposed 2025-2026 school calendar is now on the website for feedback. The holiday dates are aligned with our neighbouring district, SD67, and follow the classroom/teaching hours required by the Minister of Education and Childcare.

Please note we are heading into our budget consultation timeline. Surveys will be going out through your schools. As parents, you can give your list of priorities via these surveys. All citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend any upcoming consultation meetings. The schedule of these public meetings can be found on our SD53 website.

For more information, please contact Sholeh Pickell, School Trustee for SD53, by emailing to spickell@sd53.bc.ca.

b. Administrator – Katie Poole

Summary

- Thanks to everyone that came out for ice skating - it was fantastic, the kids all loved it.
- Family literacy week went really well, Katie didn't hear of anything happening at the mall, usually they have stuff happening at the mall. We did a lot of drop everything and read activities, sent an activity home + pizza pizza coupon (read 10 books and receive a free slice of pizza), spirit team activities.
- The Grade 3's went to Okanagan Similkameen Day and had a ton of fun.
- The Div 6 went skiing.
- MDI was completed by the Grade 6's - Middle Years Development Instrument - Assessment gaining a deeper understanding of children's social and emotional health, well-being and assets during middle childhood - from their own perspective - we use that for evidence to guide our school plan / district plan later on.
- Student learning survey is out - that is usually open for parents of students grade 4-6, but we are doing the whole school, because our school is small - there should be an email from Julia and it's in the February newsletter as well. It will take 5 minutes to fill out and will be super helpful. We use it for data to guide out teachers.
- We have added the Dumpling house to our hot lunch - supporting another family in our school, they are also providing it for \$5 - which is great. The kids seem to like it. Katie has gone around to all the classes to ask them how they are liking hotlunch in general/ anything that they don't like - the kids are not complaining.
- We are using the kitchen every day, which is nice. We are not serving hot lunch from the office anymore, which is fantastic. Same for pizza day. Teachers are also hoping to be in the kitchen more often
- Pink the Rink is tomorrow (Feb 7th) - 159 tix sold (Parents and Kids). Should be a ton of fun.
- Div 5 is going Ice fishing tomorrow (Feb 7th) with teacher Jenny Martin, which should be cool.
- Swimming began - the lady is having a hard time with the booking. She was supposed to get back to Katie again yesterday (Feb 5th), she didn't. Lots of back and forth. Might have to start after spring break.

Not sure, Katie will keep trying. They did not have us booked in, but they were so great. They were awesome and super apologetic about it. They are going to get us in the water at some point. The kids had fun.

- Gymnastics is starting. Equipment will be here on Feb 12th. We'll start on the 13th and that will run till spring break.
- Badminton starts. We'll have a Badminton team this year. Not sure who is coaching that.
- We just had a Basketball game. We won against the girls at Senpaq'cin School. There was funny business there too. They had us in the girls league, but were not girls. We'll play them again. Good learning opportunity. The boys were proud.
- District tournament - February 24th at Osoyoos Elementary.
- We have the PLMA (Penticton Minor Lacrosse Association) coming on February 11th - thanks to PAC for that. That will be awesome. They will do clinics throughout the day, teaching the students about lacrosse and advertise PLMA.
- PAC asked what teachers would like with the 50/50 money. They had a whole list of items, but all agree on I pads for the classrooms. Ideally 6 ipads per classrooms. Teachers would need approx 20 ipads, not to say PAC has to buy all 20 ipads.
- Parkour dates - April 28, 29, May 1st (Two div each date)

c. **Treasurer** – Erin Lang

i. Accounts update

1. Small Business Account (CHQ) – \$7569.83
2. Gaming Account – \$1900.92

Erin handed out copies of what we are spending money on/ stuff that's coming up:

Summary:

- Looking pretty good. Don't have 50/50 in there yet
- new - Tickleberries fundraiser - for fun - not necessarily a money maker - we'll talk about that in March
- Yanti in yellow - we talked about perhaps not doing Yanti and doing Bobby Bovenzi instead.
- Bobby Bovenzi - \$2200 for the week - show at the end of the week.
- Katie - Bobby has us booked in/ pencilled in if we went with him (should we follow up?)
- Q - do we keep Yanti? Primary teachers are not interested in Yanti for a full week. Might be nice for her to come for a day for the intermediates. Primary kids were just singing. Decided to put Yanti on hold for the year.
- Yearbooks - will be less. No expense/ tax only. The book cost will vary depending on what type of copy you get - hardcover vs softcover.
- 50/50 - will be later, but we need to decide what to spend the money on. It will not be going towards our regular expenses/ things that we play for. It will go towards something specific.

