

RBSS PAC MINUTES

February 1, 2023

1. Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
2. ***Motion #1: "Adopt the February 1, 2023 Agenda as presented."***
 - Kim/Teresa seconded
 - Approved
3. ***Motion #2: "Minutes from the January 4, 2023 meeting be approved."***
 - Michelle/Kim seconded
 - Approved
4. **REPORTS:**
 - **President:**
 - Looking for new volunteers to fill executive positions for next year
 - At May meeting – looking for President and Treasurer positions to be filled
 - At September meeting – looking for remaining exec positions to be filled (VP, Secretary, SPEAC Rep x 2, Communications Coordinator)
 - **VP:**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Secretary:**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Treasurer:** *(Salome reported our financial status as of February 1, 2023)*
 - Cheques have been signed this week
 - Salome Crowley - \$75 BCCPAC fee, \$381.19 Career/life skills, \$9720 Athletics, \$1495.38 careers 10/12 field trip and book club, Santa breakfast and knitting club, \$3000 dry grad
 - \$50 SPEAC dues from general account
 - The Gaming account balance: \$33,252.86
 - The General account balance: \$446.44
 - **Communications:**
 - Drivewise program – not sure if we'll get money from them yet. We need to promote the program, but it's hard to do that when
 - Might be in the Raven's nest
 - Mike will talk to careers about it because kids get 2 credits on their transcript for taking the course
 - Will promote on FB page too
 - Email from the Y about a Y teen group -13-18 yr olds
 - Meant to help students with mental health
 - Funded by Ministry of Health

- If students are interested in participating they can connect with the Y directly
 - Caroline to email Mike with additional information
 - At downtown Y, but might be at Westshore Y too
- Moore's grad specials for suits
- BCCPAC nominations for Board of Directors closes on Feb. 28
 - Must be nominated by current member of PAC/DPAC
- BCTF magazine
- **SPEAC:**
 - Meeting on January 18
 - Amanda Dowhy was trustee rep for the meeting
 - Passed 2 motions for SOGI and SOGI123 and diversity education
 - Had board meetings with Langford and Colwood council and one with Sooke coming soon
 - Budget process is beginning for 23/24
 - All KG registration programs were under lottery this year
 - PVP – Janine Brooks (district principal of inclusion education)
 - Working with KG transition and Island Health and Queen Alexandra to help with kids who need more assistance
 - STA – Emily Melville
 - New article in BCTF contract about how to handle parent concerns
 - Start with teacher first then work way up ladder if concerns not addressed
 - Trisha Renken-Sebastian – How parents learn about their children's education about gender and diversity is her research topic
 - Putting out surveys for parents to participate
 - Also focus groups
 - Question of the month: how best to prioritize spending in the 2023/24 budget?
- **Principal's Report:**
 - VP – Mark Johnston is moving to district office as VP Inclusive Education
 - Sad to see him go
 - New VP – Ryan Dube from Belmont starts on Feb. 6
 - Really strong and looking forward to his impact on the school
 - French Immersion teachers
 - Very difficult to hire qualified teachers
 - Growth in the schools it's been difficult, nearly impossible to hire new teachers
 - Hired 2 new teachers to handle Sciences 10, FRAL 9, Sciences Humaines 9
 - Teachers hired who aren't fluent in French, but are capable of speaking French
 - Other options would have been to fold the classes and make them English
 - Trying their best to get teachers
 - Black history month
 - Workshops and other activities planned
 - Each department will be working on different activities
 - Assessment week and semester turnaround week
 - Literacy and Numeracy 10 and 12 exams happened
 - Advocating strongly for a week where kids aren't being pulled from their classrooms to do these assessments and can just have time to focus on the assessments and not

class work too (similar to how it was 20 yrs ago when provincial exams were still a thing)

- Grad capstone projects completed last week
 - All did a great job
 - CLC program (careers life course) went well with how it was structured into the Grade 12 timetable. Will be doing this again next year
- Grad ski trip next weekend
 - 50 students attending
- Cell phone expectations
 - Working with committee of students/staff at school to have cell phone hotels
 - So far going ok
 - If parents need to contact student during the day, it's best to contact office to reach out
- New mountain biking academy coming to RBSS
- Bones of Crows – movie based on residential schools
 - Being shown at theater on Feb. 4 to general public
 - Feb. 14 being shown at school to students
- Grade 8 parent night tomorrow night
 - Expecting full house
 - Kids from Stubbs and Dunsmuir came to visit already
 - Bringing the students back to watch part of the theater production
- Course selection happening now
- School is growing
 - 2 portables coming soon
- Working with a person at Avignon, France to create an exchange program with students
 - 5 week exchange being planned
 - Free exchange program but need to pay airfare
 - Working on figuring out credits while attending the school in France
- Spring Fling committee formed to plan a dance for Grade 9 and 10 students in the spring
- Bringing in lifeguarding course to give the kids a bronze medallion/bronze cross certification
- Working on replacing the soft furniture that was all ruined by the Perceps disinfectant during COVID
- New reporting piece from ministry about self-assessments for high school students
 - Working on how to get every student to do this for each of their courses
 - Difficult task with so many students

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dry Grad Carnival update
 - Moving right along with planning
 - Doing a donation drive right now
 - Looking for businesses to support
 - Next meeting is Thursday February 9 at 7 in the learning commons
 - 19 people on the committee working together to get things planned

6. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Attendance: Salome Crowley, Michelle Alexander, Mike Huck, Melissa Da Silva, Caroline Aked, Kim Strandlund,

Paula Wilson, Teresa Janisch, Mary-Anne Showers, Tara Campbell, Michelle Scoville, Nevada Kaludjer, Kari Moslehi