

Rutland Senior Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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TUESDAY January 17th, 2023 @7pm via ZOOM

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 February 21st, 2023

No March meeting

Tuesday April 18th, 2023

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday May 16th, 2023

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

1. Welcome, Attendance & Introductions – 7:04 --Marie Howell, Jarret Atkins, Tabetha Waluga, Angela Trush, Jeremy Porter, Teresa Banka, Tamara and Barry Ebl, Michelle Johnston, Jodi Schmitke, Bonnie-Lee Gorda, Mark Steen, Terry Beaudry, Sofia Simeonidis, Lisa Peters, Maria Montoya, Wendy Vandenberg, Mike Figurski, Janice Howell, Jammie Paterson, Angela Scheming, Wendy Vandenberg
 2. Adoption of Agenda, additions, or deletions – Sofia Motioned to accept the agenda and Lisa 2nd the adoption of the agenda.
 3. Adoption of November 2022 Minutes – Teresa motioned to accept and Angela T. 2nd the motion.
 4. **Administrators Report**
 - 4.1. Indigenous Focused Grad Requirement
 - presented by Deputy Superintendent Terry Beaudry
 - Introductions- Terry is the Deputy Superintendent, Central Okanagan S.D. 23, Kelowna, and adjunct professor at UBC Okanagan’s School of Education, she is also a Rutland Senior Grad, and an Indigenous Educator,
 - Michelle Johnston- RSS Vice Principal –
 - Jarret Atkins – Acting Principal
- Presentation will be given by Terry, Michelle, and Jarret.
The indigenous focused grad requirement is part of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Action Plan – this will ensure all secondary students

have the opportunity to learn about Indigenous Education. Mandated for 2024 graduates.

Currently approved Courses – English First Peoples – 10, 11, 12, BC First Peoples 12 – Historical aspect, Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12, also available in eSchool23. EFP12 satisfies the language arts 12 requirement and BCFP and CIS satisfy the Socials 12 requirement. Possible Board Authority – Indigenous Art Studio and Indigenous Leadership – these will be brought forth in February. Other options are being looked at Indigenous Science etc. We are committed to the needs and passions of our students. You can cross enroll in the eSchool. As well, these courses may be available in the summer.

Workshops and amazing networks are being provided for the teachers so that they will be well prepared to teach these courses.

Available as of **January 2023 to January 2023** – English First Peoples 10, 11 and Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12. The teachers had a great workshop in September, there is also teacher collaboration with Stacey Mead (in house expert on Indigenous studies) the teachers have also been provided with applicable and authentic resources. We want to provide varying choices and opportunities and provide different pathways for our students. Courses will continue to be added as they become options.

As of 2023-2024 and beyond the following options will be available – English First Peoples 10, 11, 12 and Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 and BC First Peoples 12.

Relevant Resources available on the Rutland Senior Secondary Website– **Overview, Q & A document**, Website with links to resources.

Administration will work hard with the students to try and accommodate Advanced placement students so they can still take the Indigenous credits. Still working on an elegant solution for students that now will be discouraged from taking AP English and will now be taking the English First Peoples due to the graduation requirement

It was asked if English First Peoples 12 will be accepted as the English credit for university admission? Currently it has not been confirmed that this is the case however this will probably be the case soon.

Parent Info Night in February will have more information about the Indigenous credits and other information

Website - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements>

Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMrFJE5_2uk&t=4s

4.2 RSS Administrator Update – Mark Steen has come to help Jarret and the team while Hugh is away on a medical leave. Hugh should be back within 4-8 weeks. Mark has been in the district in a variety of areas including RSS and most recently in administration.

2nd Semester staffing – 2 teachers will be taking 2nd semester leave and 2 teachers will be returning. We have been working on filling some spots – we were able to hire 6 new (and previous hires) to fill the empty spots.

Feb 13 – Course Selection will be happening. These selections will guide our timetable throughout the spring.

5. **COPAC Representative Report** – It was put forth that the 2nd question period for the School District be removed (this was a question period for the public to bring forth questions that hadn't been added to the agenda) – this was voted down. The 2nd question period will continue to be provided so that parents/public and bring their questions and concerns to the table at school district meetings.
6. **Financial Reports**
 - 6.1 Treasurer Report – See Appendix 1, Jodi motioned to accept the treasurer report as presented. Lisa 2nd the motion.
7. **Presidents Report**
 - 7.1 A Funding request was received from the Music Department for \$3100 (to take 3 different groups to 3 different music festivals) It may be that they submitted this because all their events happen in April - however the PAC policy has always been that funding requests can only be submitted in the fall and the spring at the funding meetings. Consequently, we had to let them know that we can't accept the funding request however the PAC is looking at a way to still help the Music Department. This will be discussed further in February's PAC meeting.
 - 7.2 Big Brother Big Sister Fill the Bin Fundraiser – Grad Group were not interested in assisting with this fundraiser; however, Mr. Saunders and Sarah Wandy from the music department would like to help with this fundraiser – their students will make sure the bins are kept safe, bring the bins out and put the excess in a safe place. The Music group has been fundraising for a trip to the Niagara Music Fest to compete in a competition there. It will cost \$1800/band member. The portion that they earn through this fundraiser will contribute to the cost of their trip.
8. **Grad Parent Committee**- Grad Fundraising is going well, Bottle Drive raised \$4000, Wednesday Evening – Jan 18 – Order pizza from Dominoes - \$5 from every order goes to grad, Feb 10 – Crispy Cream donuts for sale, comedy nights coming up. Parents are feeling a bit lost - how can they find out the information about grad, about the fundraisers?? Children are communicating the information and the information isn't being relayed through the school as this is a school sanctioned event, but parent organized. Some students are quite sad as the policy for grad is that you can only bring a Grade 12 RSS grad to prom. Grad parents and the Rutland community would be willing to help if they knew about these fundraisers – how can this information be conveyed to them. This will be discussed with the District Superintendent and more information will be given in February Pac meeting.
9. Additional Items - None
10. Adjournment – 8:45
Next Meeting Tuesday February 21st at 7pm.

Appendix 1 – Financial Report

RSS Treasurer's Report January 17, 2023

Account balances as of December 31, 2022 (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	\$ 2,790.76	Nil	Nil	\$ 2,790.76	
Gaming	<u>\$49,714.37</u>	<u>\$11,292.62</u>	<u>\$ 21,162.53</u>	<u>\$ 17,259.22</u>	1, 2, 3, 4
	\$52,505.13	\$11,292.62	\$ 21,162.53	\$ 20,049.98	

Note 1: Outstanding funding requests:

Year	Requested By	Department	Description	Budget
2021/2022	PAC	PAC	Bursaries (2)	1,000.00
2021/2022	Randal Friesen	Careers	Improving Learning Space – partially paid	3,222.63
2022/2023	Various	Various	2022-2023 Fall Funding Requests	16,939.90
			Total 2021-2022 Funding	\$ 21,162.53

Note 2: All funds for the 2021 Bursaries have been paid out. There are two bursaries are still outstanding for 2022, as the students have yet to submit their paperwork.

Note 3: From the fall funding requests, cheques have been written for \$11,292.62 in December. There is \$16,939.90 to be issued once invoices have been received by the PAC.

Note 4: Of the \$5000 allocated in 2021/2022 for Improving Learning Space, \$1777.37 has been issued and \$3222.63 is remaining as allocated funds.