

Royston Elementary PAC Executive

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

Attendance: Christine VanderRee, Teresa Cameron, Jasmin Tufnail, Stacey Murphy, Briana Noot, Paul Liebenberg, Jesse Frender, Jennifer Stevenson, Brianna Matheson, Ryan Murphy, Sarah Jane Howe

1. Welcome & Introductions – First in-person meeting since COVID! Parents were listening online as well.
2. Agenda Review & Additions
3. Reports
 - **Principals Report** –
Christine VanderRee – Please see attached report.
Teresa Cameron –
 - Spirit Day – There will be a different spirit day each month. This month is PJ Day. The house that participates the most will win the most points.
 - Inner Explorer – explained what this is and how it is being implemented into the classroom.
 - Book Fair – (Message from Leslie Dunlop) We have the go ahead to do an in-person book fair this year. Will be running the week of parent teacher interviews. A flyer will be sent home. Tuesday and Wednesday afterschool as well as Thursday.
 - **SD71 Trustee Report** – Sarah Jane Howe. Introduced herself. Updates – Guidelines provided to decide if teachers will require vaccinations. Will have to make a vaccine decision coming up about that. Boundary meetings – all updated info on the website. Royston Elementary is full! 313 students. District has seen more of an increase in students than anticipated. Outdoor classroom – every school in district will be getting an outdoor classroom. Sarah Jane is not sure what the timeframe is on us getting an outdoor classroom but will find out.
 - **DPAC Report** – Ray Rewcastle & Marci Nicol – neither are here tonight. These meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Details on website.
 - **Treasurer Report** – Stacey Murphy. PAC has been moved over to QuickBooks. Reviewed Balance Sheets. Things to note - \$55k in general account. There are a few expenses that have not come out from this account. Gaming account 6K+ this does not include grants from this year. Increased Hot Lunch from 3 days to 4 days. 6k profit on Hot Lunch already this year. Gunter's Meat fundraiser – 1k profit. Budget has been updated. How would we like to spend the money we have – some suggestions were sports, arts, mental health, skating, cross-country skiing, sailing, a party/get together, T-shirts, concert. Mrs. VanderRee will put it out to the teachers as well.
PAC votes yes to Anti-Anxiety Bags.
4. New Business

- **Signatories** – We will remove Marci Nicol as a signor. Voted to remove Lindsay Smith, Charmaine Pietrzak, Briana Noot. We will add Jasmin Tufnail and Stacey Murphy. We will disregard previous meeting minutes stating signatories.
- **Purdys** – catalogues will be coming home. Will be a quick turnaround. Ordering will be online.
- **Hoodies & T-Shirts** – Have not taken any orders yet. May change ordering if we decide to
- **Crosswalk on Royston Rd** – we are lacking crosswalks & signage currently. We need someone to take this on as no one has currently volunteered.
- **Earthquake Kit** – Ray Rewcastle will email Paul what is needed for additional costs.
- **Booster Seats** – We have new booster seats!
- **Christmas Concert Auction** – last year we did a virtual one. TBA if online again this year or in-person.
- **T-Shirts** – 313 students. We will find out cost of the t-shirts. Voted yes to giving students shirts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

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Admin Notes

1. Thanks to PAC for supporting classrooms with such generous funds.
2. Bus Loop concerns/Call for monitoring on Livingston with speeding (warning – will have some RCMP presence Friday am)
3. House Teams/Spirit Days
now planned out with student and staff input. Dates will be on the school website shortly.
Will focus on school colours in a friendly competition linked to these days
4. Inner Explore program – Emotional Well Being Goal (Teresa)

Now has a parent component. Would like feedback as to interest of this.

5. Inquiry Goal

Remembrance Day – Peace Inquiry, lots of active and deep thinking around this goal from K to 6

Thanks to Ms. Krahn for the editing. We will release the video to families next Wednesday.

6. Parent Teacher Interviews and Book Fair – Nov. 18th

Booking now live for your appointment, If remember from last year, can reuse or go ahead and create a new account. See Ms. Laughy's email.

7. Reporting – Portfolio for 7 Classes and and 7 classes to use MyEd - If one of the online platforms (5 classes) please comment on your child's posts. It is very meaningful to the children to have those comments (and the teachers – who know you are looking at them!)
8. Volleyball and gym capacity (20)
9. Virtual Winter Concert – video permissions. Families who have not given permission for photo permission will be contacted for permission to include their child.
10. Celebrations – Downie Wenjack Secret Path walk – noted to the board by our Superintendent, student engagement was incredible as the children worked to make connections to Chanie's story. Thanks to Mr. Zadvorny for his leadership.
11. FSAs complete – grade 4, students worked hard. Tricky catching up those absent but now done.
12. Fitcamp - we have created some fitness videos for kids that will be shared district wide, encouraging the use of fitness equipment that is in many of our schools. Thanks to Ms. VonNiessen for her dedication to this task and the school district for supporting us on this work.