



**Royal Bay Secondary School
Parents' Advisory Council**

Minutes:

**September 13, 2017 DRAFT
Held at Royal Bay Secondary School - Learning
Commons**

1. Welcome

- PAC President Sarah Melanson welcomed those present.
- Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.
- Round circle for introductions were completed.
- Present were: Sarah Melanson, Kim Mayoh, Stacey Haase, Cindy Morley, Ami Crooks, Georgina Tran, Terry Ward, Michelle Scoville, Windy Beadall, Caroline Aked, Caroline Weatherhead, Mike Huck, Fern Smythe, Kim Stewart and guests Anke Krey and Megan Squires.

Our guests Anke Krey, School Travel Planning Facilitator and Megan Squires from the City of Colwood did a short presentation. Anke went over the 'Active and Safe Routes to School' to shed light on progress of the work being done. They are currently looking into funding for more crossing on Wishart Road but it's hard because of how windy it is. Also we have suggested that they change the "beautification" on Latoria Road as most of the greenery has become so big that it's hard to see pedestrians coming from the sidewalks when turning in and/off the school grounds.

Megan talked about active transportation in the schools. Walking, Biking, etc. and how safety is key. October 2 to 6th there is a Province wide initiative for "Walk and Wheel Week". There will be packages sent out to track your progress.

Other suggestions were for a leadership class?? Math?? Science?? to use the CO2 emissions calculator to track emissions that they are using/saving.

- Bike Race at the school?
- Call to Ryder Hedjydal??

We talked about Bike Racks- lots in back with many cameras around to keep safe.

CRD is sponsoring 24 students for Bike Education Classes.

2. Agenda

- Approved: Moved by Kim M; seconded by Georgina.

3. Minutes

- Minutes from June 7, 2017 meeting were adopted. Moved by Ami; seconded by Kim M.
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4. Reports

- President/Chair – Sarah- Did communications mailbox. Fundraising stuff and Aboriginal Info. Will send to appropriate teachers
 - SPC- Have 50 cards to be sold on Cash Online. Selling for \$10. We get \$3.50 per card. Selling until December. Card good from Aug 1/17 to July 31/17. Caroline Aked will be organizing and distributing the cards.
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- Vice-President – None.
- Secretary – None.
- Treasurer –
 - Gaming account balance is \$5,575.87
 - General account balance is \$372.50
 - No word on Gaming Funds yet.
 - Discussed how we distributed funds last year. What was used and what wasn't. Talked about the rules of our gaming funds as there were some new out of province parents.

- Communications: See President's Report

- SPEAC Representative: None

- Principal:
 - **Mike Huck**- Kids have been amazing during start up. Everyone is happy and there is a positive vibe throughout the school.
 - There weren't a lot of class changes
 - We are up 100 students from our numbers at the end of last year. Some students from out of province and a growth in our academies.
 - Admin is very proud of our students
 - He feels like we have finally sorted out all the typical deficiencies of opening a brand new school. He really feels like we are running like any other school now.
 - They are still accepting students in catchment area.
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 - **Windy** – We currently have 1089 students
 - When our expansion is confirmed, we will lose our back parking lot. The District is talking now, we should know by the end of October if there's money for numbers of 1400 students. The project would start next fall and should be completed in one and a half to two years.
 - We received 2 more portables over the summer (From Ruth King) and we should be getting 1 more soon. These portables are quite nice. They have new floors, walls, are very clean and have all the latest technology.
 - They are talking with Paul Block about how we are going to work out our parking issues. We need 65-70 spots for teachers and as the year progresses we gain more 'N' drivers to accommodate. Parking passes are working 'as we go'. Teachers have their stickers and students are applying as they come.

- We chatted about the RBSS App- \$5.00 goes toward the cost of App, cost of cash online program, focus block and cafeteria technology to accommodate the cards. The App is the RBSS Ravens and you can get all the info there.
- On Wednesdays there will be a focus block for students to take control of their learning. These blocks will be used to make up tests, have band trip talks, Grad assemblies, career education, grad transition, catch up for classes, extra help from teachers, etc.
- The bells have changed a bit this year. There is only one bell now instead of 3. All breaks are still the same but there is only 1 bell to warn them to be in class. This is a trial run and teachers will be providing feedback to make sure its running smoothly. They final bell is earlier this year so most of the traffic is cleared before the busses arrive.
- Received a Student Learning Grant of approx \$28,000. Staff has given a 'wish list'/ recommendations. Admin and Paul Block are working to spread it fairly/ find happy medium. Talk of 'chrome book carts' to be shared throughout the school.
- Fees online has been down. Parents haven't been able to pay school fees, athletics, etc. Should be up shortly. They are working hard to get technology all up and running.
- Talked about tech in the classroom. Teachers and Admin talked about this in their planning meetings. Every teacher has their own rules and regulations. Most prefer 'responsible use'.
- Talked about 'band-width" for students. They will be kicked off after a certain amount of use. This is regulated by the district. If you want to know how much your student has used, you can ask admin to look into it.

5. Old Business

- None.

6. New Business

- Elections
 - Vice President- Ami Crooks
 - Secretary- Kim Mayoh
 - SPEAC Rep- Caroline Weatherhead
 - Communications- Caroline Weatherhead

Congratulations and Thank You to all our new elected members. We look forward to another amazing year.

7. We decided to keep meetings to the 1st Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 04, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

8. Adjourned at 8:11 pm. Moved by Ami; seconded by Caroline A.