

RLE PAC Meeting
September 8th, 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.

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, Jason Elder, Jenn Elder, Sam Sawatzky, Christina Lehnhardt,

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

- Motion to adopt: Christina Lehnhardt , 2nd: Melissa Wiens

ADOPTION OF JUNE 2023 Minutes

- Motion to adopt: Jenn Elder, 2nd: Sam Sawatzky

PRINCIPAL's REPORT (Gord Kirsch/Jamie McEvoy)

- Parking
 - The families in the cul-de-sac are unhappy because people are blocking their driveways and parking in the center
 - It has always been a problem, but with our extreme growth it is even worse
 - District traffic safety officer came by today to discuss a “kiss and drop”- have the parents pull through one section of the street to drop kids off without parking. You can only do this for dropoff- pickup drive-thru would not work. The option would be to set this up by the capital news box. Setting up a kiss and drop would take a lot of work and education. It will likely not fix the traffic issue, but it may lessen the issue
 - We could ask the district to open the gate at the back of the field to allow people to enter and cross
 - Other suggestions: Parking zones (parents of youngest kids park closest), parent volunteers with vests to address parking issues, educating the children on traffic safety, etc
- Gaga ball pit
 - So much fun! Kids are loving it and it's a great activity for families
 - There is a schedule set up for students to rotate through
 - Can get 30-40 kids playing at the same time- and they have a great time!
 - Latch issue- kids have been opening the gate and leaning on it. This has resulted in a broken latch. The gate needs a wheel on the bottom to support it
 - Have not yet received the bill for it. They will keep us posted- anticipating invoice around October
- Enrollment
 - 443 students total
 - The school is full. The projected growth had us at 420, we are now a full classroom larger
- Last year, the district provided funds for each student to cover the cost of their field trips. A bit tricky because we have one year where field trips were covered, and now we are back to asking families and the PAC to pay for the cost of field trips. There is no district money this year
- The PAC office/storage room upstairs is now being shared with the SLP that comes to the school twice a week

TREASURER's REPORT (Jason Elder)

- Account Update (General/Gaming)

- General \$17, 124. 43
 - Had a large transaction earlier this month to purchase the anniversary shirts. This cost should be mostly recouped
- Gaming \$3380.29
 - Funding we receive every year from the government.
 - Should receive about \$8000 in October to fund field trips for the year
 - When we have confirmation of the funding amount, we divide this by the total number of students, then give the teachers an amount they can spend on each student for field trips.

HOT LUNCH REPORT

- Typically nets us about \$1000 a month
- Unfortunately kindergarten students are not able to participate (by teacher request)
- We are using some of the same vendors from last year, as well as adding some additional vendors
- Switched our pizza vendor to papa johns
- We try to include a wide variety to appeal to many students
- Papa johns- \$2.45 per piece cost- we're charging \$3.50
- Opa- charges us \$7 per meal, we do not increase the cost to parents because it is already pricey
- Pita Pit- charges us \$6 per meal, we charge parents \$6.50
- Sushi- 50 cent profit per meal.
- End of year survey
 - Opa's was very popular
 - We have incorporated some of the feedback to add other vendors etc
- We are happy to entertain other options if parents have suggestions and/or contacts
- Munchalunch
 - Had issues last year where parents placed their orders but did not pay for them. Now, there is a feature that provides a 2 hour window to pay. If you do not pay for it within that window the order will be canceled and you will be notified by email
 - Ordering for October will open next week
- If your child is sick/away for hot lunch day, please let the office now that day. You can ask the lunch to be put in the fridge for the following day, or have it donated to a student who may not otherwise get hot lunch

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

- They want to know if we will be using our zoom account or not
- They want input on the change to policy that would forbid school district 23 employees to be members of any school PAC in the district. They suggested having a disclosure to parents if this happens.
- Events:
 - Dan Duncan- ADHD coach on October 17th from 7-9pm
 - Training for new treasurers
 - Paul Davis- on internet safety (high cost so would like to share that among several schools)
- The BC Counsel of Parent Advisories have had some administration changes so should hold off on paying the dues
- Volunteers wanted

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fall fair- last minute prep
 - Tomorrow! 530-730pm
 - Games, Activities, Car-BQ
 - Hot dogs, popcorn, chips, pop, etc
 - Limited edition anniversary t-shirts
- Gaga ball pit
 - Latch is broken, we will work on it

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming fundraisers
 - Snack bag fundraiser
 - Apple fundraiser is confirmed and will be run early October (bags of orchard fresh apples for \$5).
 - Poinsettias will be closer to December
 - Family photos, sign painting night, plants, purdys, all still to come
 - Ideas for fundraisers are always welcome.

- Limited edition t-shirts- \$20 paid with cash or e-transfer
- Community Garden
 - We have a community garden plot on Hartman. Chris takes care of the garden. The cost is \$30ish to keep the plot. Classes are welcome to learn about gardening with Chris, and families are also welcome to harvest the produce.
- Hot lunch order system updates
- PAC Facebook page
 - Great resource for parents
 - Check regularly for updates
- Volunteers needed!
 - We are always happy to have volunteers for the various fundraisers and events
 - **Note: criminal record checks need to be completed before volunteering. See Mrs. Roth in the office**

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:23pm