

RBSS PAC MINUTES

October 4, 2023

1. Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
2. ***Motion #1: "Adopt the October 4, 2023 Agenda as presented."***
 - Melissa/Alison
 - Approved
3. ***Motion #2: "Minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved."***
 - Teresa/Nevada
 - Approved
4. **REPORTS:**
 - **President:**
 - PAC registration being submitted to SD62
 - Looking for a secretary if anyone wants to volunteer
 - **VP:**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Secretary:**
 - Teams account being reinstated
 - Mike will help with logistics on ground
 - **Treasurer:** *(Melissa reported our financial status as of October 4, 2023)*
 - Chequing account balance: \$810.74
 - Gaming: \$5825.97
 - Registered our PAC for BCCPAC and SPEAC
 - Scheduling executive budget planning meeting
 - October 25 at 6:30 pm
 - **Communications:**
 - School fundraising requests coming in. Deadline to request funds from PAC is October 19.
 - Garden Works fundraising info came in the mail
 - See new business for more discussion
 - BCCPAC has a new Executive Director: Tracy Humphreys as of October 1, 2023
 - **SPEAC:**
 - First meeting was Sept. 20
 - New trustee is Christine Lervold
 - 6% growth in district
 - 1.4M spent to purchase portables to accommodate growth
 - 41 buses throughout the district
 - Reminder for safety around roads for kids
 - SeaCan safety

- Flu/COVID going around
- Board game nights well received around schools
- Bursaries can't come out of gaming grants
 - Are PACs fundraising for bursaries or just not doing them
- New bus rider tracking system coming for next year
- **Principal's Report:**
 - Really good start to the school year so far
 - Orange Shirt Day Event on Sept. 29
 - Metis Society of Victoria brought a teepee and some furs for kids to look at
 - Kookum Jo Ina Young came to school to help
 - Drumming in library with Brother Rick
 - Holocaust Survivor Play by Holocaust Society this week
 - For grade 10 socials
 - German Exchange students provided some context on their perspectives of the war
 - Student learning conferences
 - Teachers will have autonomy to meet with parents, not necessarily all on one night, but teachers can decide how best to communicate with parents
 - Likely will have more traditional parent-teacher in November 23, but April's parent-teacher might look different
 - Galiano kids came back today
 - Had a great time for the 3 nights they were there
 - This was for the outdoor ed class
 - Working with Quality Foods about the kids going to the store during lunch time
 - Store has complaints about the number of students eating lunch there at lunch time
 - Ultimately, it's up to the store to figure out how to deal with the issues they're noticing
 - Currently adding a loss prevention staff member to help deal with the small number of kids who are stealing
 - 1701s are done (official count of student FTE for BC Gov)
 - Numbers are up, but not by as much as had been predicted
 - Seeing lots of movement of families moving out of district/out of province
 - 1597 FTE
 - 1620 students
 - University day is happening in October
 - Grade 12 students will get to talk to all BC universities
 - Will be other Canada-wide universities later in the fall
 - Grade 9 take your student to school day on November 1
 - Scholarships assemblies happening for Grade 12 later this fall
 - Suggestion from parent to invite Grade 11 students so that they can start planning for what they'll apply for when they hit Grade 12
 - Game Ready program being re-introduced
 - Ex-pro athletes to run after school programs
 - Get kids who are disengaged to match with these athletes to help re-engage with them
 - 15 kids at our school will be participating
 - Seeing some "gang" type activities in the Westshore (not Royal Bay) targeting affluent students getting them involved in money schemes
 - Grade 11 French Immersion Info night for the student exchange (October 5 at 6:00 pm)

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fundraising discussion
 - Garden Works fundraiser
 - Caroline will reach out to find out the logistics
 - Hoping to raise at least \$1000, preferably \$2000 so we can offer \$500 bursaries for students
 - Marita will get in touch with the board game café and Little Caesars for other fundraising ideas

6. **NEXT MEETING:** November 1 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Attendance: Caroline Aked, Melissa Da Silva, Nevada Kaludjer, Allison Hyatt, Mike Huck, Alison Jopp, Marita Atwood, Tara Campbell, Teresa Janisch, Fern Smythe, Kim MacMillan, Charmaine Wylie