

ROYSTON ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING

March 9, 2023

In attendance: Briana Noot, Rosa Maxwell, Danica Prowse, Paul Leibenberg, Warren Colegrave, Teresa Cameron, Tara Pietrezek, Jennifer Gavin-Stevenson, Anna Minekar, Chelsea McCannel-Keene

1. Welcome from Paul
2. Reports:
 - Principal's report - Warren Colegrave
 - Trustee's Report – Chelsea McCannel Keene
 - More money coming with new budgets for student enhancements and working in a green direction
 - Focus looking at vulnerable students and families connecting with different districts
 - New National Food Policy coming from the Ministry of Childcare
 - DPAC
 - Sexual health and wellbeing came up in motions at the meetings that came up a lot – look at meeting minutes to see if interested
 - 2 modulars being built in Cumberland but nothing at Royston for at least two years
 - Treasurer's Report - Stacey Murphy not present

Hot Lunch - Tara

- Subsidized 9 students currently and 10th coming up. \$25-30 per student per month
- Spending more than we are bringing in monthly
- Projected to have a small surplus this year- last year we had almost \$1,000 in the fund
- Would be nice to have 2-3 lunches per week per student
- Could we use a percentage of sales for subsidy?
- Per Warren Government is likely to give more subsidy money to school next year which would include feeding children so PAC may not have to use PAC funds

Easter Purdys – Jennifer

- Sales doing pretty well \$1500 of sales and \$420 profit so far
- Last years Easter got nearly zero sales
- Orders have to be in by Saturday and should arrive by March 17th

Movie Night Fundraiser – Rosa

- Briana to buy
- Veggie Dogs
- 120 more hot dogs

Fundraising for Recycling Centre

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

Gunters – Briana

- Briana has a date that should work post Spring Break and will connect with Tara on the order forms

Spring Break Hampers- Danica

- 2 boxes of frozen chicken breasts left
- New Fridge won't arrive until possibly after Spring Break- don't know exact cost
- Could look at percentage back on Gunters to subsidize families that need (maybe 6 families)

Royston Spirit Wear - Paul

- Shirts and hoodies still happening

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

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

Happenings Since our last meeting around Royston Elementary:

- Today BC Transit came to our school and did presentations on public transit for 8 of our classes. They brought the bus! Thanks to Ms. Peta for organizing.
- We have started the BC Ministry of Education and Families "Student Learning Survey" with all of our grade 4 students. Our staff took the survey on Tuesday and parents of our grade 4 students have been invited to take it as well.
- Work continues on our kitchen upgrade. We had an industrial faucet installed . . . still waiting on that refrigerator, however!
- Beach day at Airforce Beach is officially booked for Thursday, June 15th! Both the busses and pavilion have been booked for this event.
- Our teacher-librarian, Rick Appel applied for, and received a \$700 grant for the library from the annual Times Colonist book sale. Great job, Rick!
- Grade 6 chocolate almond sales have been brisk at Royston EI! We are still waiting for some of the sales dollars to roll in, but our grade 6 students sold approximately 70 cases of almonds! That's 2100 individual boxes!
- Green Thumb Theatre came to our school to perform, "Like it or Not" for our students on February 23rd. Our students seemed to enjoy the live performance, and many had questions at the end. Thank-you PAC!
- Pink shirt day was also a big success at Royston EI! We ordered nearly 70 pink shirts for our staff/students/community. We were careful to teach our kids that, while we commemorate Pink Shirt Day once a year, we should try to always remember and practice the spirit/ideas behind it.
- Royston teaching staff and administration are contributed to a CUPE lunch for our support staff coworkers on February 16th. The effort (and food) was much appreciated.
- Royston had 4 classes (grade 2, grade 4/5) contribute to the Comox Valley Record's "Design an Ad" contest. 3 of our students' submissions made the "Education Edition" of the CV Record: Avery Galik-Lemky, Odin Lang, and Caiden Friesen!

Looking forward to the upcoming weeks at Royston Elementary:

- It is planning season in SD71! Currently, Royston enrollment sits at 276, with 38 Kindergarten registrations (we were projected to have 41). If these numbers stay reasonably consistent, we will once again have 13 divisions.

- Field trip season continues to pick up steam! Thank-you PAC!
- Divisions 12&13 are excited to announce their upcoming Young Entrepreneur Fair which is taking place next Friday, March 17th. Our community is invited to come and view (and maybe purchase) some of the many products that our grade 5 & 6 students are feverishly producing between 9am-11:15 am.
- March 24th is the date for our next Celebration of Success assembly. This month's category is Critical Thinking. The 24th is also the date for our next Spirit Day: Silly/Ugly tie day.
- MyEd report cards head home Friday, March 24th for those teachers using this reporting method. Teachers using e-portfolio will send a second and final summary of learning home at the end of the year.
- Spring Break is quickly approaching! This is a reminder that, this year, it runs from March 25th- Tuesday, April 11th.
- The gymnastics equipment will be coming to Royston on March 20th, and will stay until April 14th. The wonderful Ms. Taylor has been in discussions with Chimo gymnastics to have an instructor come to Royston to help our teachers learn how to better teach gymnastics to our students.
- April 12th is the date for Royston's Spring Photo Fundraiser with Lifetouch studios. These photos are more "relaxed" than traditional school photos. Parents who decide to order these photos will also be helping out our school.