

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Board of May 17, 2023

Committee Members:	Trustee Silzer, Chair Trustee Vandall Trustee VanWell
Staff Support:	Carly Hunter, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation Paul McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent
Partner Representatives:	Leila Sinclair-Wise, SAA – Elementary – regrets Kelly deKlerk, SAA – Secondary Don Peterson, STA Nola Welsh, CUPE COPACS – regrets
Other Attendees:	Chair Dunford, Vice-Chair McMurphy, Trustee Hickman, Sean Hayes, Peter Westhaver, Leo Holdstock, Aaron Bailey & Darcy McNee

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

3:00 pm

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Advocates Report – Leo Holdstock, Aaron Bailey & Peter Westhaver
2. Literacy Plan – Darcy McNee & Carly Hunter

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. 2023/24 Academy Fees

Motion:

The Committee recommends and I, Trustee Silzer move,
That the Board approve the Academy Fees and Programs of Choice for the 2023/24 school year.

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No Items

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mental Health Strategic Goal Debrief (June)
- School Plans Update (June)
- Play-based Early Learning

A photograph of four people (two men and two women) seen from behind, looking out over a city skyline at sunset. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light. The people are standing on what appears to be a rooftop or balcony. The city skyline in the background features several tall buildings. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

ADVOCACY 2022/23

Reflections and a look ahead

OVERVIEW

2023



The Current Landscape



Themes This Year



Advocacy in Action



Two Stories



Hopes for Future Years



Questions and Feedback

A Snapshot on Mental Health & Well-being

SOME CONTEXT

The percentage of children **likely to experience challenges** in their school years and beyond has **increased over time:**



The prevalence of **mood & anxiety disorders** among ages 1-19 **has increased over time***2



*Rate per 100 population (2007-2021)

Since the COVID-19 pandemic: ³



of parents reported their children had **less connection with friends.**



of parents reported their children had **less connection with family.**

In 2019/2020: ⁴



of grade 10 students reported **often or always** feeling safe at school.



of grade 10 students reported that they **often or always** feel a sense of belonging at school.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic: ³



33%

of parents reported their children were **sleeping less.**



91%

of parents reported their children had **more screen time.**



73%

of parents reported their children got **less physical activity.**

THEMES THIS YEAR

2023



The Opioid Crisis

Hit close to home across the district more than once this school year. Far-reaching impacts on families, students, and staff.



Building Community

Schools offering more extra-curricular opportunities, and a segment of students hungry for those activities and engaging.



Vulnerable Middle Years

More substance, more at-risk sexual activity, less positive engagement in community and school.



Anxiety

Continues to be a barrier to engagement in school, and for many impacts healthy habits in other domains.



Ecological Grief

More prominent this year, and wrapped up in generalized anxiety about the future.



Technology

Massive barrier to meaningful engagement, minimizing opportunities for connection at school, and not supportive of healthy family interactions.

WHAT'S IN THE TOOLKIT?

How Advocates support students

Foster supportive relationships

With meaningful follow-up across grades & schools

Transition support

5-6, 8-9, Alternate Schools, Into/Out of District

Build capacity

Amongst students, staff, and families

Connect to resources

Help students and families navigate our systems and build a team around them

Change the lens

Reframe challenging behaviour, destigmatize substance use, increase mental health literacy and promote trauma-informed practice

TWO STORIES

"Nathan"

Grade 9 Indigenous Student

Worked with family and school teams to support older sister

Reconnected with this student after family tragedy

Close monitoring and collaboration with neighbourhood school and community supports to build a plan for grieving student

Facilitated exploration of various district programs

Built a plan that involved an ILC transition, regain confidence with learning, lean on supports, with a goal of Take a Hike in grade 10

"Brody"

Grade 12 student

Transitioned from Bayside to Stelly's with strong start in Gr 9.

Significant struggles in Grade 10 year and did not complete semester 2.

ILC for Grade 11 and improvement in engagement with wrap around. Connected with outside supports (SCYMH)

Got into Take a Hike at start of program and has excelled, standing out as a leader in the group.

On track to graduate early next year.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

2023

Our ideal system

Early intervention—how do we help elementary and middle teams build foundations of resilience?

Proactive – aligned across district, informed by youth voice

Innovation—flexibility and creativity at all levels in the district

Belonging and community fostered at all levels

A touchstone for this work...



