



## ÉCOLE ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

# PAC MINUTES

June 5, 2024

1. Caroline called the meeting to order 6:44
2. Motion #1 “Adopt the June 5, 2024 Agenda as presented”
  - Marita seconds it
  - Approved
3. Motion #2 “Minutes from May, 2024, meeting to be approved”
  - Marita
4. Reports:

### **President’s Report**

- It’s been a great year! Thanks everyone!

### **VP**

- Nothing from Nevada

### **Secretary**

- Nothing from Nicole,

### **SPEAC**

- Rep Alyson not in attendance but sent report, find it attached
- Highlight is Foundry coming to Westshore to support youth physical and mental health

### **Treasurer**

- Melissa not in attendance but sent report:

#### Gaming Account

- Balance as of June 3, 2024: \$14,978.84
- All teachers/clubs with budgets remaining have been emailed to remind them to spend their funds
- Gaming grant request has been submitted for the 2024/25 school year

#### Operating Account

- Balance as of June 3, 2024: \$2,855.60
- Outstanding cheques to be cashed still: \$1,000 Bursary students; \$1215 GardenWorks
- Balance once cheques are cashed: \$640.60

- End of year gift for office, thinking chocolates. Also Tanya is retiring, so more chocolates.
- Caroline put forward motion to approve buying gifts for office, not to exceed \$150. Marita approved

We received thank you letters from Crochet club, Book Club and Grad Committee for our contributions to their clubs, pictures included. Very nice.

### **Principal's Report**

- Thanks for supporting the school. We've had some cool celebrations here lately. Currently working on the timetable and staff changes for next year.
- We had 365 grads on Sunday at UVic, 2 shows, 11 & 3, 1000 people at UVic
- Had Athletic Banquet for 130 kids this week.
- Girl's soccer won Provincials!! They didn't make it to the tournament originally but a team had to leave (based on out of catchment players on the team which is against the rules), which left room for RB to join, and they won!
- Plays put on by Musical Theatre were so good!!
- We are having a music event here tomorrow. Our music department has been out in the community, played at Oak Bay Tea Party.
- Prom is on June 14 at Crystal Garden, gr 12's only. All the grade 12's will go.
- Yearbook Distribution will be June 19 & 20
- June 24 is last day of school, though many teachers will likely not have any instruction time that day and wrap up on Friday June 21. June 25 and 26 are used as days to finish work for those students who need the time. Staff will be here until July 12, back in school the last week of August.
- Elementary schools will be here for track meet on Friday June 7, Leadership helping out at track meet. DO NOT park in school parking lot. There will be parking available at the site of the new elementary school. There will be people there to guide drivers.
- 1740 students next year. 2 more portables in the front parking lot in line with the other one. Staff numbers will increase with the addition of classes.
- French program- next year will be 4 years of having French program at Royal Bay. There has been an increase in enrolment. Usually we have 80-90 kids from John Stubbs, but there are 130 students coming next year. Why the big jump? Preference seems to be to come to Royal Bay over Belmont, and this is a way to achieve that. Admin is having to take a hard look at any applications from out of catchment for that reason.
- There will be close to 500 grade 9's next year, 460 so far and number expected to rise. Grad class next year will have approx 500 students as well.
- There are not enough bathrooms in this school for the numbers, so that is a challenge.
- Each day we are going on PA system to tell students (and it helps to remind teachers) that they are supposed to stay in class, not head to bathroom during class time (there has been a lot of kids just wandering the halls on a "bathroom break").

- Sun is out now so kids are getting outside, down to beach or just enjoying the sun and fresh air.
- Can start hiring staff now. There have been cuts to the budget. Our awesome librarian had hours cut, Mike was able to find a way to bring them back up to what they were.
- Tanya is going to EMCS. Wendy Cooper, counsellor, is also retiring. There is a posting out for another counsellor, hopefully in place by September. There are others retiring.
- France trip is off and away, lots of kids signing up.
- Mountain Biking Academy has done really well this year, it's first. There are so many kids wanting in, and there is now a waitlist. Probably all Academies have wait lists, they're very popular.
- Sign up for school teams will be in the gym in September.
- Admin deals with 82,000 course requests! (1700 students x 8 classes each). It's a lot to balance.
- Bell schedule will stay the same.
- Timetables will be available on med in the last week of August. The grade 12's are able to come and speak with counsellors Aug 26-29 with any timetable issues. Grade 11's are able to discuss during the first week of school, and then grade 10's, 9's.
- Cafeteria is fantastic. They do 300 healthy and delicious lunches a day for \$6 each. (But if any student is hungry and can't afford, they can have one - no student will go hungry). Flourish is making breakfasts for kids - free program with free breakfast for anyone who needs it. Foods classes are very popular, they have added another foods class.

## 5. New Business

- Dry Grad Carnival went really well! 240 tics sold, 235 showed up.  
New hypnotist was great.  
Good turn out of volunteers for committee as well as set up and take down of event.  
Lots of new people this year that will be sticking around for next year's event, which will be helpful.  
Great post-event meeting, a lot of people came to the meeting.  
We'll likely have at least another 100 kids next year due to numbers, Caroline is talking about using the small gym as well bc there will be so many students there.

## 6. Bursary

- Bursary winners, 2 x \$500 are Elsa Castro and Alex Richie - Congratulations!
- Bursary Fundraising for next year, planning Burger and Beverage night. December 5th, first Thursday in December is looking like our best night. With this much advanced notice we'll be able to advertise widely and make a go of it!
- School will be hosting an Open House in early October, and we could promote the Burger and Beverage night then, as well as at parent teacher interviews.

## 7. Other

Candice brought up the Greece trip in 2026. She would like approval to hold a 50/50 (class B, under 20K) supported by PAC to help fundraise, as they've been told they'll need \$16,000 total just for tips and incidentals and Stephanie Vink told them they can fundraise however they like to get those funds together. This needs to go through the treasurer, who would need to fill out the applications. It is possible to apply for licence without PAC support, but there is a longer processing time. Since there was only 1 member of executive present at meeting, subject has been tabled until next PAC meeting, which will be Sept 11, 2024.

8. Meeting adjourned 7:53

Next PAC Meeting will be held Sept 11, 2024 @ 6:30pm