

Rutland Senior Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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TUESDAY September 20th, 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 October 18th, 2022
Tuesday November 15th, 2022
NO December meeting
Tuesday January 17th, 2022
Tuesday February 21st, 2022
No March meeting
Tuesday April 18th, 2022
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday May 16th, 2022

1. Welcome, Attendance & Introductions- Christine Richards, Teresa Banka, Sue Ito, Vivian Evans, Graham Ord, Sofia Simeonidis, Janice Ziola Howell, Sherri Demuth, Misty Mischek, Nicole Garcia, Jonathan Ford, Lisa Peters, Mike Figurski, David Bates, Colleen Bates, Heyde Lopes, Tanmaya Karmarkar, Jammie Patterson, Jillian Kochylema, Marie Howell, Angela Trush, Jodi Schmitke, Angela Scheming, Administration Team: Hugh Alexander, Rani Gandham
Regrets from Administration Team: Jarret Atkins and Michelle Johnson.
2. Adoption of Agenda, any additions, or deletions – Motion to accept – Nicole Garcia, 2nd by Janice Ziola Howell
3. Adoption of JUNE 2022 Meeting minutes- Motion to accept by Lisa Peters, 2nd by Sue Ito
4. **Administrators Report given by Hugh Alexander** - Smooth Start to the year. 1630 students enrolled. Still have about 10 students trickling in. 80 students cross enrolled in some of our academies. Our Advanced placement program (this program allows students to get university credit if they do well in them) is the biggest in the district. A lot of kids come to RSS for our programs. 1st year the Equine program/academy is running. Post Secondary Forum happened on Sept 20th. Thursday, Sept 22 – Parent Info Night for Grads – to discuss Grad and make plans. School photos have been done for this year, retakes will be happening in a few weeks. Indigenous Education Grad Requirement – requires students graduating in 2023/24 school year to have 4 Indigenous studies credits. Given that this requirement came out after students had already picked all their courses, this has really put students in a tough space. Furthermore, currently only 2 courses

meeting the requirements – an Indigenous English course and an Indigenous Socials course. These are not great options and even the “true” Indigenous courses... don’t meet the requirements. Admin is working with the district to try and give more options to students rather than requiring them to take courses that they don’t wish to take. Offering the Indigenous courses in courses like art and woodwork would make this a much easier/fruitful decision. Assessment and Student Competencies has been pushed to 2023. Still no word on Student Fees. The Government said that there was going to be a fund that was to help offset student fees but unfortunately how this will play out still has not been detailed yet, consequently, student and cultural fees have not been charged yet. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 13th from 5-7. How these will be carried out is still to be decided – it may be a combination of in person/zoom.

5. **COPAC Rep Report – Mike Figurski**

Kevin Kardel spoke about the 60-million-dollar fund of which School District 23 gets 2.4 million. How this money will be allocated is still to be determined.

School Board Trustee elections will be held on October 15th. On October 11th there will be an all-candidates forum that anyone can tune into.

School Board will give a Free Zoom Membership for all PAC’s

There is a position open for the “Member at Large” on the Executive – this is an important position and will be vacated and needs someone to fill it. This person must be a current or former COPAC rep or on the executive of a PAC. You must be willing to attend School Board Meetings and other meetings. Please let us know if you are willing to take on this position.

6. **Financial Reports** – See Attached, there are still some outstanding payments from last year, but these will be paid shortly once we get receipts. Jodi motioned to accept the Financial Report and Nicole Garcia 2nd it.

6.1 Treasurer Report - If anyone would like to review the financial statements, they are welcome to review them. Jodi will bring them to each meeting.

7. **President Report**

7.1 - Correspondence received – We received thank you notes from the students that received bursaries.

7.2 - PAC Bursary’s. General and Gaming – Bursaries are given based on financial need. The COBB’s bursary came out of the General account and the remaining came out of gaming. There is a lot of paperwork to be done when a bursary comes out of the gaming funds. The government has told us that this is the last year that gaming funds can still be used for these bursaries after this they will have to come out of the general fund. This will limit the bursaries as we don’t do a lot of fundraisers so our funds in the general account are quite limited.

7.3 – Meetings going forward – they will be a hybrid of in person and zoom. A schedule will be sent out.

7.4 - Gaming Funds – this is the last year that gaming funds can be used for bursaries.

7.5 - Fundraising- Big Brothers and Sisters no longer have their trailers however they do have a bin that looks like a large curbside recycling bin. If we can find a way to have

this in a well visualized space and families are able to drop off gently used clothing, we could earn between \$500- \$1000.

8. **Dry Grad/Grad Parent committee**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 6 pm. Due to declining attendance at both the prom and dry grad and the cost, changes have been made. Parents now organize the prom which is a mix of dry grad and prom. Last year the prom was fantastic. It was held at Hill Crest farms and was more in line with what the kids were wanting. If you have a child in Grade 12, please come out to the meeting on Thursday.

9. **Additions** – No additions

10. Adjournment. – 8:29

11. Next Meeting TUESDAY October 18th, 2022

RSS Treasurer's Report September 20, 2022

Account balances as at Aug 31, 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	\$ 3,335.76	Nil	Nil	\$ 3,335.76	
Gaming	<u>\$22,334.37</u>	<u>\$13,845.15</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>\$ 7,989.22</u>	1, 2, 3
	\$25,670.13	\$13,845.15	Nil	\$11,324.98	

Note 1: Outstanding funding requests:

Year	Requested By	Department	Description	Budget
2020/2021	PAC	PAC	Bursaries (Note 2)	\$ 1,000.00
2021/2022	Randal Friesen	Careers	Improving Learning Space	5,000.00
2021/2022	Lindsay Robb	Athletics – Basketball	Basketball uniforms	4,345.15
2021/2022	PAC	PAC	Bursaries	3,500.00
			Total 2021-2022 Funding	\$ 13,845.15

Note 2: There is currently \$1,000 in bursaries available from the 2020/2021 period being carried forward. These funds must be used by October 31, 2022, or the funds will lapse. There is an ongoing effort to find the students involved, to issue the bursaries.

Note 3: The application for the Gaming Grant has been completed and is currently under review. The Gaming report, which is due by September 28th (due 90 days after the RSS PAC fiscal year end of June 30th) has been submitted.