

**Royal Oak Middle School**

**PAC Meeting Minutes/Summary**

**September 14, 2017**

**Present:**

**PAC EXECUTIVE:** Co-President: Stefania Hutchison, Josie Pucci-Cocco, Treasurer: Christine Dutchak, Secretary: Lynn Hood, COPACS Rep: Jamie Disbrows, Grade 8 Liason:, Rosalina Munro, Volunteer Coordinator: Belinda Waller, ,

Not present: Grade 8 Liason: Christa Easton, Members at Large: Graham Spencer, Christine Carrigan

16 ROMS families also attended.

**ROMS Administration**: Carly Hunter, Ken Bergeron

Meeting opened at 7:00pm at ROMS Learning Commons

Guest Speaker-Constable Ryley Swanson is one of the police officers assigned to Royal Oak Middle school from the Saanich Police School Liaison program. There are three other officers, who are also assigned, each having a different background. If parents are unsure, they should call the police regarding an incident. They can call Ryley and he can advise them on whether the situation should be escalated or not. He works with the principal, staff and other police officers. Email is the easiest way to get a hold of him. He is going to do some talks with the kids, one is internet safety. He will also give a drug talk. There is a drug issue affecting the schools not just a fentanyl issue. There is a lot of topics they could talk about. He liaisons for 11 schools.

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **President's Welcome and Introductions**.- Stefania Hutchison
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes-**Jamie Disbrow motioned to approve last year’s minutes and Jenny Eastman seconded it.

* **ROMS Administration Report –**Carly and Ken thought parents would be interested to hear their presentation that they made to the students from the first assembly of the year. See below.
* Learning Intentions-
  + - to have a clear understanding of school routines
    - to have an opportunity to make connections with other parents and school staff
* What does Community look like?
  + - A school community is where everyone belongs
    - Respect our friends, staff and visiting adults
    - We manage our own behaviors
    - Positive language in support of each other
    - Responsible for recycling, litter and the appearance of the school
    - These agreements include social media
* Basic Reminders
  + - Hats not permitted to be worn in school
    - Rough physical play not permitted
    - Bikes, skateboards, scooters (new bus rule) to be walked on the sidewalks
    - Respect for all facilities
    - Technology items: keep in locker-safest place
    - When arriving late or leaving early for an appointment please sign in or out at the office
    - Safe behaviour in the hallways ( walk on the right side)
    - Come to school each day ready to learn
* Electronic Devices
  + - Devices are helpful to our learning and communication
    - However, it is also important to have time away from electronics to socialize with our friends and get some fresh air!
    - I can use my devices

-with the permission of the classroom teacher as a learning tool

-before and after school outside of the building

* My device needs to be turned off and in the locker

-when I am in the halls

-at recess and lunch outside activity time

* Study Club
  + - This is an opportunity for all students to catch up on homework and work on any assignments
    - Please bring the materials you need to work
    - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00am-8:55am RM 215
    - Tuesday/Thursday 3:10-4:10pm
    - Mr. Forester
    - Starts tomorrow
* Upcoming Events
  + - Week to combat cancer: Bring a toonie-Terry Fox Oct. 3rd and Tour de Rock

visits Oct 7th. Arnold Lim was present at the PAC meeting and he is one of the parents from ROMS. He will be riding in Tour de Rock and he hopes to finish his ride at the school. Further discussion is needed with Ken B (vice principal).

* + - Orange shirt day-recognition for First Nations reconciliation-Fri Sept. 29th
    - School photo day-Sept. 21st
    - Soccer, Cross Country and Rowing (Full) start!
* Playground Structure-there has been an ongoing struggle to get more playground equipment for ROMS. Two years ago the parent council started fundraising for the play structure. ROMS has $20,000 from fundraising. Then Geric Construction made a donation of $50,000 of which $4,000 was left for the play structure. That happened two years ago. Then Geric gave another donation of $50,000 last Friday September 15th.

The school is very grateful for the donation and a thank you card was arranged with the student’s signatures on it and that was given to Mike Geric at an assembly where he made the donation.

* + Blue imp is the name of the play structure ROMS is wanting to buy and the structure is geared toward middle school children. The total cost is $59,000.
  + $5,000 for wood chips another $1,000 for wood ties. It will be delivered and installed in six weeks.
* 2017/2018 is going to be a great school year!-The lower class sizes are making a big difference. All the students are in proper classrooms. An extra classroom is in a computer lab, another is in the band room and one is in the resource room. The school did not need portables. They are going to stay at 25 divisions. 642 students in total.

