

RBSS PAC MINUTES

May 3, 2023

1. Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
2. ***Motion #1: “Adopt the May 3, 2023 Agenda as presented.”***
 - Kari/Salome
 - Approved
3. ***Motion #2: “Minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting be approved.”***
 - Salome/Kari
 - Approved
4. **REPORTS:**
 - **President:**
 - Very last PAC meeting after 15 years of kids in school
 - **VP:**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Secretary:**
 - PAC page cleanup will happen
 - **Treasurer:** *(Salome reported our financial status as of May 5, 2023)*
 - \$17,013.85 gaming account
 - \$396.45 general account
 - Bursary cheques have also been written
 - Have not received any additional reimbursement requests yet
 - Salome emailed teachers reminding them about available funds to spend
 - Deadline for teachers to spend allotted funds is end of school year
 - **Communications:**
 - Drivewise is giving PAC \$450 for partnering with them
 - **SPEAC:**
 - SD62 budget priorities are focused around EDI, early learning, mental health and wellness and growth
 - Question of the month: Affordability fund discussion – how it went for each
 - Blanket exercise coming on May 18
 - Approachable Adult Workshop on May 10 for parents of high school students presented by Island Sexual Health
 - **Principal’s Report:**
 - Trip to France to connect with partners on a cultural exchange for French Immersion students

- Straight exchange so no cost associated with it
 - Just the plane ticket
- Students would come to our school in October and our students would go to France in March
- Mike has spoken to kids in grade 9 and 10 French Immersion and lots of kids are excited to participate
- Mike will look up rules about housing in case kids want to participate, but if families don't have room to house a student
 - Possibly another family can host 2 students
- Busy with student learning conferences on April 20
- Lots of grade 8 parents checking out the school too
- Grade 10 and 12 assessments just finished and another session will happen in June (not as many kids in that sitting)
- 1575 students for next September, but can probably expect another 100 kids between now and September
 - 2 portables to be installed over summer
 - That will house the Hub
- The Hub (blended learning for grades 9-12)
 - Setting up the timetable to allow for kids in the Hub to have access to learning and support throughout the day
 - Student will be in-person at the hub, but doing school online
- Teachers getting block assignments for next year
 - Hiring teachers for next year
 - Trying hard to retain staff under the layoff line
 - French Immersion program teachers are also hired
- No admin changes going forward
- Red Shirt Day on May 5 at the school
- Dry Grad Carnival on May 6
 - 217 students participating
- Music department came back from Whistler Trip
 - Kids did amazing at their performances
- Grade 12 going through an ICBC presentation on May 8
 - Pilot program in partnership with ICBC, ambulance service and fire department
 - Party Program that's been reformatted and is more informative
 - They'll be learning things like how to make a 911 call
- Naloxone training on May 12
- Planning day is August 31
 - Focus is on student engagement and how to have higher expectations with kids including focusing on attendance for students next year
- Hackathon was successful on Saturday (EMCS and Belmont joined too)
 - Coding exercise for kids
 - Turned out great
- RBSS Debate Club came in 2nd place
 - Thanks to Ms. Checkley for being the teacher sponsor
- June 1 is grad rehearsal
 - Students get bussed to UVic to walk through the rehearsal
 - Doing this in 2 groups
- Grad on June 4 at UVic (2 sessions)
- Prom on June 23 at Crystal Gardens

- Last day of classes is June 23.
 - June 26 and 27 are 1 days
 - June 28 is a turnaround day
- Yearbooks are on time this year!

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bursary update
 - Bursary committee met and reviewed 9 applications
 - All well written
 - We chose 4 worthy students for \$500 bursary
 - Will need to do fundraising next year if we want to give out any bursaries now that gaming funds can't be used for bursaries
- PAC elections:
 - President
 - Nominations for president: Caroline Aked
 - Caroline elected 😊
 - Treasurer
 - Nominations for treasurer: Melissa Da Silva
 - Melissa elected 😊
 - Elections for Vice-President, Communications, Secretary, SPEAC (x2) will happen at September's meeting
 - Huge thank you to the outgoing Presidents (Michelle Alexander) and Treasurer (Salome Crowley) for all their work over the years at the school

6. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Attendance: Marita Atwood, Mary-Anne Showers, Michelle Alexander, Mike Huck, Melissa Da Silva, Paula Wilson, Salome Crowley, Kari Moslehi, Caroline Aked, Nevada Kaludjer