

Royal Oak Middle School
PAC Meeting Minutes

Wed Nov 17, 2021, 7:00 pm

Present: President: Luanne Richardson, Vice- President: Jennifer Furtado, Treasurer: Don Mellings, Grants: Jill Shaw, COPACS Rep: Julia Roemer, Co- Secretary: Jen Snow (Communications) & Jenny Eastman, Member at Large-Lunch Program: Jen Furtado & Tynke Landsmeer, Grade 8 Liaison: Kirsty Hooker, ROMS Family members: Raj Sangha 10 ROMS families were represented.

Territorial Acknowledgement: 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. Administration Report** (Karen MacEwan, Sara Postlewaite)- The Grade 8 leadership program held every Monday has been very successful. There is a Grade 8 student assigned to every classroom that are collecting donations for the Cool Aid Society. There are posters and a box in every classroom. Every class has specific items requested, but students are welcome to bring in other items as well. ROMS Clubs and Athletics such as basketball are occurring. Interest clubs are being introduced at lunch such as: Lego, Chess, Textiles, Social Justice, Dungeons and Dragons, Coding, and Performing Arts Club. The clubs are informal and students are encouraged to try them out. There will be a list sent out in the weekly reminder next week.
The Remembrance Day Assembly was well received and featured all students in a variety of different performances. A copy of the performance was not provided on the ROMS website due to privacy issues, but could be made available to parents via e-mail through Mr Bridgeman.
ProD Day Nov 12th- The universal design for learning was presented to the teachers. Saanich School District is at the forefront of using the new proficiency scale. We are in the early stages of using the proficiency scale and can be a challenge for parents and students to understand the differences between the categories. Students recently had an assignment to help them understand the proficiency scale. Grade 9 will be starting with the system and then eventually Grades 10-12. It is being discussed on how it will translate into the post-secondary setting.
In January Grade 8 teachers will take training in mental health literacy. The teachers will take 10 lessons and will be joined by councillors. The focus is to remove the stigma of mental health issues amongst students.

2. **Approval of Agenda and call for additional items-** Motion to approve agenda-Jill Shaw seconded by: Julia Roemer CARRIED
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes: Jill Shaw seconded: Julia Roemer CARRIED
4. **Presidents Report**
 We need ideas for speakers to help increase interest and attendance.
 Jan/Feb police liason will speak.
 Aaron Buckham and Meaghan O' Brien from Claremont Secoundary would like to speak in Feb on the Grade 8 transition.
 Jen F and Luanne attended the strategic planning meeting and encouraged parents to fill out the survey.
5. **Treasurer's Report-** Motion forward to approve budget- Julia Roemer seconded by: Tynke Landsmere
 General Account: \$ 7852.86
 Gaming Account: \$ 23276.85
 Cash float on hand: \$ 225.00
6. **Confederation of Parent Advisory Council in Saanich (COPACS) Update-** Julia Roemer
 The strategic plan was discussed. There is a proposal from Keating Elementry for funds to put towards the four sessions by Allison Reese on parenting. The school PACS were asked to help fund \$1500 (COPACS aim to pay \$750) which would work out to \$75-100 per school.
7. **Speaker and Fundraising Ideas-**
 Claremont VP's in New Year, Police Liason, Island Sexual Health, UR Strong, Sam Beecher
 Trivia Night in Dec, Movie Night in the spring, Heidi Fink(chef) cooking lessons. Purdy's and Dielman's Fundraisers went very well with good profits.
8. **Grade 8 Liaisons-**Kirsty Hooker Kirsty has had 6 parents offer to help with fundraising. A bottle drive will be held Jan 8th. We will send out the info to parents soon. Grade 8 students may be able to help with advertising?
 Grade 8 hoodies will be ordered before Xmas break.
 The yearbook is organized by Emma Cottier. A volunteer could be used to gather photos/baby pictures of the students.
9. **Lunch Program-** Sign Up Genius with be used by parents to donate baked goods or hot items.
10. **Additional discussion items**
 Thrifty Food cards to sell for a fundraiser is alot of effort for not a good return. Red Barn cards may be a higher return and a better system. We will not use the cards this year as a fundraiser and will re-address next year.

Need to send out reminders to parents about saving their Country Grocer receipts. Envelopes are in the classrooms for collecting the receipts and then are placed in the PAC mailbox.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm: Jill Shaw Secounded by: Julia Roemer

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, January 19, 7pm – mark in your calendar!