An abstract painting featuring three white, funnel-shaped vessels arranged horizontally. The vessels are rendered with thick, expressive brushstrokes and are set against a vibrant, textured background of warm colors like orange, red, and yellow, with cooler tones of blue and green. The overall style is expressive and somewhat surreal.

2023

THANK YOU!

Questions and feedback

Saanich Schools Literacy Plan

As part of the District Strategic Plan, we have initiated a committee to begin the process of planning to create a district literacy plan with an anticipated completion date of December 2023.

The committee has met twice and is comprised of district staff and members nominated by the Saanich Teachers Association.



Saanich Schools Literacy Plan

Rationale:

- The Saanich Schools Strategic Plan has a goal focused on literacy
- Various data sources reveal that literacy - particularly early literacy - should be an area of district focus
- Literacy is a critical foundational skill for all students
- Having a District Literacy Plan will assist in aligning best practices and resources to support all learners in a framework that provides equitable access and outcomes



Saanich Schools Literacy Plan

Goals:

1. To create a District Literacy Plan which focuses and aligns literacy instruction and assessment throughout our schools in support of increasing literacy proficiencies (or competencies) for all learners



Saanich Schools Literacy Plan

2. To conduct a review of the following:

- Comparable literacy plans throughout BC
- Best practices in literacy instruction and assessment in other provinces
- Best practices that infuse Indigenous knowledge and voices into literacy methodology
- Equity-based practices that meet the needs of all learners



Saanich Schools Literacy Plan

3. To consult with stakeholders (rights holders, parents, students, staff) to create a District Literacy Plan that is:

- Equity based
- Culturally responsive
- Includes targeted professional development and in-service practices
- Addresses both diversity and inclusion as they relate to literacy



To: Education Directions Committee

Prepared By: Paul McKenzie
Assistant Superintendent

Subject: 2023/24 School Academy Fees and Programs of Choice

Date: May 3, 2023

Context

Academy Fee Process

In accordance with the *School Act - Specialty Academies 82.1*, a board that offers a Specialty Academy must, before July 1st of each year:

1. Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the program is offered, and
2. Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees, and
3. Make the schedule of fees available to the public.

In order to meet this requirement Saanich School District have asked schools offering a Specialty Academy to complete an annual process:

- Reviewing academy fees for the subsequent year and, if required, provide rationale for any increase;
- Meeting with the school PAC members to obtain approval for the fees for the subsequent year;
- Preparing a letter for PAC member signatures;
- Submitting a copy of the signed letter to the Assistant Superintendent who will prepare a report for the Education Directions meeting; and (subject to Board approval)
- Schools sharing Academy Fee information on their website by no later than June 30th.

Included in the Fees

Academy fees at each school support the following program costs:

Climbing: Coach, equipment, busing.

Hockey: Coach, ice time and busing;

Judo: Additional instructor, guest instructors and mats;

Sailing: Sidney/North Saanich Yacht Club – Technical experience, provision of boats, equipment;

Lacrosse: Technical coach, field rental, busing, equipment;

Aquatics: Transportation and swimwear;

Golf: Green fees, golf professional, busing;

Rowing: Equipment rental, Technical coach, busing.

Communication

- Each academy has a tab on the school website under Programs, with a description of the course. Application packages are available, including fee structure information.
- Information is shared at the annual Open House event, and at school Info Nights.
- Details are shared in person at information sessions to Grade 8 students who are transitioning to Grade 9.
- **No students are excluded due to hardship.** Schools are able to reduce or waive fees for any student that is unable to pay. For some students, fees are waived each year.

Attached for reference is a summary of proposed fees for the 2023-24 academic year, with no anticipated increases. PACs were provided with, and approved the proposed fee schedules.

Recommendation:

That the Board approve the Academy Fees and Programs of Choice for the 2023-24 School Year.

