

MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH RUTLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 5th, 2022 @ 6:33 pm

Meeting called to order by Cherylee Morrison, former SRE PAC President & former COPAC President, SD#23

ATTENDANCE

Corinne Herman Shasta Scott Mary Hutson Lorna Campbell
Mark Watson
Cherylee Morrison - Former SRE PAC President & former COPAC President, SD#23

Kimberly Parker - President & Signing Authority
Toni Koryakuss - Vice-President & Signing Authority
Sally McLaren - Secretary & Signing Authority
Tricia Montgomery - Treasurer (absent)
Amanda Kraft - CO-PAC Representative

AGENDA APPROVAL

Corrine H. made the motion to adopt the agenda. Toni K. seconded.

Motion carried by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes amendment: Confirm if Tricia M. was in attendance or not, as they say absent, but then her seconding a motion. She was in attendance, it was a typo.

Toni K. made the motion to approve the amended January 27th, 2022 minutes. Corrine H. seconded.

Motion carried by majority vote.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: MARK WATSON

Events

1. Return to Movie Night April 19th -- It was wonderful to reconnect with families. Thank you to the PAC for supporting this event.
2. Dufflebag theatre presented "Fairy Tales" with our students. It was a big success.
3. Thank you to Jen Detjen for organizing the iRide program that was offered to grade 3-5 students this week.
4. Gymnastix was at SRE this week and offered programming to all students Strongstart through Grade 5.
5. Congrats to our Battle of the Books teams. Our grade 5 team finished 2nd in the District and our Grade 4 team finished in 5th place. Thank you to Charlotte Morris for sponsoring our teams.

Staffing

1. Carrie Hebert has announced her retirement and will be finishing at SRE this June. We wish Carrie all the best.

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2. Staffing for SRE for next year has been established as 11 sections. (Same as this year) 200 students are projected to attend our school next year.
3. We will be looking to hire a new Grade 4 & 5 teacher and a kindergarten teacher.

Request for Funds: There were no requests for field trips presented at this meeting.

However, there was a question about if the PAC is paying for the concession expenses for Movie Night & taking the Profit or if the school is? It was decided that the expenses & Profit would go through the PAC account.

Cherylee thanked the PAC volunteers & staff for helping make it a successful school year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: KIMBERLY PARKER

What a tremendous honour it has been to serve as PAC president this year for South Rutland Elementary School. During this school year, we were thrilled to bring back hot lunches for the first time in nearly two years. We began using a new website for ordering, Munchalunch.com, and were able to continue with weekly lunches despite the Omicron wave earlier this year.

We were able to thank our staff members for their tireless efforts for our children during a tumultuous winter, providing them with hard-to-find KN95 masks and Starbucks cards.

For Valentine's Day, we gave each child a lollipop treat. Remarkably, we were able to hold our first school wide event in two years, which was a movie night in the gym last month. Many parents had never set foot into SRE and the smiles on their faces, as well as the grins of their proud children, were priceless.

We are so thrilled to hold a year end celebration with families after a two-year hiatus. Thank you for the privilege of serving our Rockets community!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TONI KORYAKUSS

Hello SRE Family's, students and staff,

As another year is drawing to a close, I am honestly struggling to write this year end summary as things were not able to be followed through to completion, due to COVID-19 and it being my final year at our school. Although we could not connect the same as in previous years with our families and PAC business was not at full capacity. With that, I am grateful for being able to have a soft launch of getting back to normal.

We worked hard as the SRE PAC with the options we did have this year. Through the various fundraisers such as Created by kids, Fun Script, Popcorn Day and Movie Night. Our PAC was able to provide funding for Halloween Treats, a new water bottle filling station and the Grade 5's year-end celebration to Gardom Lake and gift our teachers a thank you Starbucks gift card as well. Although the PAC had wished to have many other events and activities planned, we are happy with this year's successes and the memories we were able to create. We are excited that on June 17th our PAC will be able to host a year end outdoor celebration. Going forward into the 2022/23 year, we are hopeful as a PAC to be able to continue to provide the school with substantial support, funding, learning tools and activities.

