

RMS PAC MEETING Minutes
October 5th, 2021

PAC Executives

President: Kaylyn Martin

Vice President: Marina Hailey

Secretary: Jennifer Gelz

Treasurer: Adrian Burton

Faculty Administrators

Rod Baruta

James Geen

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, 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

- Meeting commenced @ 1903
- In attendance via ZOOM call: Kaylyn Martin, Marina Hailey, Jennifer Gelz, Adrian Burton, Rod Baruta, James Geen, Becky Ingbritson, Kim Dennis, Lisa Vogan, Susan Ito, Janice Howell, Keaza Davis-Harris, Dilnaaz Rattu

ADOPTION OF October 2021 AGENDA (Any additions? Any deletions?)

- **Addition:** Guest Speaker (Kim Dennis), Yearbook
- **Adoption:** 1st-Becky Ingbritson, 2nd-Adrian Burton

ADOPTION OF May 31st Special Meeting Minutes

- **Adoption:** 1st-Becky Ingbritson, 2nd-Jennifer Gelz

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Thank you's to the new executives provided on behalf of the school administration
- Acknowledgement of World Teacher Appreciation Day - October 5th
 - RMS used a more inclusive term "World Educator Appreciation Day" recognizing anyone within the school that participate to enrich the students RMS experience - served coffee to all admin.
 - Great start up - smoothly - number of students = 580 approx (actual number to follow post meeting)
- COVID - this year no cohorts, 50 minute lunch break, most other COVID protocols still in place, ie/ masking, hand washing, hand sanitizing, social awareness rather than social distancing (2 meter rule)
- School Sports back up and running
- Enrichment program restarted
- CREW has returned (like homeroom - first 15minutes of each day, mixed grades)
- Truth & Reconciliation Day - Sept 30th
 - As a school we had a week long recognition, reflected, teachers spent time learning about the history, Orange Shirt Day, Ms. Harris (non-enrolling support teachers) - strong Indigenous focus with her work - amazing at supporting teachers/students around truth & reconciliation and their understanding of what it really means
- Enrichment - restart of the program - quite a lengthy process to get up and running, tried really hard to appease students choices, excited to see the students learning along the side of peers with the same interests
- Rod and James have offered guest speaker/resources from the admin to help support the RMS PAC families interests

GUEST SPEAKER - KIM DENNIS (TEACHER) - has been at RMS x 5years

- Information provided about Scholastic Book Fair - Virtual or In-Person
- Worried about the lack of opportunity that many children have with respect to access to books - many children don't have books at home or even have access to different options for reading material
- Concern about the lower level reading levels across the school demographic
- Scholastic Book Fair - no cost to bring the book fair into the school or hold it virtually
 - Essentially runs itself - we may only need a few volunteers, ?enlist CREW students to volunteer Grade 8 students to help?
 - Time sensitive due to rumors that Scholastic only comes to Kelowna Oct/November - could possibly share dates of delivery with RLE
 - Kids and adult friendly
 - In person fair - could it be held in the cafeteria or the back of the library
? Before/afterschool or at lunch hour? How do we ensure that COVID protocols are upheld?
 - If not this year or next year?
 - James to help promote this idea working with Kim to help bring this to the school
 - kim.dennis@sd23.bc.ca for more info about book fair
- Does RMS have a donation program for books?
 - ? do a book drive ?
 - Jen to communicate further to the teachers and with James/Kim to do a book drive

TREASURER'S REPORT

- General Account - approximately a little over \$13,000
 - Only one transaction - BCPAC - but will be credited back as membership is now free
- Gaming Account - \$591.64 + 2021-22 gaming grant which has not yet been assigned to account (usually deposited in later October); most Gaming funds spent last year
 - Submitted and approved just waiting for deposit of funds
 - Amounts are usually \$20/student, estimating \$10,000
- In order to determine the amount of money per student we need: The number of core teachers & the number of students, once we determine this we can assign an amount per student. Kaylyn created an online form for the teachers to ask for the funds directly from the PAC rather than
 - With gaming funds there is an amendment to the criteria and gaming funds can now be used for classroom non-instructional time - ie/ leisure activity

HOT LUNCH REPORT

- NEED Volunteers!!!! 2 parents, one hour, once a month (Thursdays) to help sort and distribute
- ?orders to arrive at 11:15-11:30am, distribution to classes for noon 'ish'
 - kids need to have lunches before lunch is out at 12:12pm
- James to include info for the need for volunteers in the upcoming VOODOO news
- Volunteers will have to sort the orders per core teachers, then orders will have to be delivered to core classes; could we have 2 student reps from each core class or the GRADE 8 WEB leaders to help pick up from the hot lunch kitchen?
- Lisa Vogan and Becky Ingbritson volunteered during meeting to help
- ?need for a HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE to help with the ordering system implementation
 - Kaylyn to explore looking at the current ordering program (HOTLUNCHES.NET) or do we implement a new one MUNCHALUNCH?
- Teachers also happy hot lunch is coming back

COPAC REPORT (resource – www.copac.sd23.bc.ca)

- COPAC rep assigned by volunteer - Becky Ingbritson

OLD BUSINESS: None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- PAC meetings: First Tuesday of each month @ 7pm via ZOOM
- COBBS Bursary - Re-application to be submitted by Jennifer Gelz

- Criteria - A student who attended Rutland Middle School through Grades 6,7 and 8, with financial need, and who showed leadership or involvement in Rutland Middle extracurricular activities. This student must now have a good academic standing. Special consideration will be given to those students whose parent/guardian was involved in the PAC
- 2 x \$1000 bursary for school year 2021-22
 - Motion put forward by Kaylin to commit 2 x \$1000(from PAC General Account) bursaries for two students; total cost would be \$2050 (2 x \$1000 (bursary) + 2 x \$50 (processing fee)
 - Motion accepted by Becky Ingbritson; 2nd by Janice Howell
 - ALL in FAVOUR to move forward with motion
- Student access to microwaves in the cafeteria
 - Yes this can be re-established in cafeteria (previously had access to 4 microwaves); the only hiccup is how we ensure COVID protocols as we are only allowed 50 people in cafeteria at a time(PHO=50 people in one common place at a time)
 - Can the microwaves be spaced out throughout the school? Not really as the hallways don't have alcoves etc.
 - James/Rod to have a look at re-implementing sooner than later
- Fundraising – need Volunteers
 - Basil Cooper Photography – Oct 23/30 Kaylyn to report \$25 sitting fee goes directly to the PAC, you get a free 8x10 photo and you are able to order more online
 - SpiritWear – Blair Sports will continue to be our contact - moved to next meeting
 - what products are we interested in?
 - ?Big Brother/Big Sister Fill a Trailer Fundraiser? No go due to COVID
 - 2021-22 Yearbook info - project taken on by Heather Painchaud
 - Purdy's – Marina to report - will try to get access to take home catalogues, fundraiser is currently open but not yet advertised to RMS families....will run in November to have orders delivered to RMS for pick up before school's out for Winter break (likely Dec 5-9)

ADJOURNMENT: October 5th, 2021 @ 2023

Next PAC MTG: November 2nd, 2021 via ZOOM