

RMS PAC MEETING MINUTES

March 12th, 2024

PAC Executives

President: Ana Longman

Vice President: Jaime Raymer

Secretary: Jennifer Gelz

Treasurer: Mary McBride

Faculty Administrators

Rod Baruta

Derek Markides

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

- Meeting commenced @ 7:03pm via ZOOM
- In attendance via ZOOM: Ana Longman, Jaime Raymer, Mary McBride, Charlene Barren, Derek Markides, Amanda Kraft, Caryn Richardson, Christina Lehnhardt, Diana McCarron

ADOPTION OF January 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to adopt the January 9th, 2024 Minutes put forth by Ana Longman, seconded by Mary McBride

ADOPTION OF March 12th, 2024 Meeting Agenda (Any additions or deletions?)

- Motion to adopt the March 12th, 2024 meeting agenda put forth by Ana Longman, seconded by Jaime Raymer

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: provided by Derek Markides

- Collaborating with Student/Administration regarding a MASCOT change (ideas provided from all groups)
 - Student popular vote - Rutland Raptors; will be working with Aboriginal artists/students to create a new mascot -
- Talent Show - being held in the morning clocks on Friday, March 15th
- School Year 2024-25 staff planning will begin in April (after spring break - Each grade will be 8 sections!
- Grade 5 articulation starting right after Spring Break - will be connecting with RMS merging schools
 - May 15th will be the GRADE 15 FunDay (9am-12pm) for Students
 - Parent night will be late April - date TBA, RMS PAC will connect with RMS admin to collaborate to have the new Grade 5 families introduced to the PAC
- Grade 8's will connecting with RSS teachers/counselors over late April/early May
- 2025-26 school schedule will be sent out in the RMS NEWS
- Next Enrichment starts April 10th (no enrichment on April 3rd)

TREASURER'S REPORT: provided by Mary McBride

- Review of the General Account
 - Balance: \$16, 223.22
 - Cheque for McDonalds was not doubled signed so \$15.00 fee incurred
- Review of the Gaming Account
 - Balance: \$1.02
 - Motion put forth to transfer \$20 from the General account to the Gaming account to be used for the monthly service charges incurred on the Gaming Account put forth by Mary McBride, seconded by Jaime Raymer
- Continuing to fulfill funding requests approved in the fall - cheques will be written to RMS - will do each request individually

HOT LUNCH REPORT: provided by Jaime Raymer

- Switched from Dominos to Good Brothers Pizza (establishing an amazing relationship with their management)
- Made in India suggestion - found out there will only be 2 options - butter chicken and veggies - wonder if there will be lack of interest
- FaceBook Poll - not a lot of voting - a lot of the places suggested DO NOT deliver so difficult to commit to these
 - Top 4 - Boston Pizza (pasta only), Dominos, McDonalds, Subway)(will deliver if order is over a certain value),
?try Chester's chicken/fries

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

Feb. 5th, 2024 COPAC Meeting

- *Budget presentation - student numbers are increasing (almost 25000 students)*
 - Increase of 34 million in funding this year over last year (just over 300m now)
 - Inflation and portable costs put pressure on this district - hoping for an increase in per pupil funding next year
 - Survey's coming soon for feedback from the community
- *Trustee Desrosiers - water disruption from breaks - thanks to parents for their patience and also staff to deal with the situation with flexibility*
 - Policy and planning and facility meeting - recommended changes to policy 405 (first nations schools of choice), 630 naming of schools, 703 relationships with parents and students, 135, grant submission
- *Kevin Kardall - smooth transition for closure of AME*
 - Cell phone policy - doesn't expect it will change our schools much - some cell policies in place already
- *Look at Anti-Racism action plan - on the schools website*
- *More talk on cell phones - parents feel that phones are a bigger problem in classrooms than what was presented by the district representatives*
 - Student devices sometimes take the place of school provided devices
 - Parents would have preferred somethings locally developed as the directive isn't clear
 - As parents we could ask the board for more than the minimum directive states (wording to come things are unclear)
 - Who will pay if more devices are needed in certain schools
- *BCCPAC parent advocate workshop - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-02-town-hall>*
- *Time to fill out proxies (Nicola Baker and Simon Adams)*

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- *Proxy signature*
- *Trustee Broughton joined us from the School Board and provided a number of updates including: An increase to school bus fees will be before the board March 13 – increase from \$400 to \$450 (note that school fees will remain unchanged)*
- *Policy 703 will not see major changes but Policy 390 (Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality) will likely hold the changes regarding Staff participation on PAC/COPAC. COPAC Executive continue to work with the Superintendent on this matter.*
- *Jesse Bruce - Director of Instruction of Indigenous Education and Equity - SD23 Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and the two vacant seats on that council for parents of Indigenous Students. Any of our members who would like to self identify as Indigenous and be connected with Jesse and his team to find out more details, please email Nicola at copac.president@sd23.bc.ca*
- *White Hatter events took place on Tuesday March 5 and the second event will be **April 23** in the same live virtual format.*
- ***COPAC Social for 2024 for Friday May 10, 2024***
- *draft 2025-2026 school calendar survey is open to parents for input. - https://ca.research.net/r/2025_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on fall funding request cheques
 - Mary now has hard copy receipts that she will issue cheques for, outstanding is the skating and swimming invoice (Ana & Jaime will follow up)
 - Date will be set by RMS ADMIN to rectify invoices and cheques offline
- Purdy's order received and handed out to families who ordered
- Basil Cooper Spring Fundraiser booked for April 14th
- Carnival - look for businesses to help support - grassroot surveying - sign up genius program??
 - Perhaps mid/late June rather than in May as time is passing quickly
 - ?look at doing it in the fall

- Spring Dance in May - parents aren't keen to pay for a dance
- RMS Fundays not happening this year - rather each grade is doing something individually

NEW BUSINESS:

- Silent Auction
 - Looking for vendors to help put together baskets
 - Great money maker (Pearson Elementary made > \$2200)
 - RMS PAC Admin has created a Letterhead for any volunteers that would like to solicit businesses in person or via email
 - Will run an online auction via facebook page x 3 days (2nd week of Spring Break); Ana to review the rules and regulations of running a Silent Auction via facebook
 - Once the auction closes - highest bidders will be notified via email/phone
- Will connect with feeder schools re: MAY AGM attendance

NEXT MEETING: April 16th 2024 @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned @ 8:22pm