**Royal Oak Middle School**

**PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00pm**

\*Note that this was a virtual meeting

Present: Luanne Richardson, Co-President; Tiffany Congdon, Co-President; Katherine Barr, Secretary; Jennifer Snow, Communications; Rauber Nascimento, Treasurer; Tynke Landsmeer, Purdy’s Fundraising; Julia Roemer, COPACS representative; Jennifer Furtado, Lunch Program; Karen MacEwan, Principal; Sara Postlethwaite, Vice Principal; Bill Davison; Jana Pokorny; Kristina & Keith; Leanne Hawkins; Marissa; Simona

Regrets: Ivory Xi, Volunteer Coordinator; Jill Shaw, Grants; Nina Heft

1. **Territorial Acknowledgment**: We acknowledge and thank the W̱SÁNEĆ people on

whose traditional territory we live, learn, and teach. The W̱SÁNEĆ people have lived and

worked on this land since time immemorial.

1. **Claremont Administration Presentation**: Grade 8 Transition Process
   * Slides will be made available for parents
2. **Grade 8 Farewell Update** (Luanne)
   * Grade 8 Farewell is happening on Tues, June 27, 2023
   * Theme is Hawaiian Tropical
   * Photo booth has already been booked
   * There will be a cost for the gr. 8 parents; PAC will try to offset costs via fundraising (e.g., hoodies; bottle drive early 2023 where ~$1K made; pizza day and maybe a bake sale)
3. **Administration Report** (Karen and Sara)
   * Two Claremont activities so far have been fun and helpful
     + Claremont yearlong dance students (gr. 9-12) did dances; intermixed with this were drama games by drama group; at the end, the Claremont students talked about their experiences in the fine arts programs; finding people with whom you belong was a key theme during this discussion, “feel like the others in the group are my family” said some of the Claremont students
     + PEP students: went into homeroom classrooms, showed slides, discussed day in the life of a Claremont student
   * Next week: Claremont course selection materials will be sent home
   * Next week: Kindness Week
     + Tuesday: school assembly, choir, guest speakers, student video, giving away t-shirts
     + Later in the week: bake sale, school wide mural
   * Trades and technology:
     + students participated in ‘find your fit’ to see what kinds of skills would be in demand for various careers
     + for grades 6 and 7: Camosun College will bring Inspired program to ROMS for info about trades and technologies
4. **Approval of Agenda** (Luanne)
   * Move: Tiffany; Second: Julia
5. **Approval of January Minutes** (Luanne)
   * Move: Julia; Second: Tiffany
6. **Fundraising/Volunteer Positions** (Luanne)
   * Purdy’s: Tynke ran this in December; there will be another for Easter (Tynke thinks it will be around the beginning of March, order until spring break, receive before Easter)
   * Spring flowers/hanging baskets: for Mother’s Day
     + Tynke will contact them, will be sent out prior to Mother’s Day
   * Pizza: Domino’s open to us doing fundraising with them; straightforward volunteer opportunity: choose date, contact Domino’s, make flyer
   * Country Grocer: volunteer for spreadsheet. Luanne to contact
7. **President’s Report** (Luanne)
   * Had PAC executive meeting prior to this one
   * District meeting next week that Luanne and others can go to with Karen (Thurs, Feb. 23 at Bayside at 7pm); contact Luanne, Tiffany or Karen if interested in going via romsparents@gmail.com
8. **Treasurer’s Report** (Rauber)
   * Purdy’s: a bit behind what we had planned currently
   * A number of other expenses have been submitted (recess and PE equipment, earthquake supplies, gr. 8 band tour, field hockey jerseys, bank fees, etc.)
   * Currently in account: $9K in general; $24K in gaming
   * Will send out spring Teacher Funding requests but caveat that we may not have funds available to support more initiatives
9. **COPACS Update** (Julia)
   * Meeting was last Thursday; COPACS is the parent organization for our PAC
   * They are looking for Saanich spokesperson for their board
   * FSA: new info on their website regarding gr 4 and 7 FSA
   * SIDES: has been announced as an official provincial online learning school
   * COPACS board: want more engagement from other PACS to ensure that they get value from being involved with COPACS
     + E.g., bi-monthly input from schools
   * Earthquake supplies: why are these a PAC budget item?
     + PACs have provided food, water, etc. for student use
     + These supplies are not required by legislation and districts don’t receive any targeted funds for these kinds of supplies
   * Discussion about online learning sessions:
     + e.g., White Hatter: online safety; Dr. Lisa Gunderson: diversity/racial awareness

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm**

**Ongoing Fundraising:**

* Peninsula Coop Number: 58597. Put this number in your phone and don't forget to use it when you pay at the gas station or grocer.
* Country Grocer receipts: Save your Country Grocer receipts as PAC earns gift cards to use for school lunches for those in need. The collection envelope is hanging by the PAC Bulletin Board at school.
* COBS bread: Mention Royal Oak when you make a purchase at COBS bread and 5% of your purchase will be donated to our school.

**Next PAC General Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 7:00pm**

**Action Items:**

* + Tynke will run a Purdy’s Easter fundraising activity and will contact the organization that runs spring flowers/hanging baskets fundraising
  + Get/coordinate volunteers for:
    - Pizza: Domino’s open to us doing fundraising with them; straightforward volunteer opportunity: choose date, contact Domino’s, make flyer
    - Country Grocer: volunteer for spreadsheet – Luanne to contact
  + Teacher Funding Request Form – Luanne to create and send to Karen to have prior to spring break