

**RLE PAC Meeting
November 9th, 2023 @ 7:15pm**

PAC Executives

President: Tamara Pals

Vice President: Jenn Elder & Chantel Clark

Secretary: Sam Sawatzky

Treasurer: Jason Elder

COPAC Rep: Lisa Schechtel

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.

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 @ 7:16pm
- In attendance in person: Chantel Clark, Jason Elder, Sam Sawatzky, Christina Kelly, Lisa Schechtel, Christina Lehnhardt, Melissa Wiens, Ryan Kole

ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 2023 AGENDA (Any additions or deletions?)

- Motion to adopt: Chantel Clark, 2nd: Lisa Schechtel

ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 2023 Minutes

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

PRINCIPAL's REPORT (Gord Kirsch/Jamie McEvoy)

- Gaga Ball pit
 - Finally got the bill- quote was given for 12-14k. Final 12,293.93
 - Meeting from October 4th, 2021 approved \$7000 to be paid by the PAC
- Apple bin needs to be picked up ASAP. Becoming a hazard. PAC will coordinate the pickup pronto
- Curling has been booked for the end of December. Hoping PAC can help support this event. Approx. \$250-300 per day. Currently booked in, but looking for instructor to come in and facilitate the lessons
- Christmas concert is scheduled for the second to last week before the winter break. December 14th and 15th
 - Will have two performances for the Christmas concert. Thursday around noon, Friday at 9am. Will not have tickets, but will request that each family only attend once.
 - The concert will be the same on both days
- Field trip money- has been sorted and emailed out to the staff

TREASURER's REPORT (Jason Elder)

- Account Update
 - General- \$25,505.25
 - Will have to pay approximately \$8k for the gaga ball pit soon.
 - Admin commented that the gaga ball pit is worth every penny. They have seen a decrease in behaviour from students and the students have an amazing time using it.
 - Gaming- \$11,387.29
 - Have two cheques that have not been cashed- may have to reissue
 - Each teacher has been emailed a link to their field trip funds. These are determined based on class size. \$30 per student
- PAC has a bit of extra money available so if teachers have a 'wish list' they can make some requests

HOT LUNCH REPORT

- Brought in \$1185.27 profit in October
- Brought in \$588.59 profit in November

- Pita pit only earned us about \$20 in profit. Still ironing out the issues with this vendor.
- Some vendors are high cost so we don't net very much profit, but it is good to have some variety

COPAC REPORT (resource – www.copac.sd23.bc.ca) Lisa Schechtel

- Had a presentation about learning reports. Parents will have an opportunity to provide feedback based on the new format if they are interested
- They will have a hot lunch coordinator virtual meetup, as well as a bylaw meeting.
- They are discussing the 'backpack program' for students and families who don't receive the same support over the school breaks. COPAC is exploring if this is something the PAC's would be involved with
- COPAC is willing to pay the fee for all PAC's to join the BC Federation of PAC's in order to have greater representation at the provincial level. We would then give a proxy vote to support their issues
 - Jenn Elder put a motion forward to allow COPAC to pay our fees to join the BC Federation of Parent Advisory Committees.

■ **UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR: MOTION PASSED**

- There is a committee made up of parents of students with diverse abilities. You can join if you are interested in knowing more about supports available to your child

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rustic sign night
 - Put forward a poll on facebook to see if people were interested in participating in an event in January or February
 - We could host in the school gym if interested
 - Facilitator will host any size group, but PAC would like to see approximately 20 involved
 - Over 50 options for signs, cost is \$60 per person
 - Every participant can pick the design they prefer in advance
 - Will try to book a Friday evening in February- need to coordinate booking the gym and the after school program
- Projector for gym
 - Nothing new to report. Admin will request new quotes and then will re-assess
 - When purchasing a new projector, also should include a new screen for best quality.
 - Expensive projectors should not be on a rolling cart, should be mounted in the ceiling but this increases the cost substantially. Also, there is a curtain in the middle of the gym so a ceiling mounted projector would need to be mounted off-center.
 - Could consider wall mounting, but then would require a more powerful projector to accommodate the distance

NEW BUSINESS:

- Yearbook- Sam Sawatzky
 - Will continue finishing yearbooks for the end of the school year as opposed to the following fall. This allows students to see them in the same year, and avoid having to track people down in September
 - Would be happy to have a partner to help with the yearbook this year if anyone is interested in volunteering
- Movie night
 - Not December 8th- school staff party that night
 - November 24th proposed. Doors open at 530pm, movie starts at 6
 - Will run a concession for \$1 each. Need to do a Costco run for pop, snacks, chocolate bars etc
 - Last year we limited it to 250 tickets but approximately 210 showed up. Admin suggested keeping it capped at 210-220 because of the number of blankets/stuffed animals etc.
 - Admin recommended charging \$1-2 per person
- Fundraiser updates
 - Winter plant fundraiser- ordering closes next Wednesday
 - Apple sales went really well. Earned around \$500 from selling farm fresh apples
 - Purdy's won't run at Christmas as the middle school runs it. Purdy's fundraiser will be run in the Spring.
- Food bank/warm clothing drive
 - The PAC has previously run a food drive in December over 10-12 days.
 - Discussed providing a pizza party to the classroom that brings in the most food. This causes a few hiccups- hard to track, some classes have more students etc. Admin also expressed concerns due to the current cost

of living and groceries. Do not want children going home to pressure their parents that might not be able to afford it. Will go forward with a food drive without the incentive of a pizza party

- Holiday cards
 - Could ask students to make holiday cards to bring to seniors homes
 - PAC will ask teachers/families if they are interested in making cards and collect them to bring by the homes
 - Admin suggested doing a random draw of all the cards and the winner gets a pizza party for their class
- 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 @ 8:21pm

Next Meeting December 14th, 2023

January 11th, 2024

February 8th, 2024

March 14th, 2024

April 11th, 2024

May 9th, 2024

June 13th, 2024