

**Robert Bateman Senior Secondary PAC Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 9, 2021 7pm via Zoom**  
**Prepared by Tanya Perk, Secretary**  
**Start time 7:02pm**

**Attendance:** Chelley C, Tanya C, Natalie V, Erin F, Jeff R, Sarah K, Angie B, Lisa D, Wendie B, Angela V, Tania J, Janelle D, Jennifer C, Edwin M, Kristen B, Terry G, Jill M, Josee R, Summer F, Vicki L, Tanya P, Jodi R, Melissa B, Christine B, Pam P, Shawna C, Juliette M.

**Motion to Approve last meeting Minutes :** Angie B **Second:** Kristen B **Passed with all in favour**

**Principal's Report:** Jeff Ritchie, Vice Principal

- Quarter 3 started this week and a staff meeting was held with regards to new provincial protocols for COVID-19. Not many changes for students at RBSS, however students now must wear a mask unless sitting at their desks or eating. All high intensity athletics will be outdoors.

No questions

**Treasurer's Report:** Chelley C

- See reports/statements. Not much change from last meeting. Waiting on some invoices.

**Question:** Christine B How does a group go about requesting PAC funds?

**Answer :** Chelley C There is a deadline each school year (usually sometime in October) that is communicated to the school staff. They then put forth requests for review and our chair & treasurer sit down with the principal to go over which requests the school/PAC is able to support. Alternatively, groups (student led or otherwise) are able to email their requests to our PAC email account. There is a request form to fill out.

Gaming has strict guidelines and must be allocated to non-curricular events/purposes. The general account does not have restrictions, but it's not a large balance and is usually budgeted to use what we need, and then have enough for the following year. Requests can be emailed to : [batemanpac@gmail.com](mailto:batemanpac@gmail.com) .

**New Business: Tanya C**

- Grads - What is happening?? Still in a holding pattern with COVID-19. Some discussions for some plans - but cannot go rogue . Everything must be approved by the district, and the district will be making a decision within the next few weeks if prom will go ahead. Everything is up in the air with the new restrictions, variants, and protocols but we are hoping to do something more for the students.
- Wonderful response to our Christmas staff appreciation from Bateman families, and because of the surplus, staff will be getting a Valentine treat from Purdy's

**No Questions**

## Presentation From Mrs Jennifer Crockett, Student Counsellor, RBSS

### Course Planning:

- Selections must be made and submitted online. Finalized the week before Spring Break. Preparing timetables for the 2021/22 school year will be started after March Break. Hopeful that the semester system will be back, but prepping for both semester and quarter and options in between!
- Parents can ask counsellors questions to make best decisions with their child
- Info and links will be available on the website. Counsellors have been visiting Clayburn Middle, as well as our own 9-11 classes and will continue for the next while.
- Grade 9 & 10: restrictive / explore years, only allows for limited electives in the timetable, no spares
- Really important to have open communication with teachers as to best route ( honors / AP etc)
- Portal is open and will be available until March 11, 2021. Can be changed many times up until that point, after March 11 will only be considered under special circumstances.
- Students need 80 credits to graduate including a English 12 & 3 other 12 courses, including capstone and volunteer hours
- Grade 11 - more choices, time to decide on things like sciences (as they diversify from “science” to specialized courses), can get deeper into the humanities they like/need for post secondary and again, no spares
- Grade 12 - lots of options for the students to really personalize their educational experience, and they can take up to 2 spares, although universities want to see students taking advantage of the opportunity and filling up their timetable.

Early graduates seem to be frowned upon by the universities. They prefer to see well rounded students that took advantage of different areas ( sports / arts / volunteer / academy) all while completing required courses. Can go to University Websites to learn more. UBC & SFU still both require a second language at a grade 11 level

**Q:** Melissa B - Is there a loophole for SFU transfer (to the language requirement)? For example Engineering: completing first year at UFV and then transfer) **A:** Yes, but it depends on a few things...how full the course is, and student grades can be considered if the course is full and they're deciding who to let in. Having the grade 11 language MAY come into play if students are vying for spots.

Parents are encouraged to reach out to RBSS Counsellors and University Advisors with any questions.

No further questions

End of presentation 8:05pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2021 @7:00 pm - no meeting in March due to Break

Motion to end meeting 8:07 pm - Christine B, second Josee R with all in favour