

ROYSTON ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING

February 9th, 2023 18:30

In attendance: Briana Noot, Rosa Maxwell, Stacey Murphy, Danica Prowse, Paul Leibenberg, Warren Colegrave, Teresa Cameron, Tara Pietrezek, Jennifer Gavin-Stevenson

1. Welcome from Paul
2. Reports:
 - Principal's report - Warren Colegrave
 - Check with Annette about DPAC resources for parent anxiety
 - Window film in two windows above school "Everyone is Welcome Here"
 - Also on list to have sidewalk painted rainbow
 - Could there be any partnerships or grants available to help with costs
 - White text to stand out
 - Treasurer's Report - Stacey Murphy
 - Motions approved for: window films, fitness equipment, and larvae
 - Fundraising team reports

Hot Lunch - Tara

- Volunteers needed for fill-in basis (Brianna Matheson offered to help today on on-call basis)
- New subsidy students added so costs are rising for covering extra students
 - Tara to look into details on how much (percentage) to top up the subsidized lunches

Easter Purdys – Jennifer

- Purdy's aren't keen to give out brochures
- Easter may not be a successful time for chocolate especially after the chocolate almonds being sold now
- Jennifer will call to find out if brochures are available and reach out to Annette to see if she's interested in organizing

Movie Night Fundraiser -

- Hot Dogs and Popcorn Machines from Cumberland
 - Hot dogs (boil in big pots)
 - Buns
 - Condiments
 - Bubly (already have)
- Hold it on Friday March 10th
- Rosa & Anna want to help with organizing
- Bring a blanket and lay on the floor & yoga mat or beach chairs
- Recruit volunteers for the day of (making popcorn)
- Suggest 5:30 movie starts at 6:00
- Warren will run the equipment to play the movie
- Charge \$5 donation per family for entry – this \$5 entry will go straight to the Barrett family (motion was presented to group and all were in favour)
 - Cost out hot dogs to make pricing
- Have school voting for the movie choice

Clothing Exchange Fundraiser for Barrett Family - **CANCEL IDEA**

- Clothing shoes, sports equipment are donating
- One Evening (4:00-7:00 for example) people pay \$25 for a shop and can take whatever they want for the entrance fee
- Drop off could be over a period of a few days
- Briana knows people at Huband and will see how their similar event went tomorrow

Fundraising for Recycling Centre

- Paul put message out to PAC Page with account information
- Already \$382 in account

Gunters

- We can do the orders going right up to Spring Break
- Pickup will be after Spring Break (they originally scheduled pickup during Spring Break)

Royston Spirit Wear

- Clothing is in the works
- Will do tote bags this years (voted on bigger size, and natural colour)

Meeting adjourned at 8:09

Royston Elementary Principal's Report for Thursday, February 9, 2023

Happenings Since our last meeting around Royston Elementary:

- On Tuesday, January 30th we wrapped up a successful pink t-shirt/hoodie ordering drive at Royston El. Over 70 shirts and hoodies were ordered. Remember, pink shirt day is February 22nd, and if you missed our drive, never fear - any pink shirt will work.
- 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! Dental screening for our Kindies takes place March 2nd.
- Last week we concluded the MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) with our grade 5 students. Up next: Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey with our grade 4 students.
- Both of our Holiday Reading Contest winners were able to take a friend and a staff member of their choice to Whitespot for lunch.
- Work continues on our kitchen upgrade. We believe the new industrial refrigerator will arrive in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Basketball season continues at Royston Elementary, and will run roughly until the end of February. Royston also has a grade 4 basketball skill-development session happening each week on Thursdays at lunch. Big thanks to our coaches, Mr. LaRizza, Ms. Glover, and Ms. Connelly, as well as our parent volunteers, Norm Hann and Lindsay Eason.

Looking forward to the upcoming weeks at Royston Elementary:

- Royston currently has 4 classes (grade 2, grade 4/5) contributing to the Comox Valley Record's "Design an Ad" contest. The contest closes February 17, 2023. Hopefully we see some winners in the paper!
- Royston's next spirit day is next Tuesday – the theme: Heart Day/Valentine's Day.
- A letter went home to parents on Friday January 27th outlining the Sexual Health and Body Science curricula that will be taught at Royston in the upcoming 2-3 months. Parents can exempt their child from this curriculum, but in so doing are accepting the responsibility of taking on this important learning at home during the same timeframe.
- In an effort to better educate our students about digital literacy and the pitfalls of unkind online behaviour and cyberbullying, Royston Elementary has decided to purchase and show a video made by local (Victoria) online safety expert, the White Hatter: "Cyberbullying and Online Personal Protection". While this video was originally designed for students in grades 6 and 7, the teaching team at Royston El believes that there is a need to educate our students down to grade 4. Classes will receive this education tomorrow (Feb 10th) and Monday (Feb 13th).

- 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/>

- BC Transit is coming to put on public transit presentations for 7 classes March 9th. We believe that they will be bringing the bus with them (this was a highlight for many students last year).
- Fundraising for the grade 6 year end field trip will begin tomorrow, February 10th. Students will be bringing home cases of the “World’s Finest Chocolate Almonds” to sell juuuust in time for Valentine’s Day.
- Field trip season has officially started! Classes are beginning to venture out to other places. We have classes going skating, to the bowling alley, to museums, and, starting on February 21st, our two grade 4/5 classes will be heading up to Mt. Washington for their first of two x-country skiing sessions.
- The district announced last week that it would be taking over the stocking of emergency foodstuffs – yay! (Go Royston!). This means that over the next two weeks Teresa and I must inventory our emergency sea can.
- Royston teaching staff and administration are contributing to putting on a CUPE lunch for our support staff coworkers next Thursday, February 16th.
- Friday, February 17th is an Indigenous focussed professional development day. An event for all SD71 employees is taking place at GP. Vanier Secondary featuring Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck and Professor Jesse Morin.
- Monday, February 20th is Family Day – school’s closed!
- Another big thank-you to PAC for making it possible for us to bring in Green Thumb Theatre on February 23rd. Their production, “Like it or Not”, is centered around the themes of friendship, self image, and social media. For more information, please visit the following website:

<https://www.greenthumb.bc.ca/season/likeitornot>

- February 23rd is also our next Celebration of Success Assembly. February's theme is personal awareness and responsibility.

Other Items for Discussion

- Inclusive window film proposal – concept and funding.
- Family movie night?