

RBSS PAC MINUTES

November 1, 2023

1. Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm

2. ***Motion #1: "Adopt the November 1, 2023 Agenda as presented."***

- Melissa/Allison
- Approved

3. ***Motion #2: "Minutes from the October 4, 2023 meeting be approved."***

- Nevada/Caroline
- Approved

4. **REPORTS:**

- **President:**

- Budget meeting last week and results will be presented next
- Do we want a December meeting?
 - Yes to discuss fundraising

- **VP:**

- Nothing to report

- **Secretary:**

- Nothing to report

- **Treasurer:** *(Melissa reported our financial status as of October 31, 2023)*

- Gaming: \$35,830.97
- Operating: \$760.74
- Motion to approve 2023/2024 Budget as presented
 - Allison/Teresa
 - Approved

- **Communications:**

- Nothing to report

- **SPEAC:**

- Feeding Futures Program this year
 - Hoping to expand to all schools over the next 3 years
- Question about racism/homophobia on the playground
 - Board meeting renewed stance for SOGI and are supporting admin/teachers in dealing with racism/homophobia on playground
- Garden beds
 - Lots of red tape and expense but district is committed to helping schools get gardens
 - Districts may have some funds set aside to install gardens from feeding futures
- What's ok to fund and not on a PAC
 - Teacher wages – not allowed

- Resources and policy meetings report
 - Difference between portables and modules
 - Modules could make some elementary schools have more than 500 students in them
 - Question around what happens with PAC events when school is over capacity
- **Principal's Report:**
 - Grad assessments now done for Grade 12
 - 4 times throughout the year
 - First crack at it this year
 - Grade 10 does Math and literacy
 - Grade 12 does literacy assessment
 - Kids can't graduate without having completed the assessments
 - Assessments can be rewritten up to 3 times
 - The mark can be used by universities for scholarship considerations, but grade does not affect graduation ability
 - France trip is going ahead
 - Paring it down to 15 applicants, had 25 in total
 - Very hard to narrow down to only 15 kids
 - Tryign to offer it to the ones who didn't make it this year to try again for grade 12
 - Applied for and received a \$7500 grant for this, will help offset costs
 - Tying to get tickets booked ASAP
 - Volleyball in full swing
 - Lots of games hosted at RBSS
 - Lots of schools in lower island competing
 - Take your kid to work day for all grade 9
 - Remembrance day ceremony
 - Week long celebration of the 75th anniversary of the united nations
 - Friday Nov. 10 will be regular assembly
 - Cell phones hotels/policy has been a success
 - Few issues with students
 - Bathrooms are improving
 - Was having significant issues in previous weeks
 - TikToks encouraging kids to damage bathrooms at schools has led to issues here
 - Lots of students being sent home for vaping in bathrooms
 - Damages have ceased
 - Lacrosse
 - Girls in Vancouver
 - Boys in Baltimore and soon to be in Portland
 - Here for Peers
 - 20 students being trained to be peer counsellors
 - Visiting middle schools already
 - Counsellors are embracing this and running with it
 - Grad Halloween movie went great
 - Grads also went to Galey farms

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of Secretary Position
 - Nicole has accepted the nomination and is now the new secretary
- Fundraising

- Garden Works
 - Melissa to get form set up and e-transfer email ready to go
 - Caroline to contact garden works to ask how long it would take for them to put gift cards together so we can plan dates
- First aid kits/auto safety gear (seatbelt cutter)
 - Would require potentially some upfront costs
- Tru-earth detergent passive fundraiser
 - People order online and PAC gets a percentage back
- Flip-give
- Little Caesar's
 - Doesn't appear to do fundraisers
- Board game event
 - Not as well attended at high school level, but definitely possible

6. **NEXT MEETING:** December 6 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Attendance: Caroline Aked, Melissa Da Silva, Nevada Kaludjer, Allison Hyatt, Martin Lait, Marita Atwood, Mary-Anne Showers, Tara Campbell, Teresa Janisch, Fern Smythe, Michele MackIntosh, Nicole Blanchard