

RMS PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 14th, 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 @ 7:02pm via ZOOM
- In attendance: Ana Longman, Mary McBride, Jaime Raymer, Tammie Grieg, Amanda Kraft, Rod Baruta, Alex Reid, Charlene Barron

ADOPTION OF December 10th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the December 10th, 2024 meeting minutes by Jaime Raymer, seconded by Ana Longman

ADOPTION OF January 14th, 2024 Agenda (Any additions or deletions?)

- Addition: move Tammie Grieg's presentation to after the principal's report
- Motion to accept the January 14th, 2025 meeting minutes with above amendment put forth by Jaime Raymer, seconded by Mary McBride

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (provided by Alex and Rod)

- Great to be back
- Enrichment starting this week - 600+ kids placed in to 30+ options
 - Starts Jan 15th and goes until Spring break
- Parent/Teacher conferences Feb 6/7th (remember half days)
- Grade 8's - doing RSS Grade 9 course selection - ?Feb 12th - more news to come
- RSS Leadership came to RMS - pep rally! So much fun
- Thank you RMS PAC for \$500 donation to the Holiday Cheer
 - Raised \$4000 - distributed to our RMS families in need
- Looking towards September 2025 --> predicting approx 600+ students for the 2025/26 school year
 - Looking for 2 more Portable classrooms installed over the summer
 - Huge recognition to the RMS staff for their dedication
- Foods ROOM will be open house for the Parent/Teacher conferences - super proud to display
- Hot shout out to the HOT LUNCH program!! Popcorn sales program!
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the schools - Alex is a part of policy development regarding the use of AI

Presentation from Tammie Grieg - PURA VIDA SOAP company

Pura Vida Soap Fundraiser -

- Order online - PAC2025 is code
- soaps \$8 each - \$1 goes to the RMS PAC
- Ordering open until Feb 3rd - pick up before Valentine's Day

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Review of general and gaming accounts
 - General Account: \$12,819.53
 - Gaming Account: \$20,564.09
 - O'Keefe field trip paid out
 - Communicating with RMS Admin re: continued payouts from the funding meeting
- BCCPAC fees not paid in December
 - Option to pay late but won't be able to vote at the AGM
 - Do we need to be a part of BCCPAC - Amanda Kraft to speak to it

HOT LUNCH REPORT: provided by Jaime Raymer

- Hot lunch ordering for February and March is open until Jan 15th!
- Parents are wondering can we time the hot lunch ordering cycle with Child Tax day?
 - This is already a consideration (expect for December as child tax came early)

COPAC REPORT (resource – www.copac.sd23.bc.ca): reported by Amanda Kraft

Jan 6, 2025 COPAC Notes

Trustee Report - Lisa Guderyan - Enrollment Feb 3rd 7am open for next year

- *Chair talked to Minister for Education and Childcare about our top wants in the district*

Superintendent Report - Kevin Kardall - some floods over the break but taken care of enough to open

- *Almost semester 2, spring concert prep is up and running*

Jon Rever - authentic family engagement conversations continue

- *AI session for parents coming in the spring - enhancing learning for our kids*

CUPE - Terry Wishlow - no news really

COTA - no representative

No recent committee meetings

Feb. COPAC meeting will be open to public - finance presentation for SD23 - registration will be coming to your email soon

PIE – Partners for Inclusive Education Committee – January 21

Upcoming & proposed events: Bylaws (February 6, 2025), Dyslexia Simulation (date TBA) - virtually, maybe Dan Duncan

ACTION *Send copy of bylaws to COPAC - central storage*

Discuss history of COPAC Parent Conference – future opportunities

Academy increases should be coming to the whole PAC from the school if they want increases for next year

OLD BUSINESS:

- November Funding requests:
 - RMS Admin have received their decline/accepted email letters, including the iPad request - Ana to update the request spreadsheet
 - This info has been shared with September (RMS admin)
 - O'Keefe Ranch field trip paid
 - Waiting for the Skating/Swimming clarification - so one cheque is produced
- Basil Cooper Fall Fundraiser - one of the biggest turnouts

NEW BUSINESS:

- Basil Cooper spring fundraiser - YES do it! DATE TBA
- Purdy's - show we do a spring - to be discussed later - Ana to set up a poll on FACEBOOK

Meeting ADJOURNED @ 7:40pm

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