

## Royston Elementary PAC Executive

### Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

#### Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

**In attendance:** Christine Van Der Ree, Teresa Cameron, Paul Liebenberg, Tara Pietrzak, Stacey Murphy, Ray Rewcastle, Ashley Rewcastle, Briana Noot, Jasmin Tufnail, Maranda Johnson, Sam Carnie, Lucia Little, Zoe Ozirney, Rachel Deforge, Alana Paul, Brianna Matheson, Jennifer Stevenson, Tessa Carnie, Andrea Braim, Jen Nelson, Danielle Whitmore, Carolyn Rae

1. Welcome & Introductions – So nice to see such a great attendance!
2. Agenda Review & Additions
3. Reports
  - Principals Report –  
Christine Van Der Ree – Please see attached report.  
Teresa Cameron – Welcome! Looking forward to a great school year ahead!
  - SD71 Trustee Report – NA Sarah Jane Howe not able to attend tonight.
  - DPAC Report - NA
  - Treasurer Report – Stacey Murphy. We did a really good job of fundraising last year but it has been recommended (by previous treasurer) that we spend more of these funds this year.
  - Fundraising Report – None at this time.
4. New Business
  - **Hot Lunch** – Well received. There will be some changes – looking at running hot lunches 4 days a week this year. Looking for volunteers from 11:15-12:15. Contact Tara Pietrzak if you can help. Also looking into introducing larger portions. Hot lunch program will start next week.  
Change to bell schedule – kids eat at 12:30  
Online & paper ordering available.  
Subsidy program available – contact Tara or Christine for more information on this.  
Don't be shy about volunteering for hot lunch – very rewarding – a great way to meet and see the kids and their teachers.  
We did not heat up lunches last year – opinions on this for this year? Voted “no” due to Covid and chaos in kitchen. District does not allow microwaves in classrooms for elementary level.
  - **Covid Protocols** – Fluid as the year goes on.
  - **X-Country** – Very good program! Christine's update – meeting next week to plan district sports. Christine suspects x-country will be a go. We will need parent volunteers for this. Volleyball, basketball, occasionally soccer or ultimate frisbee for district sports. There is also a date for track and field set.
  - **Fundraising Calendar** – We could utilize hot lunch calendar for this. This would be great to have front page of our website. Gunter's Meat scheduled in the fall.

- **Thrifty's Cards** – In previous years, you could pick up a card and load at your convenience and then the school would get a kickback for it. Now we have to pre-order the cards and then families will buy them. This doesn't seem as convenient, but it is still do-able. Thinking of processing these through the hot lunch program. We will have to put out the money buying cards initially and then make the money back by selling them. Lots of logistics in this new way of ordering this. Seems like maybe a lot of work to make this program work and we should look into how much of a kickback we get from it. Maybe look at other grocery stores that might do a program like this. You can donate your points at Quality Foods.
- **Grants** – We have already applied for the Gaming Grant. We also receive another grant per head count – a few hundred dollars. There will also be a small amount released to PAC from the district.
- **Zoom vs. in Person** – It would be nice to have both options. Issues connecting via Zoom meetings. Face to face is great but harder for parents to get to sometimes. If we went to in-person we could possibly have a satellite option. Christine can ask for tech support to help set up audio or video for people to attend that way if we do decide to hold an in-person meeting.
- **Earthquake Shopping** – Ray and Lucia have volunteered to help with the shopping.
- **Sept 30, 2021** – Truth and Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL. Website will be update and we will get the word out for this.
- **Ways to contact PAC** – find our Facebook group. Also we can put together an email list for people.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm**

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September PAC meeting – Admin Report

311 children at school

14 divisions

Welcome to Teresa Cameron, our Vice Principal – first days update

School Update

- Full but all children who registered were squeezed in
- Hosted a brief assembly for intermediates
- Working out some details with the buses, passes will be in kids hands by Mondays, we are notifying families where we see that they aren't registered.
- Appreciate the efforts of families to stay in the weighting area rather than coming around the sides and back.
- School website, now has the school calendar
- Process for visitors – welcome anytime (beyond the busy start and end of day) to enter, sign in, complete health check, wear a mask and connect with the office. Any volunteer or meetings with staff need to be prearranged with sign in through the office each time.
- Staff worked together in late August on our school goals which have moved forward and been adjusted from last year and include

School Goals

1. Emotional Well-Being Goal:

How can we further explore and celebrate Royston's Core Values

- Kindness and understanding
- Respect and honesty
- Belonging
- Self-regulation

to enhance the emotional well being of the school community? 12 of us are taking the Heart Mind professional development offered.

2. Inquiry Goal:

How can we expand our success with the inquiry process to take action on issues that support the broader community (environment, reconciliation)?

School Garden – thank you to the families, in particular Danica who kept the garden growing through the summer. Next week, we'll start working on it with the garden club.

Earthquake Preparedness – last year PAC had approved the replenishment of the food stored in the EQ container. Unfortunately, that wasn't followed up on. We would appreciate a new contact that wouldn't mind doing the purchasing for this, provided the we can carry over the PAC funds for this one.

Field Trips can resume and will hopefully be easier to organize. As part of this, Booster Seats – need replacing as they have expired, we'll put in a request for support of this.

Future plans for outdoor community gatherings – awaiting district confirmation prior to proceeding. Hoping for a Winter concert as well as an open house. This should provide much more family contact with the school.