

Frances Kelsey PAC Meeting – March 12, 2008
Meeting called to order 7:03

Introductions around the table
Introducing our guest Dan Boudreault, Superintendent

Challenges in the district:

School closures

Approximately 1600 less students in the district

47 buses still running even with less students

60 SD in BC 37 districts have less than the 4 years experience like Dan has

Hopefully some curriculum stability within the province

Attendance: CJ Kubica, Sharleen Impett, Wendy Thomas, Patti Carfantan, Susan Stacey, Joan Hartley, Lori Hamilton, Ruth Jones, Shannon Walker, Marilyn Sandford, Dan Beaudreault, Lexi Baines reporter Cowichan paper

Had a chance to tour Kelsey with some students

Any specific questions:

Any information regarding school opening time in the morning?

Research states something that should be looked at with senior students. Buses should not drive the school system, but frequently they do. Still in the exploratory stages. There is no survey out there. Has failed in the Kelowna district. All parents/students want to be part of the survey if there is in fact a survey. No where near at all.

French Immersion plan for the south end? Never happened 12 years ago. Was a conversation. FI really needs a task force throughout the district.

South End Alternate Program-how will that affect the cap # of 1175 that is scheduled for Kelsey? 1175 doesn't include international or alternate ed. Those students will be brought into the "home" school and opportunity to take electives. Won't affect the capping of the school.

Population growth in our area? 275 students out of our catchment area, from the Duncan area. We would have a wait list. So far we've been able to accommodate everyone. People moving to our area seem to be really looking into the reasons for why they would attend Kelsey.

Concern with alternate ed kids being brought back into the regular school system.

Some will benefit some will not.

Will there be an alternate ed within our school site? Unsure of where that will be on our school site and how it is going to look. More information after spring break.

This school system is awesome and phenomenal that allows students to excel. Need to work on the balance between the kids that excel and those that don't.

Self paced system works to keep kids within the regular system rather than alternate ed programs.

Program cuts are coming. Real challenges ahead in the next 4 months. |

Motion to approve agenda: Sharleen Impett, Patti Carfantan; *carried*
Add c) New business Alternate school
Amended

Motion to accept minutes:
Sharleen Impett, Patti Carfantan; *carried*

President's Report – CJ Kubica

Dr. Kelsey's memorabilia on the way
Bust of Dr. Kelsey
Followed up with Marilyn on naming sport court after Al McLeod-delivered letter to policy committee
Followed up on student's wish list

Vice-President's Report – Sharleen Impett
Nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Wendy Thomas

BCCPAC AGM May 2/3, 2008 Vancouver complete with resolution booklet
Lori Hamilton will review the resolutions and present them to this PAC
Thank-you from Figure Skating group who placed first in the BC's

Discussion on recognizing teams that place in the BC's

Financially we are in good shape.

Motion to fund Encounters with Canada, \$125.00 Patti Carfantan, Sharleen Impett;
carried

Motion to fund 5 rugby jersey's for student use that can't afford them. \$75.00/jersey for 5 jersey's, \$600.00 belonging to school: Sharleen Impett, Susan Stacey; *carried*

Motion to fund \$500.00 Education Forum for Kelsey students in the Global Issues for 50 students here at a Kelsey: Susan Stacey, Sharleen Impett, discussion; *carried*

Student round table wish list:

Unedited list went out to have a feeling for it.

TV's not in every room

CJ asked Lori to take over. She asked everyone to write down 2 things they think are important. We will discuss and Marilyn will tell us what she can deal with/

Ideas: 3-Microwaves, 5-Seating dome, working groups, 2-TV's all the classrooms, Cafeteria, Water, Sponsor a dance, washrooms.

What can we do to keep students happier with seating? Open up room 126 with 100 seats and have a supervisor there. 8 chairs at the rear of the dome, ends up as seating area doing curricular time will try again after spring break. Didn't have the maturity impact that it has in the past. Now that weather is changing kids will go outside more frequently.

Microwaves? Are we in a position to purchase. 2 in the dome, 2 in the rear of the dome. Spend up to \$400.00 for purchase of 4 microwaves, Joan Hartley, Sharleen Impett; *carried*

Subsidized cafeteria food? Curriculum area 16 staff reduction to 7. We can not dictate what is cooked. The must follow provincial food outlines. 7 students cooking for the entire school. 4 Kelsey students, 3 Cowichan High students. Munchies, the program itself may not exist next year. Unsure as to what will happen next year. We won't know until next year. Some kind of fruit being dispensed every Friday.

Drinking water? Tastes terrible and cost is high in the machines. Marilyn has requested testing on the water systems.

TV's in all classroom. Cable's do not exist. Hesitate to spend the money in case portables have to be moved

Washrooms.

Kiosk hours.

Lori will head sub-committee to discuss and price larger ticket items and discuss with Marilyn that she can take care of

Move teacher and student wish list to go to sub committee. Talk to Lori if you would like to be on the committee.

DPAC – Susan Stacey

Meeting tomorrow.

Mostly to do with school closures, mould in schools and alternate ed programs
\$1000.00 funds available for Crystal Meth workshop

SPC – Wendy Thomas

Nothing to report.

Full day required for meeting end of March beginning of April

Principal's Report – Marilyn Sandford

2 students got 100% on Math exam

3 spring trips, Greece, Jeuneau Beach and WWII beaches, New York-fashion houses

Silver at Camosun auto cad program

Met or exceeded all provincial exam standards set by the province

Students liked other adults coming in asking them their wishes. They will meet Marilyn once a month to discuss problems.

Presented a bill for the Van \$1395.00 for January/February. Waiting for directive from Provincial governing body. Alumni wanting to provide 24 seat passenger van

Old Business –

Trades night – no date yet

Have it when programming sheets go out in April. No night will be in mid-April

Student workshops –

Dating – Sharleen no information to report

Cyber bullying – current topic and an issue in the school. Keep the invitation open so we might qualify for DPAC funding.

New Business:

Staff appreciation:

Do all together, teachers and Administrative Assistant's day.

Tuesday, May 6th – Kelsey Staff Appreciation Day

\$600.00 Sharleen Impett, Susan Stacey: discussion

Motion amended \$400.00 Sharleen Impett, Susan Stacey: ***carried***

Shannon considering doing the work, if not Thrifty's will be back up

Exam Food – something provided by parents

Juice is better received by kids

Discussion for next month

South End Alternate Ed Program – should we engage those parents now so they are included. Those parents are already part of this PAC.

Scholarship committee meeting TBA

No Student Council rep present. Megan had to study for a chemistry exam

Meeting adjourned 9:25

Next meeting April 9, 2008