

## **RBSS PAC MINUTES October 6, 2021**

1. Marianne called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
2. ***Motion #1: "Adopt the October 6, 2021 Agenda as presented."***

Caroline Aked, Paula Wilson. Passed

3. ***Motion #2: "Minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting be approved."***  
Michelle Alexander, Caroline Aked-Passed

### **4. REPORTS:**

- **President:** Marianne had nothing to report.
- **VP:** No new information
- **Secretary:** Nothing to report on
- **Treasurer:** *Salome reported our financial status as of October 6, 2021*
  - *The Gaming account balance: \$5603.44.*
  - *The General account balance: \$418.61*
  - *The gaming funds have not been received yet. Was advised it would be delayed until approximately mid October.*
- **Communications:** Nothing to report.
- **SPEAC:**
  - return-to-school plan has been shared online that we are moving from a Covid pandemic to a communicable disease plan.
  - PACS are able to have meetings inside schools, but we will continue to support the use of MS Teams.
  - Over 12,000 students in SD62 this year.
  - Emergency preparedness, Constitution and Bylaws TBD, SOGI, with Advocacy, diversity and inclusion TBD
  - PAC 101 will be online.

- Hoping to have all three school districts together for the Vancouver Island Parent Conference.
- Have received many e-mails regarding covid safety.
- Talked about vaccines for teachers and staff.
- **Principal's Report:**
- Sports back in the school, 40 spectators, kids and coaches. Practices up and running, all teams a go.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. Brother Rick doing songs.
- School is settled with 3-4 new registrations for a total of 1480 students
- Second semester still growing. Cafeteria up and running
- Electric bike has been donated to RBSS. Busy moving into term 2. Parent teacher will be on 18 November online or in person.
- Nice to be in the building and hearing the kids again. Learning gaps with some kids with being out of school for so long. Working with the departments to help the students
- Covid update; 2 exposures, but not a big enough risk to notify anyone.
- No dancing at Winter formal. Option at Westin Bear Mountain for 150 kids for a dinner restaurant style. Not possible due to 50% capacity (342). This would not include the entire Grad class. Considering option at school instead of dance; live performance, magic show

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) **Robin Ruff and Mathew Kemshaw – presentation**

- Robin Ruff is a Home Ec teacher at RBSS, Mathew Kemshaw is the School Garden Educator, EMCS Society. He is also working with leadership in the district to bring students out.
- Robin Ruff and Mathew Kemshaw gave the PAC a presentation regarding the RBSS Garden and hopes for the future
- To create a food production area biodiverse garden
- Water lines put in foundation area for learning center. Grant from City of Colwood for a shed.
- Getting more growing space which can then include a compost area
- Food prep and gathering area
- Veg production area, herb, fruiting vines, bamboo, blueberries, and fruit trees
- Design by Mathew, students, Indigenous Peoples and Elders
- Irrigation installed. \$500 for three compost bins, \$2000 to get started on garden

- 60 by 40 for blank slate, wheelchair accessible, mainlines in for water but need more
- Students and Mathew working together to get this garden done
- Mathew has installed irrigation system. He will start a garden club with students
- Different themes for plants for the garden sections

**b) Mike Huck – presentation**

- Presentation on a notable school presenter – Dr. Lisa Gunderson from One Love Consulting. She provides anti-black and anti-racism/equity services to organizations, government, and businesses. She also works with the police force. These services include professional development training, consultation, and motivational speaking. She also provides limited clinical supervision for current counsellors who service BIPOC
- RBSS has the first LGBTQ flag crosswalk.
- Mike would like to have her speak to teachers on how to talk gracefully with students. Would like to hold assemblies with each grade in November (each grade will be split into two assemblies). \$3000 total
- Wants to create a judgement free safe place

**c) SPC card- Marianne Chase**

- Asked if the PAC wanted to offer these for students. Decided not to because we have the Cobbs bread and the COOP as fundraisers. It was suggested to wait and see how much the PAC would receive from these fundraisers.

**d) Dry Grad- Marianne Chase**

- Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the learning commons. The announcement will be in the Ravens nest closer to the date.

**e) Budget Date- Salome Crowley**

- Tentative date is Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. This is for the executive only.

**6. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30 pm**

Meeting ended 7:53 pm

**Attendance:** Peggi-ann Marcoux, Michelle Alexander, Teresa Janisch, Paula Wilson, Kari Moslehi, Salome Crowley, Caroline Aked, Fern Smythe, Loa Peter, Nicolle Maloney, Robin Ruff Marianne Chase, Michelle Scoville, Liska Rodger