1. **Treasurer’s report and Budget-**we are starting the year with $12,500 and that does not include the gaming funds, which is usually $12,000, so it’s a good start to the year.
2. **Co-PACS Representative Report/Update**

* New District Superintendent Dave Eberwein has a blog to be found at the SD 63 web site. This is a very interactive tool to hear from him and respond to his thoughts. He plans to update ever week or two (first post was September 8th on the subject of the power of asking “Why”). We are hoping to invite Dave as a guest to a PAC meeting in the future if it works with schedules.

Upcoming events:

* There is a SD 63 Board meeting Wednesday, September 20th (next Wednesday) and this is open to the public from 7-9 pm. No agenda posted yet – believe the meeting is at the Saanich School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road
* Thursday September 21st 7-9 ‘in the know’ session at Saanich Neighbourhood Place at Pearkes Rec. Centre– “Let’s Talk About Drugs” with Reg Fleming and Cindy Andrew – from Centre for Addictions Research BC RSVP [lisa.tate@familysmart.ca](mailto:lisa.tate@familysmart.ca) or call 1.855.887.8004
* Tuesday September 26th 6:30-8:30 pm, another ‘in the know’ event “How to Stay Connected and Helpful To your Teen with Mental Wellness Challenges with Special Speaker Shilpa Narayan, a Psychology Student with lived experience. This is at the Military Family Resource Centre – Winnipeg Room, 2610 Rosebank Rd. Same RSVP details as above.
* Our own Christine Evans has provided me with a contact number to be able to arrange a PAC or COPACS event respecting youth mental health and we could set up a presentation/discussion on depression and anxiety – stay tuned.

Finally, the BCCPAC (British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) is starting to reach out to PACs. The Board of Directors have listed their Strategic Objectives for 2017/18 and they are heavily based around Developing Collaborative Partnerships, Building the Capacity of Parent Leaders and Creating a Strong Profile for BCCPAC. Partnerships to be enhanced include those between BCCPAC and individual parents to meet their needs, at the school with the PACS, at the District with COPACS and reaching out at the Provincial level.

1. **Grade 8 Farewell-**getting started. September 2017Grade 8 farewell will be held: June 25th 2018

**PAC Member at large Grade 8 farewell is: Christa and Rosalina**

* **Hoodies:**

Christa met with Out of the blue to organize the Grade 8 hoodies. The second week we had the 2018 and emailed the school to arrange getting this signed by each of the grade 8 students.  Rosalina and myself will get this organized. Stef Hutchison to help get the class lists to each of the Grade 8 teachers.

The 2018 is currently getting signed.

* **BBQ:**

We will have the order forms ready for the Grade 8 table at the welcome back/meet the teacher BBQ on Sept 27th

Sept 27th a Grade 8 table will be offering Cookies for $1.00 each (1 ticket) to start the fundraising for Grade 8 farewell and also have the hoodie order forms on hand and samples in case people want to see the size.

* **Meetings:**

Christa emailed Donna about date for the Grade 8 meeting:

They will be prior to the PAC meeting on:

October 19th 6-7pm

February 15th 6-7pm,

April 19th 6-7pm

1. **New Business**

The BCTF gives a number of talks but Stef is taking a survey of what parents want to hear about.

BBQ-looking for volunteers. Sept. 27th Wednesday. 4-6pm and 6-7pm is an open house

Coupon books have gone out. Last year they made $2500.

PAC presidents met with the staff. The staff fills out their requests. Carly and Ken prioritize the teacher requests. Oct. 19th the prioritized requests will be presented to the PAC and will be voted on how to spend the PAC money for the school and students. The budget meeting will be next month.

The lunch program. Some kids come to school at ROMS who have no lunch. Christine runs the lunch program. She buys fruit with the Country Grocer cards. It is not enough, so we need parents to do baking or buy it. A sheet was passed around to see who can volunteer for this. There are around 15-20 kids who need ongoing support. Please label it if there are nuts in the baking. Parents can also bring their left over fruit or vegetables (for example if you bought too much) and it can be dropped off at the office. Christine Carrigan will email the volunteers to remind them.

Purdys in November. PAC will combine with the band to do a silent auction in December.

**Meeting adjourned 8:05**

**Oct. 19th is the next meeting.**

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**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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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ROMS**