

RMS PAC MEETING Minutes
April 8th, 2025 @ 7pm

RMS PAC Executives

President: Ana Longman

Vice President: Jaime Raymer

Secretary: Jennifer Gelz

Treasurer: Mary McBride

COPAC REP: Amanda Kraft

Faculty Administrators

Principal: James Geen (substituting in for 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 via Zoom @ 7:02pm
- In attendance Ana Longman, Mary McBride, Jaime Raymer, Alex Reid, James Geen, Amanda Kraft, Christina Legnhardt, Diana McCarron

ADOPTION OF March 11th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Motion put forward by Jaime Raymer to adopt the March 11th 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Ana Longman

ADOPTION OF April 8th, 2025 Agenda (Any additions or deletions?)

- Motion put forward by Jaime Raymer to adopt the April 8th 2025 meeting agenda, seconded by Mary McBride

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: provided by James Geen & Alex Reid

- James re-introduced himself - assisting with Rod Baruta's absence
- Written updates distributed to families via the MyEd parent portal - contact the RSM Admin if you are unable to access, feedback welcomed; parent portal accessibility issues via mobile devices acknowledged - unable to download the PDF via mobile devices,
 - Parents questioning if online access will be an ongoing thing - YES - SD23 attempting to lessen their impact on paper use
- Enrichment programs for Term 3 are underway April 9th 2025
- RMS Principal and Vice-Principal @ SD23 district office discussing 2025-26 RMS admin staffing
- End-of-Year Celebrations - Grade 6-8 planning similar to the years passed - Green Lake field trip, Gyro Beach field trip
- RMS rebranding from VOODOO's to RUTLAND RAPTORS
 - working groups to have been established to develop new meaning to ADMIN and students as to what it means to be a Rutland Raptor
 - 3 separate working groups to look at different aspects of development
 - Logistics and funding, identity, ways to develop school culture, how to involve the entire Rutland community
 - Looking at promoting new brand through logos and events: pep rallies, swag, etc
 - RMS PAC to support endeavors - that capacity will be decided as an ongoing support effort
- Rod Baruta anticipated to be transitioning back into role over the coming weeks and James will return to home school

TREASURER'S REPORT: provided by Mary McBride

- Overall March was quiet month with respect to debts and deposits
- Review of general and gaming accounts
 - General Account: \$19,145.02
 - Gaming Account: \$16,145.26
- November funding meeting
 - Gaming Account: volleyball uniforms, craft club supplies, swimming & skating, piano benches, year-end-celebrations (up to \$4500)
 - General Account: Cutting boards, iPads and covers
- Athletic Banquet - RMS can provide up to \$2000

HOT LUNCH REPORT:

- HOT LUNCH report
 - Operations running smoothly - ordering complete - last hot lunch is the second week of June
 - Some issues coming up with respect to upcoming field trips that coincide with hot lunch - recommendation that hot lunch organizers for next year discuss what day is best for hot lunch!
 - Jaime to purchase hot lunch volunteers appreciation gifts

COPAC Meeting Ap. 7

Guest speaker - Jordan/Branda - early literacy

- We use the early learning profile - being used part or in whole by other districts
- Did a scan with elementary teachers recently - want to continue working together
- Got a grant to continue this work - need to collaborate with educators and families

Trustee Update - presentation to the board on enhancement projects

- Hired Jon Rever as superintendent

Superintendent update - lot of political things going on

- Some of our staff were very busy over spring break lots of jobs done

COTA - voting is so important (echo from board and superintendent)

- Finance meeting on the 16th

COPAC Call for Executive Nominations for 2025/2026 School Year

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfka4OQeJviuL289g0_Rt8HhVaWaes7YEKzNzzbOxW3uJyq2w/viewform?usp=dialog

Bylaws Updates Discussion – Suggestion for PACs: consider adding language eliminating co-presidents/co-vice presidents

- Having 2 people in the same role is causing conflicts in school PACs - adding language to not allow this should be considered

School Calendar – 2026/2027, 2027/2028 – complete survey for parents, share to your community

COPAC Events: AI for Parents with Jennie from Science World!

- Thursday April 10, 2025 7pm via zoom (registration https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ghqd_n28RbK6uLxXY6cgEw)

Provincial Representation & BCCPAC - BCCPAC AGM May 23-25

-Prince George BC and Online - Proxy Forms – Please complete proxy forms early (new online form)

OLD BUSINESS:

- BCCPAC membership
 - Ana Longman looking in obtain more info about the value of this membership - directed to explore the webpage to ascertain whether RMS PAC continues to pay fees and whether the membership has value or is it redundant as often the info they share is often offered through COPAC/SD23
- Update on proposed change to bylaw
 - re: allowing former PAC members to be able to continue volunteering in non-executive roles (hot lunch, etc)
 - Proposed amendment to RMS PAC Bylaw (see below)

To: RMS PAC Members
From: RMS PAC Executive
Date: April 8, 2025
Re: The amendment of By-Laws to include a subsection outlining requirements for volunteering

Issue: Currently we only hold language in our By-Laws to outline PAC member participation. We have no language outlining non-member volunteers.

Details:

We would like to add the following section in the By-Laws regarding volunteers between Other Officers and Special Committees and Representatives:

Volunteers (Member and Non-Member)

1. All Volunteers:
 - a. Must adhere to the rules and spirit of the PAC Bylaws and Constitution
 - b. Must be under direction or supervision of an active PAC Executive Member or Officer
 - c. Must be active (Member Volunteer) in the PAC or have been an eligible or active member of the RMS PAC within the last 2 school years (Non-Member Volunteer)
2. Non-Member Volunteers:
 - a. Are not eligible for Elected or Non-Elected Positions within the RMS PAC
 - b. Do not have vote or voice on PAC issues or decisions
 - c. Non-Members will become Members if one of their children enters the RMS school as an attending child

- Greenery fundraiser - 87 x \$25 Gift cards sold - profit - \$435
- Basil Cooper Spring Photo Fundraiser up and running! April 13th!
 - Any family can attend - just have to register online
 - Despite advertising attendance anticipated to be low (much like last year)

NEW BUSINESS:

- RMS PAC EXECUTIVE POSITIONS: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, COPAC, Hot Lunch Coordinator
 - If interested please reach out to the PAC via email!
 - Feeder schools have been given advertising
 - Members-at-large are suggesting that proposed meeting schedule published before the school year is actually up and running
- End of Year Celebration - voting has already been done (May 2024 AGM) that approved \$5000 towards these celebrations

Meeting Adjourned April 8th 2025@ 8:10pm

NEXT MEETING: AGM May 13th, 2025 via ZOOM <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/7368398005>