

Royston Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026

In Attendance: Lee McKillican, Char Siddon, Brianna Matheson, Richelle Lamont Berg, Andrea Braim, Stacey Hoselton, Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Graeme Hahn, Sarah Leakey

1. Call to Order at 630pm

- a. Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement
- b. Approval of minutes: February 2026
- c. Approval of agenda/Any additions

2. Admin Report

Lee McKillican/Char Siddon

a. Happenings since our last meeting:

- Feb 25th Resilient Rhythm Resource - Full Day - whole school rhythm session
- Character Assembly - Empathy: Mar 4th/6th
 - Kids now have an empathy challenge. This is being done in different ways in each classroom
 - "Royston Ravens Walk with Empathy" in the Foyer
- March 5 - Young Entrepreneur Fair - another successful event!

b. Happenings this month around Royston Elementary

- Pedagogy of Play School Wide Inquiry project March 13, 20
 - E.g. blanket fort building and reading, board games, drawing, etc.
 - Will likely add some dates in April as well
- March 6-20 - Gymnastics (all classes)
- Mar 19th - Rugby Session - Grades 3-6
- Time change/schedule change (again)
 - We may look into further changes to the school schedule ahead as needed
- Report Cards March 20th
- Discussion re: screen time challenge this month. Challenges and successes.

c. Next Month: April

- April - May
 - Adjusting the school schedule again
 - Creativity Character Assembly Apr. 22 (intermediate), Apr. 24 (primary)
 - Parent Workshop Ideas? What's next? Early-mid May?
 - Welcome to K - May 5th - 2:45-3:45

- Topics
 - CORE Ed - Critical Thinking Passion Projects
 - a. CORE competencies FYI (Char) - important to consider these as they relate to the upcoming report cards

d. PAC Requests:

- New reimagined Indigenized Royston Raven Logo
 - \$1500.00 (finishing touches - Grand unveiling in June)
 - a. Up to \$1500 approved by PAC to cover costs
- The Playground
 - Big Toy 2 showing signs of age.
 - Waiting for the Director of Maintenance to provide directions re: how to proceed.
 - Process through the district to apply for funding.
 - If structures are paid for by the PAC, school/maintenance will need to build/install and maintain.
 - There may be other grants or funding opportunities outside of the School Board as well.
- Playground Equipment
 - 3 Beyblade Stadiums (3 x \$60.00) = \$180.00
 - 4 square balls (6 x \$15.00) = \$90.00
 - Estimated Taxes (12%) = \$32.40
 - Total Estimated Cost = \$302.40 - funding approved by PAC
- Durable Outdoor Sand & Play Equipment (see proposal attached)
 - Estimated Total Cost = \$1502 - funding approved by PAC

3. School Trustee Report

Chelsea McCannel-Keene

- a. In the middle of the Public Engagement Process ongoing
- b. New secretary/Treasurer to the Board
- c. Meeting with various parties re: ongoing budgeting and planning
- d. Student Voice Council - Discussions re: bathroom safety, vaping
- e. New and Updated Resources on Learn71 re: technology assistive devices
- f. Ongoing performance review process - Superintendent Review
- g. Wee care closing - some discussion re: concerns at this time
 - the childcare at Royston will be secured for the coming year before and after school
 - More details to follow

4. Treasurer Report

Danica Prowse

- a. **General account just under \$30,000**
- b. **Gaming account ~\$5,000**

5. DPAC Report

Graeme Hahn

- a. A lot of info available on Learn71 - info, tools, book recommendations, student and family resources, etc.
- b. Parents' Mental Health Film upcoming at NIC March 13th. "Seen"
- c. March 18th, White Hatter Presentation re: AI and tech literacy

6. Hot Lunches/Food Distribution

Andrea/Mai

- a. New software to review (Andrea). Lunch Up.
 - Would give parents more flexibility with ordering and could cancel up to 6pm the night prior
 - Additional capabilities for fundraising, etc
 - May not be an option with local vendors. Will explore further.
- b. Local Pasta Option - samples provided at the meeting.

7. Fundraising

Amanda/Erin/Ashlee

- a. Gut Feelings Sourdough - Adding Pizza Dough to the website (Erin)
- b. Roe's Flower Subscriptions - ongoing (Brianna)
- c. Westcoast Seeds fundraiser - ordering closed, waiting for pick up date (Jasmin)
- d. Spring Gunter Fundraiser - April 28-May 8. Pick up week of May 11 (Brianna). Dates to be confirmed.

8. Old Business

- a. Royston Multi-Use Path
 - Discussed what we learned at Royston Open House
 - Multi-use pathway: This is now pushed back to mid 2027 to coincide with other related construction.
 - Laurel Heights Path: Slow progress but some support through CVRD. Will consider some additional bussing to support the area in the interim until a safe walking path is established.
 - Next steps: Letter to DPAC, contacting MLAs, campaign for improved lighting, crosswalks, etc.
- b. Compass Sailing Club proposal - Park for next school year
- c. Div 8 & 9
 - Alternate activity to Cross Country Skiing
 - Some requested dates for Compass Sailing. To be confirmed.
- d. Grade 3 student group activity to the WIP?
 - Students in grade 3, ~38 kids
 - Teachers in favour

9. New Business

- a. Playground Upgrades - see above
- b. Brainstorm topic for next Parent Workshop
 - Tentatively May 27th
 - Parent burnout tips, local support options
 - *Conflict resolution: conflict between siblings or peers, dealing with conflict in general and at school
 - *Child development, psychology, general phases of development re: expectations, chores, peer relationships
 - Behaviour and discipline
 - Mental health and wellness
- c. Free play Wednesdays - possible opportunity to trial this upcoming
 - Open lightly supervised play after school on Wednesdays
 - Timing: Bell to 330pm
 - Discuss logistics, volunteer recruitment
 - Grant money available through BC Alliance for Healthy Living to pay EAs for supervision

10. Adjourn - Next Meeting: We will move from April 8 to **April 15th** due to Spring Break timing

Principal's Report March 11, 2026

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