

**RLE PAC Meeting  
October 12th, 2023 @ 7:15pm**

**PAC Executives**

**President: Tamara Pals**

**Vice President: Jenn Elder & Chantel Clark**

**Secretary: Sam Sawatzky**

**Treasurer: Jason Elder**

**Faculty Administrators**

**Gord Kirsch**

**Jamie McEvoy**

***The Rutland Elementary PAC acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Syilx Okanagan People.***

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***Purpose of the PAC: We are here to advocate and support students, raise funds for extra activities or things that may not be funded through the school, put on school events to build community and cohesiveness within the parent and student body.***

***Every parent/guardian is a member of the PAC.***

***For more information please visit: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac>***

**WELCOME, ATTENDANCE & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Commenced in person @ 7:15pm
- In attendance in person: Tamara Pals, Chantel Clark, Jason Elder, Jenn Elder, Sam Sawatzky, Ramandeep Kaur, Ryan Kole, Christina Kelly, Christopher Bocskei, Lisa Schechtel, Victor Aguilar, Ryan McNutt, Manpreet Dhanial, Kimberly Ballard

**ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 2023 AGENDA (Any additions or deletions?)**

- Motion to adopt: Lisa Schechtel, 2nd: Ryan Kole

**ADOPTION OF SEPTEMBER 2023 Minutes**

- Motion to adopt: Ryan Kole, 2nd: Christina Kelly

**PRINCIPAL's REPORT (Gord Kirsch/Jamie McEvoy)**

- Gaga Ball pit
  - Great team activity
  - Kids work well together and have to problem solve/ cooperate
  - The schedule has been developed but they will monitor it if change is needed
- Character Strong program
  - Has 9 different character traits that they are working on this year
  - This month is respect, topics also include courage, empathy etc.
  - Assembly discussed honesty and cooperation
  - Will have a common language around the school to discuss behavior and character
  - Students are talking about positive things they are seeing amongst their peers
- Parking
  - Waiting for word from traffic patroller to run a traffic safety program for the students

**TREASURER's REPORT (Jason Elder)**

- Account Update
  - General- \$22,615.55
    - Several transactions this past month for spirit wear shirts, anniversary bbq and hot lunch
  - Gaming- \$11,387.29
    - Government grant of \$8280 this year- based on enrollment so slightly higher this year
    - This account is used for field trips. Teachers apply and we use the grant money to support the field trips
    - Some teachers use all their funds, some have quite a bit leftover. Each classroom has \$400-900 available depending on their class size.
- Playground repayment

- Typically pay back 3-4k dollars a year. This loan is interest free so there is no urgency to pay it back early. We will pay it back in plenty of time.
- Gaga ball pit
  - Will be receiving an invoice for this soon. We voted to pay
- Spirit wear
  - We still have many shirts available and will post these on munchalunch for people to purchase

#### HOT LUNCH REPORT

- Brought in \$4400 gross for hot lunches last month
- Don't have a total for October yet
- Net about \$120-200 per vendor. The big earners are the hot dog and pizza days
- Usually \$1000-1200 in profit each month
- Hot lunch seems to be running smoothly
- Sushi was a big hit today and ran without hiccups
- November has 6 days of hot lunch so should be closer to \$1500 profit

#### COPAC REPORT (resource – [www.copac.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca))

- ADHD presentation on October 17th via zoom**
- COPAC meeting was rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving weekend
- Question about zoom license- if needed? Executives say we don't need it any longer

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Parking- forming of committee?
  - Some frustrations about parking this year, confrontations with parents/neighbors etc.
  - Can discuss the forming of a committee if people are interested in taking that on
  - VP Jenn Elder has applied to the city to have the yellow curbs repainted
  - Question from parent- why do the students line up outside in the mornings? Why do they not go inside? Also, why do we have parents of older children waiting outside the school until after the bell rings? Could they drop off the students and leave? That could help the parking situation.
    - Response- lining up outside is common practice at most public schools
    - Changing the culture with parents to drop and go could be helpful. Also there are no school buses transporting the kids, so every child getting driven to the school has to be taken in a vehicle, so we have many more parents hanging out in front of the school until after the bell rings
- Anniversary bbq recap
  - Brought in \$55 in profit from this event
  - As this was a community building event and not a fundraiser, we feel happy with that outcome

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Garden
  - Christopher Bocskei was present to discuss the garden. He has been taking care of it for 9 years. Last year 190 students came by to plant
  - Students were by last week to pick some carrots
- Upcoming fundraisers
  - Rustic sign night- Fundraiser includes 2-2.5 hour instruction, cost \$57 per sign. That total includes \$10 to the PAC for each participant. Can host at the school or at a restaurant. Previously it has been done at WINGS in Rutland. Minimum 20 people to run it. Will post on facebook to gauge interest.
  - Greenery Gift Cards- Need to pick a date to run the gift cards. The gift cards cost \$25 and the PAC gets \$5 from each card sold. Earlier in the spring would be best
  - Poinsettias will be coming out soon- need to pick a date
  - Will run a movie night in November as well
  - Next Wednesday & Thursday we will sell apples. A neighboring family donates two crates of apples and we sell them for \$5 a bag after school
- Cobss bursary
  - VOTE:** Motion to provide 2x \$500 bursaries for two students finishing grade 12 through the COBBS foundation. The recipients need to have attended Rutland elementary for grades 2-5.
    - UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR. Motion Passed**
- Recruiting new executive members. Also co-executives for some positions & yearbook committee

- Must have a minimum number of executives to have a running PAC and receive any kind of funding (grants, fundraising etc)
  - Always welcoming new PAC executives and volunteers
- Volunteers needed!
  - *\*Note: criminal record checks need to be completed before volunteering. See Mrs. Roth in the office\**

**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:11pm**

**Next Meeting November 9th, 2023**