

## RTCS PAC Regular Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Zoom

**Meeting Start:** 6:30pm

**Attendance:** Lauren Mitchell (Chairperson), Ashley Rydell (Vice Chairperson) Michelle Bowman (PAC Treasurer), Tamara Marsh (PAC Secretary) Erin McAstoker (Principal), Stacey Pickles (Vice Principal), Faye Allan, Brendan Daley, Kara Humphries, Catrin Marks, Shannon Burnett, Jared Mumford, Jane

**Meeting Start:** 6:33pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye

**Adoption of Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamara

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Gaming Account: \$14,031.51
- PAC Account: \$2,004.55
- Breakfast Club: \$6748.50

**Adoption of Treasurer's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye

**Administrator's Report:** Attached

### Questions/Comments:

**Lauren:** Are we hosting games?

**Erin:** Yes, we are hosting games and playing away. Spectators are welcome to watch if they are healthy and masked.

**Jane:** The parking lot where the sidewalk is and where the buses park is quite crowded at drop off and pick up. Could the pedestrians have the chain link fence opened so they are not mixing with the kids getting on the bus as there is more room to walk.

**Erin:** I will look into this. The chain is there to prevent cars from going through, but this should not be an issue during school hours.

**Brenden:** Are these meetings an ongoing and open invitation for parents to participate?

**Lauren:** Yes, it is open to all parents and guardian every month.

### **RTCSS Report:**

RTCSS is a non-profit society attached to the school and they run the daycare and after school care programs as well as several recreational, music and drop-in programs and space rentals. All Programs will be starting up again in October. They donate money to the community, most recently \$3000 to

Breakfast Program, \$3000 to Starfish Program, \$3000 to Bowls of Hope and often donate to the Indigenous Department at the school and help with gift cards at Christmas and the Benevolent Fund.

Questions/Comments:

**Tamara:** Are there any plans to expand the aftercare program as there is a huge need in the community.

**Lauren:** They have a shortage of staff and room to expand.

**Erin:** No available space as there is also after school programs running now.

**DPAC Report:**

We do not have a DPAC Rep, so Lauren (Chairperson) attends until someone volunteers for this roll. DPAC Meetings are once a month, and you vote on issues on behalf of the PAC as well as give feedback and relay information back to your PAC. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Lauren.

Enrollment is up 500 across the district, they were not sure if it is because of late enrollment due to Covid or due to the increase in real estate in this area. This is putting a huge strain on the district and schools have had to do some shuffling to accommodate the increases in enrollment.

DPAC is hosting a "Pac 101 Meeting" to learn all about the PAC on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30. Join DPAC FB Page to sign up.

Letter was sent out to the PAC to ask if other schools wanted to sign on to a Letter that the Vancouver District is sending to Minister of Education asking for additional Covid Safety Measures. RTCS discussed this as an Exec and abstained from voting as it was sent last minute, and we had less than 24hrs to respond which is not enough time to get feedback from the parents and guardians of students at RTCS. Covid is a controversial topic and some of the requests by the Vancouver District was asking for very strict rules and not all parents would feel comfortable with this. If anyone would like to see this letter, Lauren will post it on the RTCS PAC FB page.

**Breakfast Program Report:**

The program is running the same as last year, filling the bins in the classroom with granola and fruit cups. Hope to eventually start Pancake Breakfasts again, but with Covid it is not ideal at this time with the large number of students who attend, but maybe perhaps once a month outside in the future. We are always looking for people to shop for us at Costco or Superstore or to bring in baking. Most of our funding comes from donations from the Society and local grocery stores (Superstore). We have applied in the past to be a part of the Breakfast Club of Canada, but the wait list is long due to the socio-economic status of our area and because of that we are not high on the list. We still follow the Breakfast Club of Canada guidelines. When things open up as we can have hot breakfasts but will need some volunteers and there is a FB page to sign up for this. We served cold breakfasts on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri with toast, fruit and yogurt and then on Wednesdays we would do pancakes and sausages.

