

Okanagan Falls PAC
Meeting Minutes
OFES March 5th, 2025, 6pm

1. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Introductions

- In attendance: Barb Langston, Kari Hill, Ivy Yoder, Jeremy Frausel, Cathrine Golinsky, Angela Mavety, Chantelle Bruwer, Erin Thone, Chels Fairweather, Alisha Hardy, Sholeh Pickell.
- Call to order: Meeting start at 6:04pm

b. Adoption of agenda:

- Adopted: Erin T
- Seconded: Cathrine G

c. Approval of minutes from February 2025 meeting

- Motion to approve: Erin T
- Seconded: Kari H

2. Reports

a. School Trustee – Sholeh Pickell – Board Report –

A preliminary 2025-2026 budget consultation meeting was held on February 19. There are more meetings and presentations scheduled in the upcoming months. As well, partner groups have been forwarded a fillable survey to obtain their thoughts on priorities for the upcoming budget and how they align with the district's strategic plan. The committee will discuss this information at upcoming meetings.

Finally, the Board passed the 2024-2025 amended annual budget at the meeting and the signed documents will be forwarded to the ministry.

The Board of Education of Okanagan Similkameen is pleased to announce that it has completed an updated Local Education Agreement (LEA) with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. LEAs play a vital role in fostering strong partnerships between school boards and First Nations communities, ensuring positive educational outcomes for First Nations students. This updated LEA will remain in effect for a five-year term. The Board would like to thank the representatives from USIB and staff from SD53 for their work on this document.

Grade 6 Numeracy Screener Update: On February 20th, Grade 6 teachers from across the district gathered to continue their work on the recently developed SD53 numeracy screeners. Since October, these educators have been utilizing these screeners and are now focusing on instructional strategies to support students who are not demonstrating proficiency. Improving numeracy skills remains a top priority in the District's Strategic Plan.

Child Care in Keremeos: We are excited to announce the opening of Presidential Kids Academy Child Care in Keremeos! The centre is located at the Keremeos YouLearn building and offers 12 licensed spaces for infants and toddlers. They will begin welcoming families on March 3rd. We are pleased to offer these services to families in the community. A few spots remain available, so register now!

SD53 Career Programs continue to make significant strides in supporting students' transitions into various post-secondary pathways. Through strategic partnerships, grant funding, and program expansion, we are ensuring that students have access to valuable career education opportunities. We look forward to further growth and continued success.

Cyber security training for employees: This training for employees fosters a culture of security awareness, ensuring that everyone in the organization understands their role in protecting sensitive information. This training is crucial as it helps prevent data breaches and cyber attacks by educating staff to recognize and respond to potential cyber threats. On Friday, February 21, 2025 the district released to all employees a fourth set of two modules from Fortinet in its continued effort to educate staff and safeguard information.

b. **Administrator** – Katie Poole

February was a busy month, lots happened: Basketball, Lacross, Gymnastics, swimming, hockey, pink the rink, ice fishing, pink shirt day

March's update: first week is Drill week. Friday at noon is fire alarm.

Come rhyme with me was first week for kindergarten.

9 Kindergarten registered for next fall. 96 students registered for next year so far. Spring break

March 17- 28 Back in school March 31. April has a talent show coming up.

Thank you to all PAC volunteers, to spite recent challenges.

c. **Treasurer** – Erin Lang

- Small Business Account (CHQ)– 7673.33
- Gaming Account – 1675.92

3. Business

a. **Discuss Dance**

DJ Pricing, Date, Marketing, Concession

OES's DJ has offered to DJ for us for "free" ie: gift donation for his time. Suggested amount \$200-\$300.

Angela and Ivy to work on dance. Concessions and posters.

Date April 11, 6pm – 8pm

Family dance.

Motion for date: April 11 with \$500 budget including DJ

Adopted: Catrine G

Second: Erin T

All in favor

b. **Year end Party idea's**

Katie talked to teachers, they would like to see the same as last year. Loco landing was nice. Beach Day 100% non-negotiable.

Suggesting of a "Fun day" using rental company, i.e.: Amusing fun rentals: Bouncy House, Foam Pit, Etc. Chantel to contact companies for fun day pricing and availability.

Erin says \$2500 is estimated budget for year end celebration.

Loco Landing cost is: \$22.50 per student. For 3 hours.

Motion to decide a price and move to April

Adopted: Alisha H

Seconded: Ivy Y

c. **Tickleberry's Fundraiser**

d. Motion to Move to April agenda

Adopted: Erin T

Second: Ivy Y

e. **Anonymous Suggestion box**

Move to school suggestion box. Pac not interested. No vote held.

f. **50/50 Raffle – Kandis with update**

Kandis unable to attend. Raffle is over \$2000 and growing, please keep sharing on social media.

Skaha matters has run a ¼ page advertisement.

4. Wrap Up

a. **Skaha matters communication** for MONTH (Chantelle)

Thank you for community support for raffle., and meat draw. Parkor, movie nights. Meat Draw April 26 at 3pm.

b. **Open Table** – comments or concerns.

Next movie night Friday 14th

Have Katie set up with Nancy.

Meat draw March 15th

Issues with PAC can now be redirected to PAC mailbox in office.

Reach out to Kyle for photo op, put on April agenda.

5. Next Meeting – April 3rd, 2025, 6pm

6. Adjournment Meeting end: 7:19pm