

Okanagan Falls PAC
Meeting Minutes
OFES April 7, 2025, 6pm

1. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Introductions

- In attendance: Christine Meunier. Kandis Pohl. Alisha Hardy. Katie Poole. Chelsea Fair. Kyle Belich. Cam Hutchison. Chantelle Bruwer. Sholeh Pickell. Erin Thorne. Ivy Yoder. Ang Marcinko. Cathrine Golinsky. Kari Hill
- Call to order: 6:01pm

b. Adoption of agenda:

- Adopted: Erin
- Seconded: Chantelle

c. Approval of minutes from March 2025 meeting

- Motion to approve: Kandis
- Seconded: Erin

2. Reports

a. School Trustee – Sholeh Pickell – Board Report –

The following are some highlights of the recent Board of Education meeting held on March 11, 2025. Staff reported that in addition to the Provincial government committing to another year of the Feeding Futures Fund, the Education Ministry and Federal Government have finalized an agreement for supplemental food program funding. Over the 5-year commitment, the province will receive over \$71 million and in the first year, our district will receive \$65,538. The Board extends its gratitude to the governments of Canada and British Columbia for their commitment to the health and well-being of students through the signing of this agreement.

The district is please to confirm that it will be offering the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, Healthcare Sampler, and Tech Sampler programs next school year at Okanagan College in Penticton. As well, the Trade Sampler (previously known as the Gateway to trades) will also be held at Okanagan College next year. The District will be coordinating with public transit to students from all communities to have broader access to trade training opportunities.

The Dual Credit program in our District continues to have great success. Some students have completed semester one courses and received their credentials, and semester two is beginning. Currently the district is in the process of getting students assigned and registered into dual credit seats for the 2025-2026 year. The success of this program has not gone unnoticed by other districts in the province who continually ask for insights as to its success.

Over 60 students have been placed in the district's work experience program in various work environments throughout the district. This work experience is invaluable both exposing students to possible career paths and preparing students for those careers which they may have already chosen. Once again, the district would like to thank all the local businesses who are participating in this program.

Operationally, the Board passed the 2025/2026 school calendar. It has now been sent to the Ministry and will be posted shortly on the district website. Additionally, the Board approved an amended capital bylaw to ensure the completion of electrical upgrades at the Oliver bus garage in order to finalize the installation of charging units for new Electric busses.

Finally, the Board would like to congratulate the teachers and students at SOSS on the multiple-sold out performances of "Footloose", this year's musical production. All reports are that the vocals and choreography were unmatched and enjoyed by all. We look forward to the next one!

The board wishes all a safe spring break!

b. Administrator – Katie Poole

Inline skating was started this week. The Kids loved it. Big compliment to our students for listening skills and good manors from the instructors. April 10th and 11th are parent teacher conference and therefor half days. April 16th Division 6 has a bike ride field trip. April 17th Talent show 10:30 – 11:30, parents are welcome to attend. April 17th, easter egg hunt at the school. RootLoops at Venables in April. Community cleanup is April 22. April 28th and April 29th and May 1st is parkour. Run club has started up again. Just started badminton, chatting with the district to see if there will be tournaments. We have head lice. Remind them to not share clothes or hats. Student vote, to teach about the federal

election is for the intermediate students on April 25th. April 30th is a half day. Grad photos will be May 30th. May 30th is Formal day for the whole school.

c. Treasurer – Erin Lang

- Small Business Account (CHQ)– \$10609.37
- Gaming Account – \$1675.92

3. Business

a. Kyle Belich Guest speaker, Belich’s bucks and the community. Set date for photo op.

Belich bucks for the PAC will be combined with breakfast program from Lions’ club, seniors center, and music in the park. To date 1.1 million bucks have been donated so far from the community. Moving forward, 5 events per year for PAC will be sponsored. Items like popcorn, hot dogs, breakfast sandwiches, chips, pop, water etc.. Would like to know in advance for all 5 events, and have it communicated through Katie (principle). All 5 events to be submitted at once, and the beginning of the school year, Sept or October. No more coming in and grabbing whatever with the points. The Belich bucks’ redemption needs structure to be fair for the community the kids and the school. We are welcome to do fundraising at the store, we can use the whiteboard for advertisement, flyers at tills, and use of space in front of the store. Chocolate bar sales, etc.. For events that are sponsored, put it out on the socials, Skaha matters. Please make a sign for the concession table acknowledging the store. “Well fed by Belich bucks” or something witty like that. In return, can we please write a letter of acknowledgement and recommendation for community engagement for independent grocer of the year award, through the CFG. Need letter by the beginning of May.

b. School Dance, final date and details

April 17th, 6pm – 8pm Free family event. DJ is booked, gift is ready for the DJ, \$500 budget, just under that is spent. There will be a door prize. No food or concession. Flyers to come home, and posters will be up around the school. Morning announcements. Dance is called GLOW INTO SPRING. Glow party, black lights. Wear white.

c. 50/50 Fundraiser update.

\$3960 was the total raised, \$1980 Dollars was the prize, Jane Mavety was the winner and is donating her winnings back to the school. She will be meeting with Katie next week to discuss what she would like her donation to go towards. The money went into the chequing account, Kandis and Erin to sort it out how to transfer it to the gaming account. Minus the fee’s from rafflebox, our total was about \$1500. There were processing Fee’s of \$473.27, which is about 24% of total sales.

d. Tickle Berry’s Fundraiser

Erin: Tickle berry’s lets you make your own flavour, a tub is \$40, and we will need 2, which will do 125 people. Idea is making it a fun treat for the school. Guess the jellybeans in the jar, and that that person pick the flavour? Wrap it into the fun day? Get the kids to submit idea’s and draw a winner? Write a sentence or two for why your flavour is the best? Writing contest? Have the kids vote? Final decisions is for a writing contest to be run by the school, where the winner picks the ice cream flavor and treat day date to be determined.

Motion to sponsor

Adopted: Christine

Second: Kandis

All in Favour

e. Year end Party/Fun day

Teachers love the idea of a funday, only issue is need for parent volunteers.

We have two options; one is AMUSING FUN RENTALS. Other is LOCO LANDING.

Fun day at school is: \$2312.80 or foam is \$1096.16

Loco Landing is roughly: \$2250

RDOS has offered use of lawn games. Inflatable Obstacle course x2, bounce house, glitter tattoos, inflatable lawn darts.

June 19th or 23th, or the week of the 16th to the 19th

Motion to approve for fun day

Adopted: Erin

Seconded: Kandis

All in Favor

f. Fundraiser to be run by rise and shine on our behalf.

Rylee from rise and shine would like to help with our technology fundraiser for the enrichment of our students with a raffle basket to help us achieve our goal of \$12000 for the iPads.

g. Set date for AGM – if separate from May meeting, do we still want the last meeting in June?

Regular may meeting to be held on May 1st, and the AGM to be held the May 28th, and no June PAC.

h. Nominations for executives at next months AGM

Treasurer: Erin Thorne – rescinded April 7th at 9:54pm via email Open

Secretary: Kari Hill

Member at large: Chelsea Fair - can't be signer on cheques, conflict of interest

Member at large, communications: open

Vice chair: Kari Hill

Chair: Kandis Pohl

4. Wrap Up

a. Skaha matters communication for MONTH (Chantelle)

Raffle update, rise and shine will be doing a raffle. The AGM coming up. Thank DJ Victor, for school dance.

5. Next Meeting – May 1st 2025 at 6pm, school library.

6. Adjournment 7:20pm