

RMS PAC MEETING MINUTES

November 12th, 2024

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 7:05pm via ZOOM
- In attendance: Jaime Raymer, Ana Longman, Mary McBride, Jennifer Gelz, Alex Reid, Amanda Kraft, Kelsey Schneider, Charlene Barren

ADOPTION OF October 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion put forth by Jennifer Gelz to adopt the October 8th 2024 meeting minutes; Motion seconded by Jaime Raymer

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

- Addition: \$100 PAC fees are due
- Motion put forth by Jennifer Gelz to adopt the November 12th, 2024 meeting agenda; Motion seconded by Ana Longman

PRINCIPAL's REPORT: provided by Alex Reid

- Remembrance Day ceremonies very well presented - shout out to Andrew Butterworth!
- New Foods Room - up and running - truly a show piece for School District 23
- Fall Concert - really pleasurable experience
- UBCO collaboration - 65 new teacher candidates in house over the course of 4 days to provide literacy lessons
- Pancake breakfast - coming up! Date TBA
- Winter Dance - Dec 18th
- New Exploratory classes starting this week
- Report cards going ELECTRONIC!! - they will be uploaded to student portal - more info to come
- The Anxious Generation - many admin are a part of group that are collectively reading this book
- School Rebranding - has explored Vancouver Dean Lauze talent (artist that helped to rebrand Canyon Falls)
 - Who pays for it? - District, PAC fundraising,
 - Usually a multi-year process, collaborative funding
 - Will scrutinize where the money spent with the thought that RMS may be reno'ed or re'built at some point in the future
 - District isn't currently asking the province for funding to reno or re-build - the plan is perhaps an extension (as per previous COPAC meetings)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Gaming Account \$20,566.09
 - \$5000.00 ear-marked for Year End Celebrations
- General Account \$10,792.11
- Successful sales of merch, hot lunch

HOT LUNCH REPORT:

- Ordering for Dec/Jan remains open until Nov 14th
- Review of ID required for pick up
- Kids will no longer be called by the office to pick up their lunch - Alex to check this out
 - remind your children to pick up their lunch
 - If lunches not picked up by end of lunch the lunches will be given away

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

Nov. 4, 2024 COPAC Meeting

Jon Rever - Acting Deputy Superintendent

- *Family and community engagement (authentic and generative)*
- *How do we engage families to have meaningful input*
- *Research shows schools with family engagement are 10 times more likely to improve student engagement*
- *Families help change our system, communication with families is cost effective*
- *District trying many different events/activities to get parents involved and in the schools*

School board - mentioned the retirement of Kevin Kardall and thanked him for his hard work

Superintendent - Kevin Kardall -

- *Mentioned the outcome of the election - hopefully continue to get more schools/expansions*
- *RSS gym floor finally done*
- *Mentioned the passing of Murray Sinclair - huge voice in the work towards truth and reconciliation and his loss is a big one*

Jon Rever - have a group working on AI in education - would like to run parent sessions at some point (new year?)

Susan Bauhart - COTA - bargaining year - local bargaining set to start this week (ends Feb.). Provincial starts after

PAC 360 - some questions on enhancements - 40 requests in and with the unions involved etc. it is a complicated process - seems to be moving slowly - parents are getting frustrated - Kevin says we are in a holding pattern but he can't say more. Enhancement projects are not happening at all right now look at other options for PAC money perhaps.

Upcoming Event: Treasurer 101- November, Bylaws (winter 2025)

PIE – Partners for Inclusive Education Committee – Reminder November 19th Meeting (Managing complex health issues)

Academy Fees Reminder– PAC Role & Timeline – Nicola Baker - if they change need PAC approval so we may see a few of those

Provincial Voice - Nicola Draft Motion: That members of the COPAC Executive will engage in the work of a provincial DPAC network to support fellow DPACs, share our PAC support beyond our district borders and work with our fellow DPACs across the province to advocate for the needs of students and families and the BC Public School system at large. (carried)

Bylaws Template - will have one available soon

Building a PAC purchases idea guide – reminder

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qbdOhUWZMWf698lF6GNzeEBG9yBxrc5pQ5t7PTBskSU/edit?usp=sharing>

COPAC Executive Vacancy (Events Coordinator) – if interested, please email Nicola Baker

District and Committee Meetings- Information available on www.sd23.bc.ca

COPAC Website: <http://copac.sd23.bc.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sd23copac/>

BCCPAC Updates – Simon/Nicola - we are hoping to have some more schools willing to pay the fees this year to get a bigger voice again but things are messy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Quick review of upcoming fall/winter fundraisers
 - Purdy's remains open until Dec 1st
 - Dielmans - closed Nov 9th (not super popular this year)
 - profit TBA
 - Basil Cooper Photo Fundraiser - Sept 30th (update - 17 families participated)
 - Profit TBA
 - Look at booking a Spring Fundraiser for Mother's day delivery
 - Winter Market - Nov 24th 10am-2pm
 - 20 Vendors confirmed
 - Huge shoutout to Kassia Vanak for spreading the word to increase our vendor attendance
- Review of upcoming spring/summer fundraisers - roll out dates
 - Greenery - spot reserved for the Spring - when should be run
 - Skoggies - still waiting to hear back