Questions/Comments:

**Shannon:** If I were to bake some muffins, how would that work?

**Lauren:** Individually wrapped and delivered to Ashley in the kitchen.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Gaga Pit/Climbing Wall**

**Erin:** Maintenance said that as long as we have a barrier up (mats being the barrier as well as signage that it was for school usage only) that it would cover the liability issues if the mats were folded up to block the wall when not in use. I will follow up with Maintenance for the quote for the mats, I sent them the link.

**Rainbow Artwork**

**Erin:** 300 Hearts so far but if we need 500+, Mr. Bartel will need more wood and time, maybe a Spring Installation?

**Lauren:** Assuming we will need to provide some extra funding for that wood.

**Erin:** And a Thank you gift 😊

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Uniform Exchange**

We did this on Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, and it went well, we had several donations and made around \$200. We have several left-over clothing items and would like to do this a couple times a year.

**Lauren:** The feedback we received was if it was a possibility to have more options like having the pullover hoodies available in smaller sizes as there are kids with sensory issues that do not like the hoodies with zippers.

**Erin:** Pull over hoodies are purchased from a different supplier, but we are looking into other options. Safire Creative is a local company, and we like to support local businesses, but we can find a way to get the pull overs for students who have issues with the zippered ones

**Lauren:** Somebody asked why there are logos with 2007 on them?

**Erin:** Rosedale became a Traditional School in 2007.

**Q:** Does Safire Creative have the option of using silk screen vs embroidery on the polo shirts as it was also a sensory issue for some students?

**Erin:** We have always asked for embroidery, but silkscreen is probably available.

**Q:** Are students allowed to wear PE apparel in the class?

**Erin:** We prefer students change after PE due to body odor, but if they are changing into clean PE apparel after that is fine.

## **Book Exchange**

Michelle has done this in the past a couple times a year but does not have time to do it now and we are looking for different options such as having it the same day as the Uniform Exchange or collect books all the time and have a “help yourself library” set up. Does anyone have any different ideas that would help to keep this going?

**Shannon:** Set up a sorting cart? Take what you want, leave what you want and a small donation? Is that an option in your library?

**Michelle:** I am not sure about outside the library but possibly in another area. This is not about money, its more take a book, leave a book and trading.

**Erin:** Do not think that Mr. Walker would like that in the library, but I can talk to him about this. If this were to be on a more casual basis, we would have to find a space for this.

**Tamara:** I could possibly help you out with this Michelle, we can talk about it later.

**Lauren:** We usually run this book exchange before Xmas, so it does not interfere with the Book Fair and then again in the spring.

**Erin:** We could possibly use one of the conference rooms to store the books if the Leadership students are helping collect the books.

## **Funding Requests**

### **Mr. McGregor for Mathletics Program**

PAC will pay for half of the cost (\$300) and RTCS will pay the other half (\$300) for 25 licences as he is teaching a 7/8 split class which is not common and is difficult with the different skill levels.

Motion to put \$300 towards the licences for Mathletics.

## **Fundraisers**

- Coupon Books – Have made \$745 so far. \$12 this year vs \$10. Not sure what percentage of this we get now that the price of the books has increased. We usually run this until November.
- Future Fundraisers
- Purdy’s, Poinsettias will run in November with delivery in December (Lauren will help with Purdy’s and Kara help with the Poinsettia orders)
- Santa Photos run in November but not sure with Covid Protocols. Possibly with spacing out, by appointment only and using a sign in sheet etc. Setting up in the multipurpose room with separate in and outdoors and being able to keep it set up for two days. Funds usually go to the Breakfast Program but this year we do not need it so it could go into the PAC Fund or Christmas Hampers.
- Neufeld possibly do this early next year as the Society does this before Christmas.
- Seed one is a possibility this year as it is simple to do

### **PAC Meeting Format & Childcare**

Hybrid Meetings would be a good option for those that prefer different options as it is possible to have a meeting in person with a Zoom link. Might be hard to hear sometimes as there is no microphone system, but we could try for the October meeting.

Childcare was available in the past for parents attending PAC Meetings, so would like to implement this for our meetings.

**Motion for \$40 budget for Childcare for October Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kara**

**Meeting Adjournment: 7:57pm - 1<sup>st</sup> -Lauren, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley**

*Next Meeting: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30*