

## ROYSTON ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING

November 10, 2022

In attendance: Briana Noot, Rosa Maxwell, Stacey Murphy, Danica Prowse, Stacey Hoselton, Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Warren Colegrave, Lucia Little

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Doug David - EDAS Project

135 bags goal – brown paper bags decorated and filled with wool socks, toothbrushes, soap, sugar cookies etc. Valued at \$15/bag.

Will be awareness and learning campaign in the school for empathy. Older students will be generating awareness and inviting families to contribute. We are not a designated school for drop off location for physical items. (Danica offered to do a drop off at another school).

PAC to consider how to fundraise or give money to EDAS Project.

- potentially couch draw \$ could go towards it or possible second couch.

### 2. Agenda review and any additions

### 3. Reports:

- Principal's report - Warren Colegrave
- SD71 Trustee's Report – Chelsea McCannel-Keene
- Treasurer Report - Stacey Murphy
- DPAC Report - Annette Yang \*\*Annette not here\*\*
- Fundraising team reports

### 4. New Business:

- Hot Lunch update \*\*Tara not here\*\*
- Field Trip money allocation (as per email from Claire)
  - Warren recommends dollar amount per student (probably around \$20 per students)
  - Aim to be equitable and encourage teachers to use the money

- Book Fair Volunteers
  - Rick Appel is volunteering with Anna Marie – need one person per hour to volunteer. Paul to organize when he gets back.
- Royston Spiritwear - Paul not present
- Gunters/Butchers Block
  - Gunters not able to provide until spring time.
  - Butchers Block doesn't deliver- they need volunteers to sort at facility and have volunteers come pick up on a Saturday. Briana to contact Butchers Block and see if there's enough time to get an order in before Christmas and see if Tara can change the Hot Lunch order form.
- Student Affordability Fund: \$16,500
  - Spending plan due by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and spent by June 30th
  - Lush Valley received \$150,000 (??) from district
  - Lush doing a program to subsidize 8 Royston families over the holidays.
  - Looking at doing a Christmas lunch for all students.
  - Industrial fridge (\$5,000) and standing freezer for kitchen. District will pay for alterations to kitchen.
  - Pancake Breakfast for Valentine's Day an option
  - Walmart gift cards an option for (8) particular families in need
- Christmas Jingle Mingle
  - No Jingle Mingle this year because of Winter Concert and Halloween dance
- Christmas concert silent auction and 50/50 draw
  - Baked goods generated a lot of money- baked goods, coffee, tea, hot apple cider, bottled water
  - No silent auction (too much work, takes away from event)
  - Couch raffle at Christmas concert for EDAS – raffle to be handled by school

- PAC's responsibility to Christmas Concert will be for baked goods (both for sale and as part of couch raffle prize).

Briana will post to Facebook PAC to get volunteers for Christmas concert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

## **PAC Principal's Report for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Happenings Since our last meeting around Royston Elementary:**

- "Secret Path Week" was October 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, and it culminated with our school participating in its fourth annual Chanie Wenjack Walk for Reconciliation on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Doug David and Mat Zadvorny really stepped up to make this a special experience for our students.
- Thanks to the efforts of many parents, but particularly Briana (Noot) and Tara (Pietrzak), we hosted a very lively Halloween "Spooktacular" on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> also saw the Fire Safety House visit Royston EI. Thanks to the firefighters of the Courtenay firehall for providing this experience for our grade 3 students. In March 2023, the Courtenay fire hall plans to reach back out to us to provide the experience for our grade 4/5 students who may have missed it over the past couple of years due to the pandemic.
- In October we updated our website to now include a "Parent Emergency Protocols" information item under the "Parent Info" tab. We have asked parents to familiarize themselves with these protocols so that we are all on the same page in the event of an emergency situation.
- This week wraps up the final week of the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment). We thank our grade 4 teachers for the time that they took out of their schedules to help facilitate getting these assessments completed.
- Volleyball season has started at Royston EI, and we are very fortunate to have two (2) grade 5/6 co-ed teams. Thanks to Ms. Von Niessen and Mr. Fleischer for coaching these teams.

- Today we conducted our first live Remembrance Day ceremony since Nov 2019. Our students conducted themselves very well, and we had 4 separate classes contribute to the ceremony (which is amazing). Big thanks to those teachers who participated, and to Ms. Cameron, who organized the assembly.

### **Looking forward to the weeks/month ahead at Royston Elementary:**

- Planning is underway for our Winter Concert. The biggest issue facing us presently is how to limit the audience to less than 500 for the evening performance. We will likely be using an rsvp/ticket system.
- On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the WWEST STEM team is coming to Royston EI to work with seven (7) of our classes. WWEST (Westcoast Women in Engineering and Technology) is affiliated through SFU, and they will be bringing in fun STEM activities to share with our students.
- Grade 6 immunizations are set to take place on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- November 25<sup>th</sup> is our second spirit day: moustache day. We will also be hosting our November Celebration of Success assembly that day.
- “Release the Rhythm” is a day long workshop that is coming to Royston on December 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the Artstarts program. “Release the Rhythm” is a full day of drumming, tapping, clapping & chanting for the whole school with expert percussionist and professional musician Daniel Duggan. We will start the day with the fully interactive "Release the Rhythm" show for the whole school audience, followed by multiple Hands-on Afro-Peruvian drumming workshops. Where students will learn to play percussion instruments from around the world through energetic, creative and fun hands-on workshops.

### **Student Affordability Fund:**

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced the introduction of the Student and Family Affordability Fund. The \$60 million provincial fund is intended to support students and families who are struggling with rising costs due to global inflation. Our district has been allocated \$980,365. The funding is provided on a one-time basis and must be spent by June 30, 2023. In the last week of October SD71 has decided to transfer a significant portion of these funds directly to schools, and Royston is slated to receive approximately \$16500. A spending plan is due to the district by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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