

RBSS PAC MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2020

1. Larissa called the virtual meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. ***Motion #1: "Adopt the November 4, 2020, Agenda as presented."*** Salome C. / Marie W. Passed
3. ***Motion #2: "Minutes from the October 7, 2020, meeting be approved."*** Paula W./Gina G. Passed

4. REPORTS:

A) **President:** Larissa thanked the PAC for all the hard work they do in all their positions.

B) **Vice President:** Marianne, no report.

C) **Treasurer:**

Salome reported our financial status as of November 4, 2020.

- The Gaming account balance: \$29098.57
- The General account balance: \$581.98
- The Gaming Funds of \$23 480.00 has been received.
- The previous years' report has been mailed
- The Co-op number has been added to the Whale Road location. The number is 134056
- Cobb's bread has added RBSS to their list. A mention of RBSS will suffice and the amount will be added to the tally. We don't have full details yet how it will be tallied.
- Marie will ask Liz to add the Co-op and the Cobbs information to the Raven's nest in the PAC corner section

D) **Secretary:** Cindy is away for the November meeting so Marianne C is taking minutes.

E) **Communication Officer:** Thank you to Marie and Salome from Larissa for working on updating the application form for teachers' funding. The old form may have already been used to apply for funding as the new one is still being updated.

F) **SPEAC:** At last meeting, focus was mostly on new catchments and French Immersion. DPAC summit will be held November 20 & 21 virtually. PAC101 will

be held November 24-26 on MSTeams. If you wish to receive the link, please contact them or Paula W.

G) Principal's Report:

- All admin are participating in November
- 1230 students were in the first octa. Only 8 students were not successful. 10-15% is the usual absenteeism, but current attendance is 92-98% with less behavior issues; anxiety and stress level is much better. Students are engaged and counsellors are busy with academics. Parents were asked for feedback for the first octa. 17 students have an incomplete after octa 1. Students on IEP's can be at school for the day (1 learning block, 1 support block)
- 185 grade 11 students have signed up for WEX credits (work experience). In the past they usually have approximately 60 students. They can receive credits for work experience while attending school
- Parent/teacher conference will be on 19 November. The school day will be shortened to 2 hours for each block. The meetings will be held virtually. Any teacher from octa 1-4 can be contacted. Communication has been good with students and teachers. For contractual purposes parent/teacher conferences are open.
- Octa 2 is up and running. Flipping morning and afternoon classes is not an option due to current bussing and family schedules. Preparation for door entrance/exit for octa 3 is happening. There may be a flip for the second semester for am/pm students.
- Windy Beadall has been busy with the new schools. Sooke and Surrey are the fastest growing districts in BC. Royal Bay student numbers have grown during Covid. She is working on boundary lines. A lot of emotion is attached to schools for many people.
- Starting the fall of 2021 Royal Bay will be the French immersion school. The first influx of students will be the current grade 8 students from John Stubbs. The vast majority of those students are from Colwood. The current French immersion students will remain at Belmont. The complete shift will take about 4 years as the changes are happening year to year. This is a program of choice. There are approximately 70-100 students per year.
- Catchments are being revised for sd62 due to the new schools. The schools are family based (elementary-middle-high). Some schools are over and some are under capacity. This will create long-term stability and will follow natural boundaries according to where people live. It will help to rebalance Belmont; otherwise, Belmont will be over 2000 students. It will help to minimize traffic on major roadways. SD62 has included public engagement in helping to revise the catchments. Current students will be grandfathered. The new high school by Costco will take several years

before it is open. Royal Bay has an extra 600 student capacity due to the expansion.

- There are no plans in revamping or tearing down ageing schools and replacing with new ones. A number of them have had seismic upgrades.
- The Stride program students will be handing out meals during octa 3
- There was a gas leak at the school last week and Mike said the students did a good job. They were outside for about 35 minutes in the rain then went back to class.
- The organizing of culture clubs, grad stuff, sports and academies are happening. Vending machines are up and running and the kids are pleased. Cafeteria remains closed, but students can pre-order and take out.
- Winter Formal and Santa's Breakfast is cancelled due to restrictions with covid-19. The students have been mature and gracious. They are looking at different options for Santa's breakfast.
- 10 000 Tonight will happen, but over 2 week period with drop offs
- Events are still being planned in case they can go ahead. Options are being looked at
- Mike thanked everyone for being patient. He didn't want his first year as principal to go this way and it's been difficult for the teachers as well. The school is a hub for everything and we need to just get through Covid. He said the PAC has been a huge support. There has only been 1 student suspension. They would like to see life back in the students and they miss the energy of the kids.
- It would be nice to have the parents at the grad ceremony this year. A grad video will still happen.
- For full details on catchment, please see the PowerPoint listed on the sd62 website <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2020-11/CatchmentBoundar-Review-TownHall.pdf>

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Budget Meeting Date- (Salome Crowley)

- Date to submit request for funding from teachers is Friday, November 6. Budget meeting will be held Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 via MSTeams for the Executive. There is one main new restriction for funding. The PAC is unable to reimburse for the purchase of gift cards or monetary rewards for speakers or art shows. Requests so far seem to meet the requirements.

b) Dry Grad Update – (Marianne Chase)

- The committee is discussing a viable option for the grads this year. The challenge is to provide an event to include all grads while adhering to school and public health guidelines for COVID-19.

c) PAC Fundraising – (Marie Worden)

- We have re-visited SPC fundraiser as there is now a digital option available. Marie will contact Liz to see if we can utilize School Cash online. There may be an option on SPC website for parents to purchase directly from there and apply the fundraising amount to RBSS. Marie will check into it.

6. Next Meeting will be December 2 at 6:30pm

Attendance: Gina Gray, Fern Smythe, Salome Crowley, Paula Wilson, Larissa Coates, Marianne Chase, Michelle Scoville, Mike Huck, Peggy-Anne Marcoux, Marie Worden

Meeting ended 7:46pm

Minutes approved on December 2, 2020