This year as PAC Vice President I continued my work from the 2019 year, with our BC gaming Commission on rectifying our Gaming account compromise. In our 2018/19 year our SRE PAC was facing substantial fines and was at risk of not receiving a gaming grant for the unforeseeable future. These gaming grants are important to our students as it helps the PAC supplement needs for teacher requests, field trips and items needed within the school. Without future gaming grants our SRE PAC & students would have felt these repercussions immensely. With joy I am happy to announce that SRE PAC did qualify for a gaming grant this year in the amount of \$3,660.00 and that the SRE PAC will now continue to qualify for future gaming grants.

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To our grade 5 class launching on to middle school: We wish you all the best in your continuing school adventures. A big Thank You to our 2021/22 Grade 5 committee for all your efforts. Your hard work has given this year's class a memorable year they will never forget as they are getting excited to attend Gardom Lake overnight campout and the annual Rocket Launch. I also had the privilege of leading the Grade 5 committee this year. For ALL Grade 5 students and families please remember as you start your new journey "Once a Rocket-Always a Rocket".

In order for events and fundraisers to continue, we count on Parents' help. I would like to Thank everyone for their hard work and contributions this year. The Students and Families could not have enjoyed all the extras without the dedication and commitment of our Volunteers. An extra special thanks to the hot lunch volunteers and executive. It makes our jobs that much easier knowing that we have a team that is committed.

It's been my pleasure to work with you all and an honour to hold the SRE PAC Vice President position this year along with many other roles in the past. The 2021/22 year was my 19th consecutive year as a parent in our school. Over these years I have seen many changes, participated in countless SRE events, and created some of the most enjoyable memories I have had as a Parent. My heart is full as I move on from SRE and cherish the friends, memories and times myself and family have had here. I could not be more proud to be a member of the South Rutland Family and I know you feel this way as well.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and many great years to come at SRE!

Thank you to our community sponsors for supporting the SRE PAC for the 2021/22 year!

**Rutland Domino's Pizza
Rutland Starbucks
Rutland Dollar Store
The Tickle Trunk
Gardom Lake**

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

SRE PAC is in need of volunteers and without the support of our family's, we will not be able to host wonderful events and provide financial support to SRE, teacher's wish lists & field trips. All proceeds raised by our PAC go directly to our school.

**Please email Name, Student name and grade, email & phone number to:
mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca**

Any volunteer time towards our school is appreciated. Whether you have little or a lot of time to dedicate, all moments add up and relieve pressure off the executive. If you would like to know more info about our school, be a part of a fun team or just work quietly on the sidelines, do not hesitate to contact us. ALL SRE Parents, guardians and family members are a part of our PAC and we welcome you to join in on the fun by making a difference in our school and students education.

TREASURER'S REPORT: TRICIA MONTGOMERY(absent)/TONI KORYAKUSS REPORTED

The SRE PAC bank account balances as of May 5th, 2022 are as follows:

General Account balance is \$14,621.37

Gaming Grant Account balance is \$10,986.72

Grade 5 account balance is \$2,745.34

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Other Info: The bank account balances are high because there are still outstanding cheques for expenses to be written including for the Swing Set/Field Enhancement project.

Fundraising: As our school year hasn't been completed yet, we don't have the final numbers for our fundraisers held throughout the school year. They were, Hot Lunch, Popcorn Days, Created by Kids, Fundscript & a Movie Night.

Swing Set/Field Enhancements: Money still to come out of the accounts for the swing set/field enhancement project. The project has been started, the swingset is done, the bench w/plaque, as well as picnic tables are still outstanding. We are waiting on the pricing return bill from SD#23 so we can pay it. **The amount approved by the PAC for the playground enhancements is \$19,000/\$9,500 from our Gaming Account & \$9,500 from the General Account.**

Mr. Watson will continue to follow-up with SD#23 regarding seeing this project to completion.

COPAC REPORT: AMANDA KRAFT

It was a different looking year this year for COPAC as everything that went on was done by Zoom. We were still able to accomplish some of the goals we set out to do and still were able to offer learning to parents in an online fashion. Some items that were talked about by COPAC this year included:

- Catchment changes for the mission and westside schools (there is a new high school planned for West Kelowna)
- COVID was a topic that came up for discussion a lot
- New standardised report cards coming for K-9

Parent learning opportunities that were offered this year from COPAC included:

- Raising digital leaders
- Anti bullying parent workshop
- Mental health and resilience (Marilyn Green)
- Body Science online (Saleema Noon)

COPAC is currently looking forward to offering more in person learning opportunities for parents in the next school year.

