



ÉCOLE ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

October 2, 2024

1. Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. Motion #1 “Adopt the October 2, 2024 Agenda as presented”
 - Melissa/Mary-Anne
 - Approved
3. Motion #2 Minutes from September 11, 2024 meeting to be approved”
 - Mary-Anne/Peggi-Ann
 - Approved

4. Reports:

President’s Report

- nothing to add

Vice President’s Report

- nothing to add

Treasurer’s Report

- Balance in main account is \$561.18, \$50 higher than last month due to Burger and Beverage payment.
- Got the Gaming Grant of \$36392.79 and so balance is 31, 480 after the gaming grant was deposited on Sept 26, 2024.
- Mike, please ask staff to fill out all forms for fund requests

Secretary’s Report

- nothing to add

Communications Report

- Trying to clean up email account and have created folders to organize. If you can’t find something, check with Sahye. Tried to use intuitive titles for the files.
- Melissa asked for a heads up if there are any transfers coming in.

SPEAC

- The Strategic Plan will be updated this year.
- Parking continues to be an issue - please stay out of the bus lane and staff parking
- We’re going zero waste - pack in pack out
- Email bussing if there is a problem with the bus, just know that there is only one person working there and please be kind (last part was mentioned by a parent who has been in contact with the dept)
- We should hold off on paying BCCPAC because of issues. There are behind-the-scenes issues with the board right now. We need to find other ways to engage. BCCPAC is supposed to be the PAC of all PAC’s. It is not mandated. \$250,000 of tax payer money is given to them annually.. They are supposed to advocate for all PACs but it doesn’t feel like

that is happening. Our dues are \$100, it is optional. They have salaried positions. The volunteer board pays the executive director and staff to keep the office going.

- We will keep \$100 in the budget for BCCPAC, have a check written, but hold off and see what happens. May not pay this year. Comes down to voting in AGM

Principal's Report

- Would like to float us around the school so that we can see the different areas of the school. We'll be in the wood shop next month. Mike will take care of bookings and providing signage to let parents know and give directions when they come for meeting next month.
- September is usually chaotic but this year is smooth, and other schools are feeling the same. Potentially it's just the first actually normal feeling year since Covid?
- Kids are grounded and being super kind
- This is great so that we can get into teaching and not so much dealing with behavioural issues
- Our school plan needs to be reworked, need to emphasize goals and then will bring to PAC. 3-4 goals we want when we bring the plan next November. Culture, sense of belonging, transition coming out of High School, grad rate etc. In November we will take a half an hour to go through the school plan. It is really good if the PAC can be engaged with this. It is a 3-4 yr cycle. We want to refocus on academics.
- We have 1737 students in the school
- Had 1st fire drill of the year last week. It only took 3:17 to get everyone out!! They did so good, fire dept very happy. They have nixed a single staircase as a fire escape route as it's just not safe.
- Heat in the school has now been turned off at Mike's request. District has hired a mechanic company to reset the school valves etc to hopefully fix in a system reset.
- Cell phone restrictions and hall passes are working!! Bathrooms still have a lot of vaping, but hallways are clear. Even got a counterfeit pass today!
- Not enough bathrooms, hoping for a portable washroom next year with all the new portables coming in.
- Vaping issue coming up way less.
- Orange Shirt presentation on Friday was amazing. 1500 kids gathered around the atrium lining stairs and hallways to sing to Brother Rick (and he sung to and with them as well). Was very powerful and moving, meant a lot to Brother Rick who has put so much into the school.
- Tour de Rock was here today for a fundraiser with leadership group
- Strategic Plan 2025-2029 15 of our students from different grades going to a forum at EMCS- What do they want education to do? etc
- Post Secondary enrolment is down - why? why are kids leaving post secondary before they are done?
- We have created an athletics website after listening to concerns at the PAC meeting last week that kids were unable to hear info about try-outs and practice times etc, so this should help keep parents and students up to speed.
- We have 17 kids coming for a 3 week exchange from France, and 17-18 going there
- Will be having BC Elections at school on Monday
- Tone of the school is really good, healthy and safe.
- Bishops University (Quebec) is adopting us! Don't know what that will look like at this point.
- Photo retakes coming up. (the following info from parents around table regarding school photos experience). On the Artona page you are supposed to pick a shot for yearbook, you must indicate which one if multiple shots. Must do this before October 16. You can get discount for multiple kids. Some parents are having issues with site. There are shipping costs applied
- Bus passes go out tomorrow. No photo, just student number.
- Bursary and Beverage night gets to keep December 5th as date. There was a conflict with the music department, but we booked it first, so we can keep date.

- Candice asked about no cafeteria for food on Fridays, what to do? Leadership sells pizza on Fridays for \$5. It starts this Friday in Aviary. There are always wraps and other food to be found in the cafeteria if hungry.
- Parent asked about policy changes, specifically regarding split households. Bussing is affected with a split family. Mike doesn't know about this as far as the strategic plan goes. Consider going to SPEAC, parents can be involved in this. Feedback is great for the SPEAC level. Even send an email, put concerns in writing to SPEAC, they need feedback! Bussing is a HUGE issue. Even harder when considering 2 households. The district struggles with being interurban. Bussing is a massive line item for the district.
- Mike was asked about Carnevil - grad event to Galey Farms. No date on the poster that went out in Raven's Nest Friday. He will talk to staff (**in following week's Raven's Nest the poster had been updated to say date was October 24th)

5. New Business:

- Candice asked for PAC to put their name on an online 50/50 to fundraise for the Greece 2026 trip, to cover fees, tips etc for 70 kids and need someone from PAC to help with the paperwork. Candice has done some research on how to fill out forms etc. Want PAC on it because it's an easier process. Need a non-profit association to put it through. Discussion ensued about this. Mike suggested this was not so much a PAC thing and invited Candice to contact him the following day to see if the school can help out at all. Melissa pointed out that gaming funds are not permitted for use during out of province travel for students, so technically PAC can't run this and put funds towards out of province travel.

6. Bursary Fundraising:

- **Burger, Beverage and Bursary** Night is planned for Dec 5th. We used to get money for bursaries from Gaming, but rules have changed, and that no longer allowed. Bonus with this even is that in addition to raising funds for at least one bursary, hopefully more, we are hoping to facilitate social ties between parents and a connection to the school.
- It will be buffet style. We have the link and everything set up. You must be 19+ yrs to attend, signage has been updated. Will be advertised in Raven's Nest and email out to all parents.
- **Gardenworks** - there is time to put something out - try Christmas and Spring, Spring was much bigger last year, but it doesn't take a lot to run this, so even if we get a few for Christmas it's still helpful.

7. Other:

- Budget Meeting set for October 21 at 6:30 at the school, could try hybrid meeting if anyone interested in that. Just for executive.

8. Meeting Adjourned 7:33 pm

In attendance:

Caroline Aked
 Peggi-Ann Marcoux
 Mary-Anne Showers
 Marita Atwood
 Alison Bopp
 Leanne Renfrew
 Stephanie Tomlinson
 Shay Cummings
 Rob Klassen
 Jason Brunelle

Allison Hyatt
Mike Huck
Gretchen Crane
Tara Campbell
Melissa DaSilva
Teresa Janisch
Candice McLeod
Fern Smythe