Submitted with respect,



Paul McKenzie
Assistant Superintendent

PM/skd

**Saanich School District 63
2023-24 Summary of Fees for
Academies and Programs of Choice**

<u>Academy / Program Name</u>	<u>23/24 Registration Fee</u>
CLAREMONT	
Lacrosse (new student)	\$1,350.00
(returning student)	\$1,200.00
Aquatics	\$470.00
Golf	\$1,250.00
Rowing (new student)	\$2,350.00
(returning student)	\$2,175.00
STELLY'S	
Climbing Academy	<u>Year</u>
(new student)	\$1,300.00
(returning student)	\$1,200.00
	<u>Semester</u>
(new student)	\$800.00
(returning student)	\$700.00
PARKLAND	
Hockey Academy	<u>Year</u>
	\$1,700.00
	<u>Semester</u>
Semester 1	\$1,000.00
Semester 2	\$700.00
Judo Academy	<u>Year</u>
	\$750.00
Sailing Academy	<u>Fall</u>
	\$200.00
	<u>Spring</u>
	\$300.00
International Baccalaureate	<u>Year</u>
	\$500.00
	<u>Course</u>
	\$150.00

Stelly's Secondary School

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March 10, 2023

Stelly's Climbing Academy

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

- a) The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposed to offer the specialty academy, and

Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

- a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-24 fee structure for the Climbing Academy as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Climbing Academy is the following:

\$1300 for New Full Year students

\$1200 for Returning Full Year students

\$800 for Half Year students

\$700 for Half Year students

Signatures:

Dana Jensen
PAC Member Name

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PAC Member Signature

Mar 14/23
Date

NATALIE SALEM
PAC Member Name

[Signature]
PAC Member Signature

MARCH 15, 2023
Date

Kelly Hoffmann
PAC Member Name

[Signature]
PAC Member Signature

March 16, 2023
Date





CLAREMONT

SECONDARY SCHOOL

April 21, 2023

Claremont Sports Institute

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

- a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Lacrosse New** is \$135.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1350.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship. The fee has not changed from previous year.

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Lacrosse Returning** is \$120.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1200.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship. The fee has not changed from previous year.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

Signatures:

Jenny Eastman
PAC Member Name

Jenny Eastman
PAC Member Signature

April 26/23
Date

Judy Sim
PAC Member Name

Judy Sim
PAC Member Signature

April 27, 2023
Date

Marian Greco
PAC Member Name

Marian Greco
PAC Member Signature

April 23, 2023
Date



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- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Aquatics** is \$47.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$470.00 Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

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2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

Signatures:

Jenny Eastman

PAC Member Name

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April 26/23

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- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Rowing** is \$235.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$2350.00 Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Rowing Returning** is \$217.50 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$2175.00 Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

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2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

Signatures:

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PAC Member Name

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April 26/23
Date

Audrey Sam
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PAC Member Signature

April 21, 2023
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Marian Greco
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April 23, 2023
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- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Golf** is \$125.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1250.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

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2023-2024 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

Signatures:

Jenny Eastman
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April 26/23
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Judy Sam
PAC Member Name

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April 28, 2023
Date

Marian Greco
PAC Member Name

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PAC Member Signature

Apr. 23, 2023
Date



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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March 16, 2023

Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland Hockey Academy (No Change in Fees)

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

a) The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposed to offer the specialty academy, and

Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-24 fee structure for the **HockeyACADEMY** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Hockey ACADEMY is \$1,000 for the first semester season and \$700 for the second semester. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

Signatures:

Ashley Sosnosky Ashley Sosnosky March 17/23

PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date

Annilee Armstrong Annilee Armstrong April 19/23

PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date

Mary McCue Mary McCue April 21, 2023

PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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March 16, 2023

Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland Judo Academy Fee Change

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

a) The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposed to offer the specialty academy, and

Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-24 fee structure for the **Judo ACADEMY** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Judo ACADEMY is

\$75 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$750. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

Signatures:

<u>Ashley Sonosky</u>	<u>A Sonosky</u>	<u>March 17/23</u>
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PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date

<u>Annilee Armstrong</u>	<u>Annilee Armstrong</u>	<u>April 19/23</u>
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PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date

<u>Mary McCue</u>	<u>Mary McCue</u>	<u>April 21, 2023</u>
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PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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May 4, 2023

Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland IB Diploma (No Change in Fees)

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2023-24 fee structure for the **IB Diploma and Program** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the IB Diploma and courses are \$500 for the full Diploma program or \$150 per IB course.

Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

Signatures:

<u>Ashley Sorocky</u>	<u>A Sorocky</u>	<u>May 3/23</u>
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PAC Member Name PAC Member Signature Date

<u>Heather Donaghy</u>	<u>H Donaghy</u>	<u>May 4/23</u>
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<u>Tia Krogstad</u>	<u>Tia K</u>	<u>May 4, 2023</u>
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