

Royston Elementary PAC Executive

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021

Meeting brought to order at 6:30 pm

In attendance: Katherine Sirrs, Sarah Jane Howe, Leslie Dunlop, Paul Liebenberg, Christine VanderRee, Briana Noot, Tara Pietrzak, Lucia Little, Lindsey Eastman, Anna Minnaker, Silas Stevenson

Principals Report:

Report from Ms. VanderRee:

PAC Meeting March Notes

- Spring Break – Mental Wellness Challenge 2021 - great prizes, will send home with Friday email
- Met with Penelope and showed her the quantity and expired items in the Earthquake Shelter
- Garden – have been working with some enthusiastic children at recess and lunch to clear the weeds and prepare the garden. Danica reviewed the garden and will provide us with a planting plan for us.
- District request, through concerns raised by DPAC to be very mindful of any school pressures regarding fundraising.
- Looking for donations of ice cream buckets with lids to help with toy cart
- gymnastics equipment delayed until after spring break.
- Received a \$3000 grant from the Vancouver Sun Adopt a School as seed money to help with a storage method to get going on the loose parts project that I previously discussed
- Previously mentioned \$297 district funds for PAC education use. If no plans for the funds, would PAC be comfortable with our counsellor purchasing some parent resources for the library with these funds? I am concerned they will be returned to district if not spent.
- Bussing concerns – seating/procedures - have been addressed. I am now loading students on the busiest bus to make sure they are seated as needed – either with sibling of cohort partner.
- Hot lunch days – now that we have worked through the soup program, Twyla is comfortable working around a hot lunch Monday if that is what preferred. Either this year or in September.
- Play Safe/Drive Safe virtual presentation to 9 classes on Monday, thanks to War Amps. They will provide messages on how spot dangers and play safe.
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Notes regarding Principals Report:

- Receiving Friday email: Spring Break Wellness Challenge
- Simple activities
- Great prizes available in the draw
- Earthquake Supplies with Pene

- This is being taken care of
- Garden Club
 - Weeds are cleared and all is looking great
 - Currently moving dirt and preparing layout and plan
- Mrs. VanderRee is looking for Ice-Cream Pails. Please donate if you have available.
- Gymnastics Equipment arriving after Spring Break
 - Skipping has taken off and kids are loving it
- Applied for a grant \$3000. Vancouver Sun “Adopt a School”
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- Ms. VanderRee has received complaints of the loading of the bus and was feeling uneasy about seating choices. So is now loading the bus and ensuring siblings or cohort only seating arrangements.
- DPAC is concerned about pressures we are putting on families regarding fundraising and want to be sure schools are mindful how we are presenting fundraising. Please if there are any concerns to bring them forward to Ms. VanderRee.
- School Supplies decision for the Fall. Mixed feelings regarding whole school purchase vs. individual family purchase. Some feedback was the price seemed high, however, the hope is that supplies that can be reused will be taken out of the overall cost and reuse those.

SD71 Trustee Report Sarah Jane:

- Dr. Enns Town Hall – Recording can be found on the district page.
- Community Gaming Grant is being revised:
 - BCC PAC – Stacey will plan to attend
 - Extra information around rules for spending with the community gaming grant
 - For Royston we have about \$9000 to spend so we will be looking for additional ways to spend this money, especially in a COVID world.
 - March 16th – Family Systems “How family influence their children” Speaker Series through the district.

DPAC Report:

- N/A

Treasurer Report:

- Financially we are in a cautiously “good position.”
- Still short a little under \$8000, so we are most likely going to dip into reserves but that was to be expected this year.

- \$9300 raised so far this year - outstanding.
- \$637 thrifty foods outside classroom funds
- Funding Requests:
 - 7 iPad and Cases. iPad are for classes that don't currently have iPad. Learning games and good reasons to use. \$3073 for total cost. Pac votes yes.
 - Cover cost of bussing for grade 6 students: \$225 for early June. PAC votes yes
- PAC voted no to funding the dishwasher in the lunch room.

Fundraising:

- Gunter Brothers voted to go-ahead for the Spring order.
- \$1200 from the West Coast Seeds order.
- Book Fair – unsure of where we are at, but will have an update for next meeting.
- Purdy's Order was cancelled because there was not enough orders, so it was cancelled and refunded.

Bus Driver:

- Leslie let us know that they will be changing a bus route, that could be up to a 30 minute change for some students. Ms. VanderRee will be checking into this to determine if this is the case and report back.

Cougar Sighting:

- Cougar sighting in the area. Ms. VanderRee will do a check-in and go over bear and cougar safety with the students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm