



**ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00pm**

**Present:** President: Luanne Richardson, Vice-President: Jennifer Furtado, Treasurer: Don Mellings, Grants: Jill Shaw, COPACS Rep: Julia Roemer, Co -secretary: Jenny Eastman, Member at Large: Tynke Landsmeer, Grade 8 Rep: Kirsty Hooker. 20 ROMS families were represented.

**Staff:** Principal, Karen McEwen and Vice- Principal, Sara Postelthwaite

**Guest:** Const. Eric Misener, Saanich Police, School Liaison Officer

**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.

Const. Eric spoke about current drug issues in the community and ways to engage our children in discussions on this topic to help keep them safe. Const. Eric is happy to help families with questions at any time. His talk was recorded, please contact [romsparents@gmail.com](mailto:romsparents@gmail.com) to request access to this. Suggested websites: <https://cybertip.ca/en> and <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca>

**1. Admin Report**

- Reduced activities in the school due to COVID. Students and staff doing well with new protocols after the break.
- Volleyball teams are active – no tournaments, but will play and host other schools
- Reminder to focus on the positive with your kids, we will all get through this together. Help them stay positive.

**2. Approval of Agenda and call for additional items**

- Motion to approve the agenda by Don, seconded by Jill. CARRIED.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve May's minutes by Jill, seconded by Julia. CARRIED

**4. President's Report**

- Held an executive meeting prior to PAC meeting this evening. Luanne and Jen F. met with ROMS Admin for a check in on back to school feedback and other plans for spring.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- \$7,752.86 General Account
- \$23,276.85 Gaming Account

- \$225.00 Cash Float on hand
- **\$31, 254.71 TOTAL**
- In a very good position to continue school year, expect to be able to offer another round of funding to teachers
- New kiln for pottery has been purchased, arrival expected in April
- Grant application submitted to Peninsula Coop, asking for support of lunch program, declined

#### **6. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils in Saanich (COPACS) Update**

- COPACS meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, just after our PAC meeting
- COPACS sent email to families in the District asking about thoughts on vaccine mandate for staff. Results will be reported shortly.
- Superintendent Eberwein shared information about how to find BC Centre for Disease Control website and data related to Saanich. So far, school attendance is a bit lower than normal, but not too far out of the ordinary.
- Lack of international students has resulted in a drop in District budget
- Nature program beginning for elementary schools in the District – goal to have resource wagons for each elementary school to encourage outdoor learning experiences

#### **7. Grade 8 Liaison**

- Motion to elect Taegen McManaman as Grade 8 Liaison by Jenny. Seconded by Kirsty. CARRIED.
- Tree chipping raised ~\$200, bottle drive total raised is still pending
- Hoodies will arrive soon
- Farewell event is challenging to plan right now. Karen will be meeting with District staff about Grade 8 farewell options and guidelines. More to come on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm: moved by Jill, seconded by Jenny. CARRIED

#### 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 receipts as PAC can earn gift cards to Country Grocer. The collection envelope is hanging by the PAC Bulletin Board at school.
- **COBS bread:** PAC participates in the COBS bread fundraising program. Mention Royal Oak when you go in and 5% will go back to our school with every purchase.

#### **Next PAC General Meetings:**

- Wednesday, February 16, 7pm – mark in your calendar!