

Frances Kelsey Secondary Parent Advisory Council
Meeting – November 22, 2006

In Attendance:

Patti Carfantan	Marilyn Sandford
Annie Cossey	Andrea Schroepfer
Trisha Daniell	Susan Stacey
Joan Hartley	John Thomas
Ruth Jones	Wendy Thomas
CJ Kubica	Shannon Walker

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. CJ Kubica explained the addition of times for the various discussion items in order to ensure items are dealt with in a timely manner and that the meeting doesn't get off track.

Motion to adopt the agenda (Wendy Thomas); seconded (Annie Cossey); CARRIED

Corrections were noted for the October 25, 2006 meeting – the spelling of two names and that John Bird is the Victoria DPAC President not a Victoria School Board Trustee as originally indicated in the minutes.

Motion to adopt the minutes from the October 25, 2006 meeting (John Thomas); seconded (Trisha Daniell); CARRIED

Correspondence:

General correspondence was distributed to meeting attendees.

Executive Reports:

- President – CJ Kubica:
 - The new style of agenda will include times for each item. Parents were asked to hold questions until a report has been presented. This will allow the presenter to complete the report without losing a train of thought and there may be times when the answer to a question may be covered further in a report.
 - Coffee & Chat will be held November 23, 2006 for interested parents.
 - A very informal meeting with Wendy Thomas, CJ Kubica and the school's art teachers to discuss the Orca project, possible improvement to the dedication to Frances Kelsey as well as the possibility of a mural in the gym. The art teachers will discuss these items and a committee will be formed.
 - There was an e-mail sent to all Grade 12 parents regarding a Grad meeting held last night and there were approximately 40 parents in attendance. This form of meeting notice worked well for this group.
 - The Student Funding Assistance Request form is now being used as no additional comments were received after last month's meeting.

- Secretary – Joan Hartley:
 - Met with Terry Parker (school Webmaster) regarding the PAC portion of the school website. This has now been updated with current information. The website could be used for parent surveys if there is a need to do so. Terry will look at the possibility of adding a "Frequently Asked Questions" area on the website.

- The “Student Funding Assistance Request” form is on the school website, the PAC bulletin board or the PAC mail box.
- Received correspondence regarding a cruise lottery that could be used for fundraising.
- DPAC – Trisha Daniell & Susan Stacey:
 - DPAC budget was discussed. Funding is received from school board and gaming grants.
 - Speaker – Michael Bortolotto (motivational speaker) will be speaking at Quamichan Middle School on Thursday, November 24, 2006 at 7 pm.
 - A briefing paper regarding school fees was made available from John Bird (Victoria DPAC President).
 - Looking for suggestions regarding the Grad Portfolio.
 - PAC will have until January 12, 2007 to submit any resolutions for the BCCPAC Conference. If a PAC submits a resolution and it is adopted at the BCCPAC Conference, the PAC is expected to work with the appropriate parties where necessary. The proposed resolutions must be adopted by a PAC before they can be submitted.
 - Susan Stacey was elected as the DPAC Representative.

Motion to destroy the ballots (Trisha Daniell); seconded (John Thomas); CARRIED

- Treasurer – Annie Cossey:
 - Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statement were provided.

Motion to fund Sr. Girls Volleyball \$2,000 as a portion of their original funding request (Annie Cossey); seconded (Wendy Thomas); CARRIED

- School Planning Council (SPC) – Wendy Thomas:
 - The SPC has not met yet as they are waiting for the statistics from the Provincial Government regarding student marks.

Principal’s Report – Marilyn Sandford:

- Refer to attachment.

Old Business:

- Sport Court Update – John Thomas:
 - The location is limited by the slope of the land. It is hoped school district staff can start installation in March or April 2007 (depending on the weather).
 - Site shots (elevations) are being taken and drawings are being completed.
 - Required materials would be purchased by PAC with the labour costs covered under the school district’s maintenance budget.
 - Proposed court size is 50’ X 100’ (full basketball court is 84’ X 50’ plus margins). The site is not long enough for a regulation length basketball court but there will be 2 basketball keys and a centre line.
 - Sport Court Committee members are John Thomas (Chair), Marilyn Sandford, Carla Peltier and CJ Kubica.
 - Letters for funding requests need to be completed as soon as possible.

Motion that the Chair of the Sport Court Committee has the authority to write funding request letters on behalf of the PAC (Susan Stacey); seconded (Patti Carfantan); CARRIED

New Business:

- Balance Day – Wendy Thomas:
 - One of the SPC's goals is Health and Wellness. Balance Day provides all students with conferences and break out sessions about careers, lifestyle, hobbies, etc. Previous sessions have been very well received by the students.
 - Asked parents for ideas and possible speakers and or activities.
 - Details will be provided as plans are finalized.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Wendy Thomas); seconded (Annie Cossey); CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday December 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the library.

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Principal's Report

November 22, 2006

General

- Balance committee continuing to meet.
- SAVE training session was held last Tuesday, November 15th.
- Grade 9 Social Studies classes participated in a re-enactment of the battle of the Plains of Abraham on the upper field.
- SS11 classes – guest speaker Dr. Weaver (UVIC) – Global Warming
- Planning continues for spring break trips to Greece, France, Italy, Spain
- There have been 31,057 pages viewed since November 7th at fkss.ca. This includes the viewing of 1648 network pages.
- Post-Secondary workshops took place Monday for grades 11 and 12 students.
- The first Earn Your Wings and Dome lanyards have been issued.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony included the School Choir and Band, Theatre students and Veterans.
- November 22nd: Information Night for Parents–Grad Programs (counselors and administrators). 50 parents attended
- 149 Grade 9 students participated in “Take Your Kids to Work Day”
- Global Issues – November 21st. A viewing of Al Gore’s “An Inconvenient Truth” with speaker Dr. Audrey Dallimore.

Students

- Rehearsals for major production in Drama. Performing Arts are ongoing.
- Junior ‘A’ Girls Volleyball team won Mid-Island Tournament. Junior ‘B’ Team came in 3rd.
- Senior Boys Soccer team placed a strong, hard fought 3rd at the Island Championships.
- Rugby teams are still competing and remain always enthusiastic.
- Senior Field Hockey had a terrific season playing at the Mid-Islands and Islands.
- Junior Girls Field Hockey placed 2nd at the Island Tournament.
- Senior Girls Volleyball won the Islands and are off to Provincials
- Red Cross Food Drive will take place in Advisor for Christmas Hampers – began this week
- Action Alert Day – November 16th
- SADD Road Block – Saturday November 25th

Important Dates for December

December 4	Monthly Report Card
December 9	Grad Bottle Drive (10:00-2:30)
December 14	Action Alert Day
	Grade 12 Portfolio Presentations (12:00-2:30 p.m.)
	Christmas Band Concert (Dome), 7:00 p.m.
December 19	Christmas Choir Performance (Theatre), 7:00 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC)

Collaborative time is being provided eight times per year in the form of a one-hour early dismissal on the last Wednesday of each month (except January and June due to Provincial Exams). The staff meets in smaller study groups to identify, plan and address issues facing our school, students and the School Planning Council. The working groups currently are:

- the transition of grade 9 students into the Kelsey system
- grade 11 students success team
- *project-based learning as a model that organizes learning around projects at Kelsey*
- helping students progress by encouraging cross-curricular credits
- how do we maintain and strengthen Kelsey's self directed model
- support for teachers new to self directed learning
- how do we promote continuous progress and pacing for our students
- how do we instill a greater sense of school pride in our school community?