



ÉCOLE ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MINUTES

March 5, 2025

1. Welcome / Call to Order- 6:30pm
2. Approval of Agenda - Mary-Anne, Kristen seconds
3. Approval of Minutes from February - Caroline, Kristen seconds
4. Reports:

President / Chair

-We had email from Randy Dunbar from Golf Academy asking us to use our PAC Gaming number to run a 50/50. Wayne Johnson, Principal of Academies for the district joined us online to discuss the possibility. Caroline at first said no, because it would be out of our control. We have had other groups approach us regarding this and we have refused on this principle. Wayne argued that these are Royal Bay students, that he would be in charge of checking all receipts and signing off on each one; the money could come to pac account and then we could give it out from there, but it was pointed out that the Golf academy hosts a very small percentage of our student base, and we cannot do one for each of the academies. The checks and balances of what is being spent where, whether the spending would be compliant with Gaming rules, all of this opens PAC up to risk of losing our Gaming license. Caroline would like to be able to discuss with PAC members to consider options. This could be a discussion for next year, but it won't happen this year. It would be best if we had something written in the constitution and bylaws about our position on this moving forward. May will be the AGM, and heads up, Caroline will be done after this year.

Vice President - nothing to report

Treasurer - Bank Balance for Gaming \$17, 504.96

Checking \$2321.51

-We are expecting a payment of \$100 from the school for baked goods purchased by Mike Huck for the students (leftovers from the bake sale)

-We Made \$542 from the Bake Sale

-Melissa has applied for the BCIED account for Royal Bay. There is a password for the Treasurer and the President, both generic so that they can be passed on to future Presidents and Treasurers. All PACs will have to do this. At this point it is

only used for our Gaming application, but maybe we'll be able to use it more in the future.

-Clay Club requested for \$500 to fix Kiln. This came up at January meeting and Mike Huck said he would deal with it, but Norma Jean (art teacher) says it has not been paid for yet and so was coming to us (as per Melissa's suggestion when discussed during Santa Breakfast). We gave the Clay Club \$600 as part of the fall budget. Ryan Dube will dig into this a bit, see what he can find out for us. We will table this until next month.

Secretary - nothing

Communications - nothing

SPEAC - Planning for next school year. There are lots of principals and Vice Principals moving around, they're working on early budget approval processes. They expect there will be a reduction in government spending and education will likely be impacted by that, so there are a number of places where fees will increase but there will be no change to Transportation fees for parents next year, also spot confirmations for bus transportations should come in mid-May instead of mid-August. New school construction is in progress but is about 3 weeks behind schedule but still should be ready for September. School food program is doing really well. There is Bannock and Books event March 15 that you can register for. They will be reading and handing out Karen's two books, held on Station Ave, 11am & 2pm but you need to register. For more info see the SPEAC website- there is a link. They mentioned an increase for fees for renting the Turf, Track and Theatre, as they are aware use is becoming an issue for maintenance.

Principal / Administration

-Volleyball tournament held here this past weekend. Another coming up this coming weekend.

-Tomorrow evening on Mar 6 there is a Music Department performance. Also during the day there will be a Victoria Volunteer Fair for the gr 9 & 10's - 15 organizations there to share information. This is a brand new thing for our school. They approached us, and maybe they will go out to other schools if this goes well. 9-12, A & B blocks. Students need 30 volunteer or work hours in gr 11 & 12 in order to graduate. Friday there will be a movie night fundraiser (for trip to Japan). There will be lockdown drill on the 10th. There is some conversation happening around whether to post this information in advance. Some advocate for the kids to know in advance so that they can be mentally prepared, won't cause anxiety for kids. Other side of it is that they need to be able to cope in the event of a real time emergency that hasn't been prewarned, it's vital that students can manage themselves and follow procedure even if they haven't been notified in advance. This is not a school based decision but a district based decision whether to alert students. It's more

from a security standpoint, there is concern with posting in advance. Wednesday the 12th is a Dance Fieldtrip - it's in the evening. They will be seeing something at the convention centre. Then we are into Spring Break (march 14th) and then back monday the 31, then we're into April. We initiated the Equity and Action Survey on Feb 24, window open until the 14th of March. Opportunity for them to talk about what school looks like and feels like for them. Equity - how do you feel and how do you see representation of yourself at the school, are there things we could do to make you feel more comfortable and engaged at the school. Results come back May/June. Are you connected to anyone at the school is a big question. Learning survey goes out to 10's and 12's., but this one is open to everyone. D-Block classes they are given a website address and a QR code and teachers will be spending time in classes. It's only 13 questions. There is a parent piece and a student piece. This is a Ministry project - what are we doing in schools? Getting students to respond meaningfully is the trick. France exchange departed on Feb 27, they're back on March 27, Mike Huck is with them. See him on the 31. Spring Break students are allowed into the building for the first week but second week we have what is called a Mandatory Closure and no one allowed into the building. They will be filming on 24-26, (QB & Me sequel). We opened up the Valedictorian nominations, you will see a longer window for the applications to come in. Criteria has been firmed up. 86% attendance and grades (just gr 12). There is an essay they need to do. Then committee will look at applications. This year there will be an Indigenous Valedictorian and 2 other Valedictorians, 3 total, now we have the first graduating class of French Immersion so we MAY see a Valedictorian to represent that group. The admin committee will go through applications, do some vetting, short list those individuals then talk to them about a 2-4 minute video they must create, then they will go through the videos and they will be vetted, then vetted videos will be shown to the grade 12's in the theatre and then they will vote online.

Teresa asked Ryan about the emails that go out to parents regarding absences during spare blocks. Essentially the school expects students to be in the school during study block - it is not a spare that you can just not show up for, you are expected to sign in in the library each day. If you are not there, you are considered absent and a notification email is sent to parents. If you want your student to be able to not be at the school during this, you can contact the school and make arrangements. But if students are excused from the school for this, they are not supposed to be walking around the school.

After Spring break they will be looking at out of catchment applications. Preference is given to siblings of current students. (Brought up by Leanne, parent)

New Business: None

Bursary Fundraising:

-Sahye suggested another bake sale in April. She suggested that we need to advertise more. School said it was on the tv's, but Sahye and Caroline watched the screens for a while on the bake sale day

and it didn't come up. Maybe some poster could be put up around school?

-Suggested date is April 17th - Caroline will speak with Chef to make sure the cafeteria will not be open that day (we don't want to compete with their baked goods). Leadership could help with marketing, Sahye will reach out to Cook and Mackleroy, the teachers in charge of leadership for help. Caroline will order the tables once we know the exact date. Secondary date would be April 25th. Cupcakes were the most popular.

Will need a float, Sahye can tell Melissa what she needs and Melissa will supply that.

-We discussed Gardenworks fundraiser but decided that we won't do it if we are doing another bake sale (both are to raise funds for gr 12 bursaries)

7:45 Adjourn

In Attendance: Mary-Anne; Leanne; Caroline; Ryan; Melissa; Kristen; Allison; Teresa; Tara; Sahye via online

Next meeting will be held April 2, 2025 @ 6:30pm