NEW BUSINESS:

- BCCPAC fees - \$100 - COPAC implies that if we, RMS PAC, has the means to pay the fees - it gives us a voice within the BCCPAC
 - Mary to connect with Amanda re: payment options and what account it needs to be paid with

REVIEW OF FUNDING REQUESTS:

1. Carla Parker's request for \$1500 (for school year 2024-25) for YMCA memberships. Motion put forth by Ana Longman to spend \$1500, seconded by Kelsey Schneider to vote in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (general account)
2. Derek Weibes request for \$840 for O'Keefe Ranch (Vernon, BC) field trip - to go towards. Motion put forth by Jennifer Gelz to spend up to \$840, seconded by Jaime Raymer in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
3. Shannon Ward's request for \$10,000 for Athletic Banquet and new sports uniforms. Discussion re: request for \$3000 out of the \$10,000 for Athletic Banquet. Motion put forth by Ana Longman to review the request to fund \$3000 for the Athletic banquet at the Spring Funding meeting/AGM, seconded by Jennifer Gelz in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES. Discussion re: request for \$5000 out of the \$10,000 for the sports uniforms - specifically new Volleyball uniforms. Motion put forth by Ana Longman to spend \$3000 rather than \$5000 for RMS Sports uniforms, specifically Volleyball, seconded by Jennifer Gelz in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
4. Discussion regarding Andrew Butterworth's, Suzie McGuigan's and Sarah Pennell's request to take students skating and swimming (to H2O). Decided to pool these field trips together to provide a more cost effective, more inclusive involvement of all students. RMS PAC decided to fund the whole school going swimming once to H2O and the whole school to go skating twice at Rutland Arena. Motion put forth by Jennifer Gelz to spend up to \$6000 for request for the whole school to do one skating field trip and one H2O field trip during the 2024-25 school year, seconded by Jaime Raymer in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
5. Elan Mackenzie's request for \$400 for supplies for Craft Club @ lunch. Motion put forth by Jennifer Gelz, seconded by Kelsey Schneider in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
6. Ken Lonstrup's request for \$380 for cutting boards for Grade 8 paper mosaic project (for Exploratory). Motion put forth by Ana Longman to spend up to \$380, seconded by Jennifer Gelz. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (general account)
7. Carmen McDowell's request for \$3700 (Carmen's priority) for a second (larger) Tuba. Motion put forth by Ana Longman to spend up to \$3700, seconded by Mary McBride in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
8. Carmen McDowell's request for \$3850 for a Vibraphone. Motion put forth by Ana Longman, seconded by Jennifer Gelz in favour. VOTE 0/7 in favour, unanimous NO VOTE - NOT FUNDED
9. Carmen McDowell's request for \$490 for an adjustable piano bench. Motion put forth by Ana Longman, seconded by Jaime Raymer in favour. VOTE: 7/7 unanimous YES (gaming account)
10. Carmen McDowell's request for \$2050 for Korg TM60 Tuners. Motion put forth by Ana Longman, seconded by Jennifer Gelz in favour. VOTE: 0/7 unanimous NO

Teacher's Name	Request	Value	Which Account	Vote Result		
Carla Parker	YMCA Funding for students - this amount would be to cover memberships for st	\$1,500.00	General	Yes		
Derek Weibe	Field Trip to O-Keefe Ranch in Vernon	\$840.00	Gaming	Yes		
Shannon Ward	Year End Athletic Banquet	\$3,000.00	General	Tabled		
Shannon Ward	Sports Uniforms - Volleyball	\$5,000.00	Gaming	Yes - Modified to \$3000		
Elan MacKenzie	Craft Club at Lunch - Beads and String	\$400.00	Gaming	Yes		
Sarah Pennell	Whole school to go swimming (x1) and skating (x2)	\$6,359.52	Gaming	Yes - Up to \$6000 - 1x skating 1xH2O		
Ken Lonstrup	Cutting boards for grade 8 paper mosaic project - exploratory	\$380.00	General	Yes		
Carmen McDowell	Tuba	\$3,700.00	Gaming	Yes		
Carmen McDowell	Vibraphone	\$3,850.00	Gaming	No		
Carmen McDowell	Piano Bench	\$490.00	Gaming	Yes		
Carmen McDowell	Korg TM60 Turners - school has 30 which we helped fund last year	\$2,050.00	Gaming	No		

- Ana to send out emails to all admin regarding funding requests.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:42pm

NEXT MEETING: December 10th, 2024 via ZOOM <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/7368398005>