Motion put forward have Bobbi Bovenzi for a week at \$2200 - Erin

1st: Ivy

Seconded: Alisha

All in favour - yes

Dates: June - TBC. First two weeks of June was available

3. Business

a. Secretary position (Alisha)

- i. We are still looking for someone to fill the role. Alisha posted to Facebook, any interest? Katie sent an email. Kari Hill made herself available.

Motion for Kari Hill to be secretary: Alisha made the motion

1st: Erin

2nd: Catherine

All in favour - motion passed

b. Constitution and Bylaws review (Alisha)

Constitution and Bylaws review

Erin - We need to review our constitution, change/ update things that are not working properly.

We need to form a committee that will meet outside of the meetings. Rewrite, change and bring it back to PAC to review. Meet a couple of times between now and the AGM. Current bylaws are posted on the website

Motion to form committee to change/ rewrite the bylaw : Erin

Kandis: 1st

2nd: Kari

All in favour - yes. Motion passed

Amended Feb 7th to add Ivy, Jeremy, and Chelsea to the committee

Committee Members

Kari

Erin

Angela

Barbara

c. 50/50 (Kandis)

i. Allocation of funds

Allocation of funds

Ipads - brought forward by teachers

Cons - Ipads don't last forever - new software every 3-5 years/ they are not used anymore

Q: Ipads vs Android: Teachers prefer ipads/ have always used ipads

Katie - to ask whether teachers want ipads or android.

Other ideas

- Mrs. Brockholm - Robotics. We have some that belong to the school district
- Playground updates - more equipment. Some of it needs to be fixed - eg. Glider - does not work. Wear out over time
- Gymnastics mat - to be replaced - RDOS. Nancy ordered or is in the midst of ordering

Should we post a poll? Time limit. Kandis wants to start/ roll it out asap.

We could post a poll for what to spend the extra of the money on. Eg robotics

Make a motion to have the 50/50 money go towards 'Upgrading school technology' - Kandis

1st: Erin

2nd Chantelle

All in favour - yes. Motion passed

The idea would be to put the 50/50 out there asap.

Marketing Plan

QR code

PAC page

Skaha Matters

Spaces

Posters - Barbara and Kari

Flyers - post them all over community

Stickers?

d. BCe ID registration (Erin)

Erin received an email and found out that all the forms that need to be filled out for the gaming grants ect - goes unto the BCe server - any documents have to be approved on this system and we need to appoint a person to manage this/ have credentials/ login.

i. Motion to allow Erin to create and access BCeID - motion made by Jeremy

1st Kandis

2nd Angela

All in favour - motion passed

e. Criterion on Demand (Erin)

That's how we watch movies during movie night. We realized in Jan that we were using someone else's login, requiring our own subscription to continue movie nights. We were under the impression we were using a district account (completely innocent).

\$175 / license for the year - we make that money in a movie and a half.

Motion for License -Criterion on Demand - PAC - Erin

1st - Kandis

2nd - Alisha

All in favour - yes

Katie now needs to file a report on what movies we are watching.

We hope the movie nights will pick up a little. It's been slow. Lots of kids were sick.

f. Pink the Rink (Alisha)

Tomorrow is Pink the Pink at 7pm

18 schools are attending. 25 were invited. 10th Anniversary

Posters / Banner - Katie

Wear your Pink / Be loud

4. Wrap Up

a. Skaha matters communication for March

50/50, Belich Bucks,

Belich bucks we have \$1200 in points - use for movie stuff, teachers - end of year trays

Suggestions Coming up - Easter egg hunt - school, pizza?, teachers - basic kitchen supplies / party supplies? Public acknowledgement - Skaha Matters. eg. Cart full of movie night supplies - photo.

b. Open Table - comments/ concerns

i) Amount of time for lunch - We had parents concerned about the amount of time for lunch. In a class before lunch, late, less time for eating lunch. Katie - they are allowed to take their lunches outside.

Games being played - distraction. Katie - if they don't have a distraction, they run around.

ii) Dance - We had it on our list to have a school dance in April. We have budgeted \$500 for the dance. Erin will reach out to a DJ to hear what the cost might be. Rent the gym. More to follow next month.

5. Next Meeting – March 6, 2025
6. Adjournment 7:15pm