

**Royal Oak Middle School**

**PAC Meeting Minutes/Summary**

**November 15, 2018**

**Present:**

**PAC EXECUTIVE: President:** Vacant, **Vice-President:** Josie Pucci-Cocco, **Treasurer:** Ravinder Manhas, **Secretary:** Josie Pucci-Cocco, **COPACS Rep:** Lisa Gunderson, **Grade 8 Liaison:** Stephanie Kalabric, Melanie Mace & Sherri O’Sullivan, **Volunteer Coordinator:** Moragh Smith, **Members at Large:** Kathy Alexander (communications), Christine Carrigan (lunch program), Emily Scott (smile cards), Leslie Hall (Country Grocer Receipts), Christine Dutchak and Sukhmani Virk **Grant Writer**: Areli Hermanson

Not present: Ravinder Manhas, Melanie Mace, Moragh Smith, Kathy Alexander, Christine Carrigan, Leslie Hall, Christine Dutchak, Areli Hermanson

6 ROMS families also attended.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Westhaver – Talked to us about what to expect when transitioning from middle school to high school.

* This year has been Mr. Westhaver 3rd year at Claremont next year will be his 4th year.
* Claremont is a large school of 1200 students, 100 staff members. Allot of kids coming from out of the district; many find it hard at first if they don’t know anyone at the school, the best way for these students to meet friends is for them to get involved and connect with a few students.
* Encourage your students to get involved in clubs, councillors are helpful and work with kids when needed. High school is like a little city, and we have a great community that we work together.
* Students that come into grade 9 take courses through sides. Grade 11 and 12 students are allowed to take electives and spares.
* High school is the most important years of your student's life, be involved in their life more when your child is in high school.
* June we deliver their time table. Please look at their time table and make sure they do not have all four core chores in one semester.
* February to spring break we collect the course applications.

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm at ROMS Learning Commons

1. **Call the meeting to order -**  Josie Pucci-Cocco
2. **ROMS Administration**: Karen MacEwan, Ken Bergeron
3. No power point tonight spent the evening cooking the appetizer. As a token of our appreciation, we would like to thank the parents for all their work at ROMS. Superintendent announced David Mark new vice principal at ROMS who will be with us for the 2019/2020 school year.
4. We have been big into transition this month, working with Claremont for the grade 8 students and the elementary schools for the grade 6’s coming into middle school.
5. We had our resilience assembly best assembly so far this year - Youtube draw erase youtube resilience
6. Gaga ball courts up and running – 15 to 20 students max in the gaga courts.
7. Class placement – Below is Karen's email regarding class placement

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Dear Grade 6 and 7 ROMS Parents,

We are very excited to be starting our third and final term of this school year!  In the final term, many new skills are being consolidated, and students often make great strides toward their goals for the year.  The final term can also be a time when students start to look forward to the summer break, and they may lose sight of their goals without support.  We hope you will continue to communicate with our staff so that we can work together to ensure a strong finish to the school year for your child!   Below you will find some important information about our upcoming second term report cards, and about the process for class building and parent placement requests for next year.

**Second Term Report Cards**

Due to the loss of instructional time in February, we will be sending second term report cards home one week later than scheduled.  We apologize for this change, but I hope you will understand the need for it.  Report cards will now come home on **Friday, April 12, 2019**.

**Class Building and Parent Placement Requests for the 2019-20 School Year**

Every year we embark on the complex process of building classes for the coming school year. In doing so, we gather input from students’ current teachers as well as considering many other factors including the academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of our students, as well as balancing the strengths and challenges in each classroom.  Our goal is to create balanced classes that provide the best opportunity for student success.

With so many factors to consider, the class building is a complex process only made more complicated by a high volume of parent placement requests.  We believe that, by middle school, students should be open to forming new peer relationships and that it’s important for students to develop the skills to work with a wide variety of peers beyond their current social circle.  We want to help our students develop the resiliency they need to thrive by teaching and encouraging flexible thinking and adaptability. We believe that our students are capable of working with and learning from the different personalities and styles of varying peers and teachers throughout their many years of schooling. Through such an approach, we are striving to meet our students’ long-term needs as well as furthering Royal Oak’s positive culture as an inclusive learning community built on our ROMS core values of curiosity, compassion and resilience.

Based on all of the above, we ask that parents**only make a class placement request in extraordinary situations warranting special consideration.**

In such extraordinary cases, please send your request by email to Karen MacEwan, Principal, at [kmacewan@saanichschools.ca](mailto:kmacewan@saanichschools.ca)  by our **April 30 deadline**, including:

* 1. Your child’s name, current grade and current teacher
* 2. The nature of your placement request
* 3. The extraordinary learning, social-emotional, and other needs warranting such special class placement consideration

Please note that no requests are guaranteed, but your request and rationale will be considered during our class building process if submitted by this deadline.

Thank you for the trust you place in us each and every day.  We know how important communication is between home and school, and we want to continue to work with you to support our students in navigating the challenges they face during the middle years.  We believe that creating balanced, diverse classes will help our students learn how to work successfully with a variety of peers, develop their capacity to cope with challenges and become more resilient learners.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen MacEwan

Principal, Royal Oak Middle School

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1. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes -**  Agenda was passed around and the minutes from the last meeting February 2019 and we posted them to the website. Approved by: Sherri O'Sullivan and Emily Scott
2. **Upcoming Events** - Ice cream sale May 15th outside if the weather permits. If not we will be selling at the canteen.

Ice cream $3.00

Freezes $2.00

1. **Treasurer’s report and Budget-** Treasurer not present but we are sitting at $20,106.96 minus the grade 8 farewell funds total equals $17,570.75.
2. **Co-PACS Representative Report/Update –**  The board is meeting on how to spend money and allocate the budget. They are also looking at how PACS spends their money. Any parent who is interested in sharing where they would like to see the money go to please write to your school trustee. Sannich\_trustees@saanich schools.ca

We are encouraging parents to read administrative raises; the conversation going on is in regards to raises getting paid from operating funds.

They want everyone to know that their priority is IT; they have established a 4 to 5-year plan. New operating systems will get upgraded, and there has been a recommendation by the board to put money into the IT, which they hired an IT company to take care of upgrade.

* Facility and budget report on school district site
* COPACS is looking for executives the following positions are available:
  1. Treasure
  2. President
  3. Vice President
  4. Secretary
* AGM May 9th, Contact Ashley if interested in any positions.
* May 5 Keating Spring fair

There has been lots of talk about filtering systems on the internet, the majority of schools have chosen a lower level of filtering mainly at (Middle and High School level)

1. **Grade 8 Farewell-** The food truck will serve sliders, taco’s, poutine and much more. They will also have a sundae bar, cups filled with candy on their way out. DJ will entertain the kids with music. Tickets are going to be about $20.00 maybe less depending on how much more money they will need for the event; they will have wrist bands to give to each student for security.

Grade 8 farewell is on: June 24th, 2019

**PAC Member at large Grade 8 farewell is:** Stephanie Kalabric, Melanie Mace and Sherri O’Sullivan

**Next Grade 8 Meeting is on:**

1. **New Business** - Ice Cream day May 15th and teacher appreciation is on May 30th, 2019, please sign up to register and bring a dish if you can help.

**Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm**

**May 16th is the next meeting.**

**Fundraising**: Thanks to the businesses that sponsor fundraising for our school!

**PENINSULA CO-OP 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.

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**PAC Email:**[**romsparents@gmail.com**](mailto:romsparents@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ROMS**