

# **RBSS PAC MINUTES**

## **October 5, 2022**

1. Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. **Motion #1: "Adopt the October 5, 2022 Agenda as presented."**
  - *Salome/Caroline - Passed*
3. **Motion #2: "Minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting be approved."**
  - *Salome/Caroline - Passed*
4. **REPORTS:**
  - **President:**
    - Nothing to report
  - **VP:**
    - Nothing to report
  - **Secretary:**
    - Nothing to report
  - **Treasurer:** (*Salome reported our financial status as of October 4, 2022*)
    - *The Gaming account balance: \$33252.86*
    - *The General account balance: \$383.96*
    - *Gaming funds are here: \$28,320*
    - Michelle going to get signing authority, slightly delayed. Kim and Melissa to get signing after that
    - Deadline is Oct. 20 for budget requests
      - Want to set a budget meeting for Oct. 26 at 6:30 – exec meeting to discuss budget
  - **Communications:**
    - Co-op rebate cheque coming in December
    - Ray Barkwell – rugby coach wants parents to volunteer for bottle drive on a weekend in November. Info will go out in Raven's Nest
    - BCCPAC sent September newsletter
  - **SPEAC:**
    - SPEAC meeting on Sept. 21
      - Discussion for safe routes for school for the PEXSISEN and CML
      - Transportation concerns – lots of new kids over the summer so harder to accommodate everyone. Lots of overflow busses being deployed to help get kids

to school.

- 600 new students in the district for this year
- \$1.25 M that SD62 is getting for student affordability
  - Mostly food security
- Tomorrow (October 6) is meet the trustees meeting at 6:30 at Belmont School Auditorium
- November 17 – President/Vice-Presidents dinner to be held at Royal Bay School
  - \*\*Date has been changed to November 21\*\*

- **Principal's Report:**

- Welcome to Vice-Principals – Tanya Phillips and Martin Lait
  - Tanya – 2<sup>nd</sup> year as admin but helped to open this learning commons. 8<sup>th</sup> year at RBSS
    - Santa breakfast – if we do it this year it will be 8 yrs running (since school opened). Looking for support from PAC
  - Martin Lait – both kids came through RBSS. One of his roles is for permits to book meeting places at the school (if PAC needs to book a room, he's our contact); Health and Safety is another role; and main role is running grade ceremony.
  - Mark Johnson is our third VP, but he could not make it to the meeting.
- Student Enhancement fund
  - \$1.25M is SD62's share
  - Dave Strange at SD62 has come up with a plan to help spend funds
    - Parents will have student fees sent back to them
    - \$84,000 is RBSS' share to be dispensed to help students in need
      - Any incidentals that students need to make it through the year
      - School will be coming up with plans
  - 1701s are forms school fills out in Sept/Oct to show FTEs at the school
    - Some kids who take more than 8 courses are considered more than a 1.0 FTE
    - SD62 will then look at this and disburse funds to cover learning support and other support like counsellors
      - Ratio for 1 counsellor for 700 kids (provincial rules)
      - RBSS has 4 counsellors
      - Funds for special support programs will be funded from this 1701 report
  - September 29<sup>th</sup> was a Q event – 50 universities came to talk to grade 11 and 12 students
    - Next month will be all BC-based universities and colleges
  - RBSS has a wellness center with a doctor every Tuesday
    - Prefers to see students who don't have a family doctor, but is here to help with any health issues the students might have
    - Dr. Bow is the doctor on-site
    - Seeing a lot of mental health visits
    - Touring on Tuesday (October 11) for grades 9 and 10 so they know of this resource
    - Nurse Practitioner every other Thursday. RN also on-site on opposite Thursdays
    - Also working with the Wale Road youth crisis center to try and gain more access to mental health practitioners at the school

- Discovery is providing counsellor to help with addictions and drug awareness
- Can kids access on their own? Yes, they do not need parent permission
- Kids will be given the Wellness Centre number so they can make appointments on their own
- Space in the building is lacking
  - Portables coming in second semester
- Meadow Park project is up and running
  - Kids cleaning up garbage in the park
- Thanksgiving is next week – no school on Monday
- International trips are back on the table
  - 1 teacher preparing to go to Belize next year
  - Lacrosse/Soccer trips coming too
- Last staff meeting staff were reminded about PAC funding
- EAs – massive shortage happening in our district
  - School district plan is to hire EA trainees immediately before their education is complete so we can retain more
- Supposed to have Hannah Beach here on Oct. 6, but now looking to November or December so they could accommodate SPEAC's trustee all-candidate meeting on that same day
- School change requests will be opening in November so students can return to Belmont if desired
- Q: How many international students this year?
  - 112 international students and 60+ newcomer families

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

6. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

**Attendance:** Michelle Alexander, Kim Strandlund, Caroline Aked, Michelle Scoville, Melissa Da Silva, Salome Crowley, Paula Wilson, Kari Moslehi, Mike Huck, Tanya Phillips, Teresa Janisch, Martin Lait, Nancy Anaya, Meg O'Neill, Melinda Mo