ELECTIONS by Cherylee Morrison - Former SRE PAC President & former COPAC President, SD#23

Thank you to Melodie Sharma for collecting the SRE PAC Executive nominations via email and forwarding them to Cherylee M.

Nomination Votes:

There were no nominations received to date for each of the elected executive positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and COPAC Representative for the 2022/2023 School Year.

Call for Nominations for available positions:

President - no nominations at this time.

Vice-President - no nominations at this time.

Treasurer - no nominations at this time.

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Secretary - Sally McLaren

COPAC Rep - Amanda Kraft

Sally McLaren was asked if she would stay on as Secretary and she accepted. Amanda Kraft was asked if she would stay on as the COPAC Rep and she accepted.

Committee Positions - no nominations were received before the meeting.

Committee positions will be assigned in September by the SRE PAC Executive.

The available Executive Positions will be brought forward to June's general meeting. We will accept nominations for that meeting.

Mr. Watson: Looking forward to the new school year, it does look like we can go back to holding PAC meetings in person, executive roles can be lighter, they don't need to be difficult positions, the PAC funds are in a great place and we do have a bookkeeper for the PAC. There will be a designated person to answer Executive PAC questions going forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grade 5 Report - Toni Koryakuss

Attached is an update on some of our year end Grade 5 Activities and fees. Grade 5 year end fees are \$25. These fees should be paid through our website, School Cash Online. We recognize these are challenging economic times; please contact mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca if you are unable to pay the fee at this time. We are fortunate that many of the costs for the events we are holding have been offset by contributions from our PAC.

- **Friday May 13th** -- Our grade 5 class is excited to announce an adult only fundraiser. "Comedy for a Cause" 100% of the ticket sales go towards our year end Grade 5 Celebrations. This event is held at Dakota's Comedy Lounge at 6:30PM on May 13th. Seats are limited (\$20) so please reserve in advance. Thank you Okanagan Chrysler Jeep and Dodge for sponsoring this event.

- **Monday, June 6th** – Overnight camp out for Grade 5 students at Gardom Lake. Many more details will be coming out regarding this trip. Gardom has a large variety of activities that encourage team development, personal growth, self-esteem and perseverance. Activities range from team activities to activities that are more about the individual challenge. All activities are challenge by choice. Gardom Lake has sleeping accommodations for around 200 people (lodge, cottages, and cabins). A school district bus will transport students to Gardom Lake Monday, June 6th and they will return on the school district bus on Tuesday, June 7th (approx. 2:00PM). There will be many chaperones in attendance and strict safety protocols in place. More information will be coming regarding the details of this trip.

- **Thursday, June 23rd** – Grade 5 "Rocket Launch" 4:00-6:00 PM. Our format has changed slightly to more of an open house concept. This will be our opportunity to give our students their certificate, gift, photo, and chance for families to celebrate with students and staff. Please save the date.

We are looking forward to some exciting grade five year end activities with our students as they launch off to Middle School.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Cherylee M. & everyone present - Thanked Toni K. for all her hard work over the years as part of the SRE PAC, it is greatly appreciated and she will be sorely missed.

UPCOMING EVENT - TONI KORYAKUSS

Friday, June 17th, SRE Year-End Celebration:

Okanagan Gymnastix will be on site, providing multiple activities such as bouncy houses, Zorb balls, multiple field activities and water slides (Don't forget your swimsuit and towel). They provide the staff to set up, run and tear down the activities.

There will be a low cost concession stand with Domino's Pizza and snacks to purchase, as we are doing this as a gift to families, not a fundraiser. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic from home if desired.

Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this event!

The estimated cost for the June 17th, 2022 SRE Year-end Celebration is \$2,500.

Kimberley P. made the motion to spend \$2,500 for the June 17th, 2022 SRE Year-end Celebration. Toni K. seconded. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at 6:30 pm

There will be treats and babysitting provided.

Motion to adjourn (7:22 p.m.)