

# Rutland Senior Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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TUESDAY October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @7pm in RSS Library

### Meeting MINUTES

#### 2022/23 RSS PAC Executive

President: Marie Howell

Vice-President: Angela Trush

Treasurer: Jodi Schmitke

Secretary: Angela Scheming

COPAC Representative: Mike Figurski

Back Up COPAC Representative: Jammie Paterson

#### Administrators

Principal: Hugh Alexander

#### Vice Principals:

Mr. Jarret Atkins..... Last names A - F

Ms. Rani Gandham..... Last names G - N

Ms. Michelle Johnston..... Last names O – Z

#### PAC Meetings

Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

NO December meeting

Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

No March meeting

Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Annual

#### General Meeting

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**ALL Executive Positions will  
require NEW parents.**

#### 1. Welcome, Attendance & Introductions – 7:02

Bonnie Lee Gorda (zoom), Sofia Simeonidis, Teresa Banka, Nicole Garcia, Sue Ito, Cherylee Morrison, Janice Ziola Howell, David Bates, Jarrett Atkins (zoom), Hugh Alexander (zoom), Jammie Paterson, Mike Figurski, Tanmaya Karmarkar, Tamara Ebl (zoom), Lisa Peters (zoom), Marie Howell, Angela Scheming, Jodi Schmitke

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda, any additions, or deletions – No Additions – Marie motioned to accept, Cherylee 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 3. Adoption of SEPTEMBER 2022 Meeting minutes – Cherylee Motioned to accept, Sofia – 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

#### 4. Administrators Report - Hugh joined by Zoom to give us the report. Gender Neutral Washrooms/ Single Use Washrooms - meetings have been held with students to figure out how we can open a 3<sup>rd</sup> washroom. Due to the issues with vandalism these washrooms were closed. The school is hoping to be able to open them again but need a plan to prevent them being vandalized again. There has been a request sent to the school district for washroom renovations so that we can have washrooms like at Canyon Falls however money is currently very tight.

The school is looking to **partner with the YMCA – 2 youth workers from the YMCA will help connect with students through a youth forum** (originally started by the

previous VP -Russ Bischoff. They will discuss questions from the city and from the YMCA. Also look at Afterschool Programing for RSS kids such as open gym. School Fees have still been frozen as they figure out the "Affordability Fund" Once they have figured how this will work, Hugh will let us know.

**Parent/Teacher Conference** – These were well attended; the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester parent/teacher conferences will be done by Zoom/phone calls.

**Remembrance Day Experience** – About 6 years ago RSS changed from the traditional ceremony to an experience-based day. They have been working on creating something that is connected to Rutland/our school and allowing the kids to connect and have the experience. This will occur on the morning of November 10. All students will have an opportunity to experience the event.

**Indigenous Graduation Credits** – despite meetings with principals in the district, the final decisions about what qualifies as a credit have not been confirmed yet. Hugh will hopefully have an answer by next PAC meeting as to what courses will be considered Indigenous Graduation Credits. This graduation credit will affect the current Grade 11 students and those that follow.

**Ministry Assessment** – Numeracy and Literacy Assessment is happening for Grades 10 and 12 on November 2 and 3. The goal is to have the Grade 12's finish this in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester so that if they aren't happy with their grade, they can do a rewrite in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**For those in the Advance Placement programs** – the exams will occur in early May. Grade 12 College/University Info Night - wishes were brought fourth to have these events in the earlier grades so that the children can start to align their courses accordingly. Also, bringing in a post-secondary fair that is available to all RSS students.

**The "Careers" course** was discussed in some detail as some parents expressed frustration with the curriculum and the variations amongst the various career's classes. Recently Hugh has put 2 new people in charge of it to get it better organized to be able to offer it to our students in a meaningful way.

5. **COPAC Rep Report** - Last COPAC meeting was primarily the forum of the school trustees. Interestingly 40% of the vote was given to the potential trustees who promoted a back-to-basics plan. Only 30% of eligible voters voted.
6. **Financial Reports**
  - 6.1 Gaming Funds - we received the gaming funds.
  - 6.2 Treasurer Report - See Report  
Next meeting will be our Financial Meeting.
7. **President Report**
  - 7.1 – **COBSS RSS Bursary** - \$500 – from General Account. - \$25 administration fee, Marie motioned to use \$525 of general funds for a COBSS bursary, all were in favor.

7.2 - **PAC Bursary's. General and Gaming** - Due to recent rule changes, Gaming funds can no longer be used for bursaries. The money can now only come out of the General fund. Given that our general fund is slowly depleting, we will have to do some fundraising if we wish to continue giving bursaries out of this fund.

7.3 – **Meetings going forward - Next meeting will be by ZOOM only**, the method of the following meeting will be at the next meeting.

7.4 - **Fundraising** - Marie will have a meeting with Hugh and Jarrett about how we could do a Big Brothers/Big Sisters – soft goods fundraiser. Issues about where to put the bins and how to avoid other items from entering the bins will be discussed.

8. **Dry Grad/Grad Parent committee – Unfortunately no one has stepped up to lead this committee so Marie has organized the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and will be requesting that someone else take over. The meeting will be Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school library. If you are a grad parent, please attend. \$30,000 needs to be raised for the events to happen. Venues need to be booked, fundraising and planning needs to begin. Join the RSS Grad Parent Facebook page**

9. **Additions – No additions**

10. Adjournment. – 8:05

11. Next Meeting TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7pm on ZOOM  
FINANCIAL Meeting.

## RSS Treasurer's Report October 18, 2022

Account balances as of September 30, 2022 (Reconciled):

Reconciled bank information:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Committed Funds</u>	<u>Outstanding Funds</u>	<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>Notes</u>
General	\$ 3,330.76	Nil	Nil	\$ 3,330.76	
Gaming	<u>\$52,229.37</u>	<u>\$11,345.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 39,384.22</u>	1, 2, 3
	\$55,560.13	\$11,345.15	\$ 1,500	\$42,714.98	

**Note 1:** Outstanding funding requests:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Requested By</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
2021/2022	PAC	PAC	Bursaries (4)	2,000.00
2021/2022	Randal Friesen	Careers	Improving Learning Space	5,000.00
2021/2022	Lindsay Robb	Athletics – Basketball	Basketball uniforms	4,345.15
			Total 2021-2022 Funding	\$ 11,345.15

**Note 2:** All funds for the 2021 Bursaries have been paid out. However, 2 cheques for 2021 and one cheque for 2022 have not yet cleared and are considered outstanding = \$1500. There were 5 student bursaries still outstanding for 2022 - two have submitted paperwork and will be issued cheques in the next week, two have yet to submit their paperwork and one has chosen not to attend university. Since no paperwork had been received, the funds have been reallocated to next years bursary recipients.

**Note 3:** The Gaming Grant has been received and \$30,900 was deposited into the Gaming account on Sept 28, 2022.