

Royston PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/12/2023 18:30

Attendees:

Warren Colgrave
Teresa Cameron
Chelsea McCannel-Keene
Rosa Maxwell
Stacy Murphy
Tara Pietrzak
Paul Liebenberg
Danica Prowse

Warren Colgrave- See Principals Report

*Warren to ask Clare about 2x \$200 cheques that haven't been cashed

Stacy Murphy- See Treasurers Report

Chelsea McKannel-Keene School Trustee Updates

- DPAC handouts to distribute from meeting
- Bussing information from Ian
 - Ian will look more into children having to cross the 4 lane highway at Glover Rd and get back to Chelsea
 - Daniel is making a quiet plan for safer walkability around Royston per Jasmin's initial request into it. Possible suggestion would be approaching Rotary about making tracks into Green Space or safe walking trails
- Chelsea is chairing Feb 14th Committee of the Whole and can bring things forward to this meeting if we have concerns
- IT issues with Chrome not uploading documents for Kindergarten registration

Logoed Royston Wear

- Re: logo Warren has been in touch with Bruce and is waiting to hear back. Wondering if we can use an artist from We Wa Kai band in Campbell River or possibly use current logo for this round of printing
- Adding tote bags this year – look into two sizes of tote bags
- Tara to set up sending confirmation emails through hotlunch to avoid mistakes on orders
- Can we put stickers with names and divisions onto each garment

Hot Lunch – no news

Gunters

Wait until Briana returns

7:25

Fundraising Ideas

- Blueberry plants something to think about. Cumberland had huge success and raised around \$2,000.
- Westcoast Seeds fundraising idea
- Family Day Pancake Breakfast/Movie on new Projector has potential to raise as much as Halloween Dance
- Paul going to Bottle Depot to confirm account etc and put the word out on the PAC page that people can donate to them with Royston El account

Beach Day – too early to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 7:25

Royston Elementary Principal's Report for Thursday, January 12, 2023

Happenings Since our last meeting around Royston Elementary:

- Big thank-you to the Ms. Zbirun, Ms. Kiwanuka, and all the teachers/staff at Royston EI for a great Winter Concert!
- Thank-you to the PAC for helping provide refreshments and prizes for the "Sweet Seats" at the Winter Concert. We were able to raise over \$800 that went directly to charity.
- The Christmas Lunch was a big success! Thanks to the Custom Gourmet for providing this, and we hope that this can become a yearly tradition.
- Royston Elementary filled 7 hampers for the Royal Lepage holiday hamper, and we were able to fundraise (when combined with the "sweet seat" proceeds \$700 for our hamper drive, and another \$700 for EDAS.
- Thanks to PAC members Danica Prowse and Tara Pietrzak, we were able to provide customizable hampers to 3 Royston EI families over Christmas break. We used some of our Student Affordability Fund to help make this happen.
- Royston EI students had the chance to participate in a holiday reading challenge over the break, and potentially win lunch at Whitespot with a staff member and friend of their choice. Thanks to Mr. Appel for creating the reading maps/tickets for the challenge. The winners will be announced on tomorrow's edition of the "Royston Report".
- Over the holidays maintenance was in to install our new projection screen. It is now fully operational. Thank-you PAC! The projector is arriving soon!

Looking forward to the upcoming weeks at Royston Elementary:

- The MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) is going live this week with our grade 5 students. The MDI is a survey designed by the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. A reverse-consent letter was sent by the school to all grade 5 families in November.

For more information on the MDI, please use the following link:

<https://discovermdi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/MDI-Questions-Brief-2022.pdf>

- Kindergarten teachers will begin administering the EDI (Early Years Development Instrument) with their students during the first week of February. Like the MDI, the EDI is part of the UBC HELP (Human Early Learning Partnership) initiative, and gathers information about five core areas of early childhood development: Physical Health & Well-being, Social Competence, Emotional Maturity, Language & Cognitive Development, Communication Skills & General Knowledge. A reverse-consent letter was sent by the district to all Kindergarten families in December.

For more information on the EDI, please use the following link:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/edi/edi-overview/>

- On February 2nd Island Health is coming to Royston to do hearing screening for our Kindergarten students. One month later they'll be back to do dental screening!
- Basketball season has started at Royston Elementary! Boys' practices each week on Mondays after school and on Wednesdays at lunch. Girls' practices are Tuesdays at lunch and on Thursdays after school. Game days for both teams are Wednesdays! Royston also has a grade 4 basketball skill-development session happening each week on Thursdays at lunch. Thanks to Mr. LaRizza, Ms. Glover, and Ms. Connolly for coaching our 2 grade 5/6 teams, and to Norm Hann for helping with grade 4 skill developments sessions on Thursdays.
- Summaries of Learning for teachers using e-portfolio will be heading home to families on Friday, January 27th.
- Next week is the Chinese Lunar New Year and February is Black History Month. Teachers have been encouraged to celebrate these observances in their classes.
- January 27th is the date for Royston's next celebration of success assembly. It is also a spirit day/house competition day: plaid flannel day.
- The grade 6 year-end field trip is booked! Our grade 6s will once again be heading over to Tribune Bay Outdoor Education centre, but this time the trip will be a two-day trip with an overnight component (in cabins). Thank-you again PAC for the extra funds to help with the expenses for this trip, but it's an expensive one. Students in Mr. Zadvorny's and Mr. David's classes will fund-raise starting in mid-February by selling the World's Finest Chocolate.