

RMS PAC MEETING MINUTES
February 11th, 2025

RMS PAC Executives

President: Ana Longman

Vice President: Jaime Raymer

Secretary: Jennifer Gelz

Treasurer: Mary McBride

COPAC REP: Amanda Kraft

Faculty Administrators

Principal: Rod Baruta

Vice Principal: Alex Reid

Purpose of the PAC: We are here to advocate and support students, raise funds for extra activities or things that may not be funded through the school, and put on school events to build community and cohesiveness within the parent and student body. Every parent/guardian is a member of the PAC.

For more information, please visit: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac>

WELCOME, ATTENDANCE & INTRODUCTIONS

- Commenced at 7:03pm
- In attendance via ZOOM: Jennifer Gelz, Mary McBride, Alex Reid, Charlene Barren, Amanda Kraft, Caryn Richardson, Diana McCarron

ADOPTION OF January 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Motion put forth to adopt the January 14th, 2025 meeting minutes by Jennifer Gelz, seconded by Charlene Barren

ADOPTION OF February 11th, 2024 Agenda (Any additions or deletions?)

- Motion put forth to adopt the February 11th, 2025 meeting agenda by Jennifer Gelz, seconded by Charlene Barren

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: provided by Alex Reid

- Talent show coming up - super exciting
- Big buzz with the parent/teacher conference - interactive and very well visited
- Grade 8 course selections have begun for the grade 8's going onto RSS for Grade 9
 - Half of the grade 8's done today, second half to be done Feb 12th
 - Lots of kids absent - there will be time to make up
- The Rutland community middle schools (RMS, Black Mountain, Belgo, Pearson) together to learn -
 - Book study Anxious Generation - Jonathan Haidt
 - RSS Grad Survey from last year
 - Better mental health support for students
 - Better mental health planning students
- Artificial Intelligence - the role within the school - used to assess trends within the school
 - NOTEBOOK LM
- Reported by Mary - in the spring and late summer (August) Grade 8's can tour the building, Grade 9 orientation August 27th 9am-12pm end of the summer

TREASURER'S REPORT: provided by Mary McBride

- **General account:** \$11,748.22
- **Gaming account:** \$19,720.09
- Clarity needed for the YMCA pass funding

HOT LUNCH REPORT: provided by Jennifer Gelz

- Next ordering cycle for HOT LUNCH: Feb 15th - March 13th - ordering for April, May, June

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SD23 budget presentation - 80% of our funds go to running classrooms (supplies and staff)

- All of our grad rates are above provincial average (all students, inclusive ed, and Indigenous grads)
- District is still growing
- Approx. 4500 staff
- 383m dollar budget for 2024/25
- 2500 children in childcare through our district
- Expecting a 100 student growth for next year
- Meetings for budget prep are public and anyone can attend

Trustee Val Johnson - Hockey skill academy increases for many schools (incl. RSS)

- Feedback on budget survey will be looked at including comments
- Looking for new superintendent

Kevin Kardall - Semester 2 and basketball is off and running

- Some different news in the province with the Victoria school board being fired by the minister over the cancelling of the school liaison program - lone trustee in place until Fall 2026 (next elections)

Susan Bauhart - COTA

- Bargaining is ongoing - local should be done by the end of the month then the province will start
- Hopefully ratified by the end of June

Feb. 27th - dyslexia BC simulation - enrolment link coming on PAC communications -

https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/TrJYMFtCRDSip_0O3X3WhA - registration required

New gaming grant rules - you will need a BCEID (business recommended so it can follow school?) more info to come - see surrey DPAC for step by step -

<https://surreydpac.ca/posts/new-how-to-apply-for-a-bceid-for-gaming-application/>

Enhancement agreement survey - RMS and RSS do not have enhancement agreements

BCCPAC AGM - hybrid online - in person in Prince George - proxy or is someone willing to attend online (RSS only)

- Student award deadline for graduating students - March 31st -
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards/educational-award>

OLD BUSINESS:

- BCCPAC membership
 - Will reapply in September for the 2025/26 school year
 - Suggestion to way the pros and cons of what a membership to BCCPAC membership
 - Suggestion to reach into a BCCPAC rep to come and speak with RMS PAC to explain who they are and what they do - Ana to reach into gain a contact person to clarify - will bring this to the RMS PAC meetings before the MAY AGM meeting
- PURA VIDA fundraiser profit: \$40
 - Perhaps doing another fundraiser to be handed out timed with Mother's Day - Jen to reach out with her to set a date

NEW BUSINESS:

- Basil Cooper Photography - Spring Fundraiser - April 13th
 - Still need location and Basil needs to open booking website
- Greenery Fundraiser - will revisit run time for fundraiser in March meeting
- RSS parent info night
 - Presentation slide show on the FB page
 - RSS WEBSITE - explore it - very interactive
 - GRADE 9 ORIENTATION day - August 27th 9am-12pm - more info to follow

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:59pm

NEXT MEETING: March 11th, 2025 via ZOOM <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/7368398005>