

Royston Elementary PAC Executive

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

In attendance: Christine VanderRee, Teresa Cameron, Paul Liebenberg, Jasmin Tufnail, Danica Prowse, Jen Bell, Stacey Murphy, Marci Nicol (online), Tara Pietrzak (online)

1. Welcome & Introductions –

2. Agenda Review & Additions

3. Reports

- **Principals Report –**

- **Christine Van Der Ree** – Please see attached report.

- **SD71 Trustee Report** – NA Sarah Jane Howe not able to attend tonight.

- **DPAC Report** – NA. No one attended this month

- **Treasurer Report** – Stacey Murphy. Approx \$6500 in gaming acct. Have not received the gaming grant for this year yet but looking into it. Total of about \$68,000 in PAC acct. Profit of \$16k this year so far. We have already approved the busses for 2 fieldtrips per class – teachers do not need to ask for approval for this.

- **Fundraising Report** – Main fundraiser is Hot Lunch – approx. \$9k YTD. \$1200 profit for Gunters Meats. Bookfair – book credit. Spirit wear – we only have the purchases so far but are unsure of the costs right now.

4. New Business

- **Funding Requests –**

- **IPads** – 6 requested for Learning Support, 4 for teachers. Cost \$5000
APPROVED.

- **Projector System for EA Room** – Cost \$2500
APPROVED.

- **Set of Decodable Books** – Cost \$1500
APPROVED.

- **Additional Funding for Music Program** – Increasing Budget from \$250 to \$500.
APPROVED.

- **Toys for Student Break room (Sensory Room)** – Cost \$500 (To match the funding school has already received).
APPROVED.

- **Water Dispenser for Portables** – Cost \$400 for 2 Dispensers.
APPROVED.

- **StarKit Backpack (Calming Backpack)** – Donation of \$50 for each.
APPROVED.

- **Student Activities** – Not sure budget on this yet, Christine VanderRee will get back to us on total cost. Each grade will be doing their own field trips ie swimming, WIP Climbing Gym, sailing, mountain days.
APPROVED.
- **Teacher Appreciation Budget** – Increase for end of year.
APPROVED.
- **Kids Play** – Kimmy Patrick @ Theatre Works. Acting piece only. 10x once a week to prep kids. Full production performance - \$2500
OR Whole School Involvement for additional \$500.
Voting on Whole School Involvement \$3000
APPROVED.
- **New Netting for Soccer Goals** - \$100
APPROVED.
- **3D Printer** – in library so all students can have access \$300-\$500
APPROVED.
- **Crosswalk on Royston Rd** – Still trying to get a hold of Ministries of Highways regarding this. Very hard to reach anyone for answers. Numerous voicemails and emails have been sent. We may still look at funding the crosswalk ourselves but still want to reach out to try and figure out how to go about getting it completed and make the attempt for highways to pay for it instead.
- **Hoodies & T-Shirts** – Supply train issues – no one shipping to BC but it is still a go ahead.
- **Earthquake Supplies** – Looking at some different options of foods that last longer but more expensive. Continuing with cans of food might be the way to go.
- **Jingle Mingle** – Food Bank donation \$300+ whatever we make on the Bake Sale.
APPROVED. Popcorn maker – there is a parent who would like to rent a machine and provide popcorn – YES.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Dec. 9th Admin notes

1. House Teams – great spirit shown with the Crazy Christmas sweater fun. Blue Orcas remain in the lead. Thanks to Paul and PAC for the generous offer of house shirts for everyone.
2. Hope you enjoyed the virtual Remembrance Day Assembly which was sent out to families.
3. Book Fair and parent teacher interviews were well attended.
4. Thanks to PAC for steady approvals of school
5. Winter Concert filming is now complete. We have shifted to editing and splicing it together. Thanks to Ms. Krahn for this next step. The children took their roles seriously and worked hard to prepare for it. Thanks to Ms. Hoy and Ms. Kiwanuka for preparing and practicing with the children. We hope families enjoy the virtual concert. We also hope to show it at our Jingle Mingle event, weather permitting.
6. School wide Inquiry into the spirit of generosity. It abounds and has a toll on families – thanks for your ongoing support – hamper drive, wreaths, and the grade 3 Candy Cane Sales.
7. Wreaths – now complete and ready for auction. Funds raised go to EDAS (div 13 and 14) and the food Hamper Drive (last day for Hamper Donations Dec. 14)
8. Reading – Heather Wilms, a district reading specialist worked with us for intense support with our grade 2's. We are finding the need to target our grade 2's who seem to be struggling launching into their reading.
9. January start date – Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 2022
10. Flannel Day – Jan. 10th is our next spirit day.
11. Staff and students surveyed as part of the follow up from the last PAC meeting. I submitted a summary to the executive and have done some tentative bookings awaiting PAC approval
 - Grade 1's and 2's from divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 swimming lessons.
 - Grade 2's and 3's from divisions 7, 8 and 9 snow adventures (tubing, snow shoeing and survival)
 - Grade 3 and 4's from divisions 10 and 11 sailing lessons
 - Grade 5 and 6's from divisions 12, 13 and 14 – on the wait list for cross country skiing, and looking at rock climbing as an alternative.
 - Grade 6 teachers are moving towards a year end trip for the 6's.
 - All classes have some school budget for field trips and have begun planning their pre-approved bus bookings.