

**RBSS PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2021**  
**Prepared by Tanya Perk, Secretary**

**Attendance: Tanya C, Tanya P, Chelley C, Pam P, Lance McDonald, Erin F, Christine B, Josee R, Natalie V, Gwen, Dave Martens, Wendie B**

**Start time 7:00pm**

**Welcome :** Tanya C

**Motion to approve meeting minutes from April 14, 2021 :** Wendie **Second:** Josee  
Passed with all in favor

**Principal's Message: Lance McDonald**

- Slides shown from district budget meeting of finances. Trying to make sure we are being transparent. Initially a \$1.6 million deficit was projected, however the year will likely end with a \$945,000 surplus. 2021/22 preliminary budget is available on the district website, if anyone is interested in seeing how it is broken down.

More information and information regarding budget surplus: contact [engage@abbyschools.ca](mailto:engage@abbyschools.ca)

**Question:** Christine B “ What is the difference of funding for curricular vs non-curricular with regards to gaming funds?” **Answer:** for curricular subjects and subjects that earn credits, the school gets funding. For non curricular / no credits such as sports: gaming funds are used. Teachers submit requests and there is a meeting to determine and vote where funds are spent . **Gaming funds must be spent on non-curricular ( no grade/credit) activities.** Anything within the timetable, PAC cannot fund  
October - Wish list/need list requested from staff, allocation meeting is usually in November.

- Three things ( new)
  1. Covid numbers increased. Approx. 16-17 confirmed cases which is an increased workload for contact tracing and notification.
  2. Convocation for Grad 2021 will be at each individual school (not at Abby Arts as originally indicated). May be outside depending on restrictions and current public health orders. Date is set for June 22, 2021 . Families will get more info as it becomes available. Watch for an email to go out shortly.

**Q: Pam P-** “ Can the convocation be drive- in style? So the grads can be with their friends?  
**A:** With current restrictions 10 only outdoors, it would not be feasible because there will be staff members there presenting diplomas/reading quotes, etc.

3. As per district guidelines this year, all graduation activities are to be similar or the same at each school. Has posed a bit of an issue. RBSS has much parental and staff support, others do not and is limited to three events. One was the pancake breakfast, second is the upcoming grad BBQ (joint effort from school and PAC) plus the SWAG item that each school is giving the students. Grad lawn signs will also go out to all students. This has been a very different year, the grads have certainly shown strength and resiliency, and they have not been forgotten.

No further questions or comments

**Treasurer's report :** Chelley C - see attached report

One cheque received from Kiwanis for key club, was deposited and then PAC wrote a cheque to the school. Kiwanis are unable to give directly to the school.

Comment : Tanya P At BCCPAC meeting it was announced that membership could be paid via gaming funds for the 2021/22 school year.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Presentation : Work Study Students & Mr. Martens.**

Mr Martens works with diverse learners with mild intellectual disabilities They learn job skills through work experience, do some landscaping and gardening around the school and participate in the lunch club to interact with other students ( PAC funds used for lunch club) . The students put together a video presentation that was well received! Great job!!  
No Questions Thankyou work study students and Mr Martens!

**Tanya C:** Next 6 weeks will be busy

- Staff appreciation (TBA) and Grad BBQ June 11th.
- Board meeting April 13, 2021, presentation of the budget and link to feedback.
- Alternate proposal for prom (reverse parade) was not approved due to current restrictions
- Gender Equity and AP program appeal to be presented to district within the month.

BCCPAC is also interested in the Gender Equity presentation, and Tanya C is meeting with Andrea Sinclair, the president, to discuss points.

BCCPAC meeting attended by Tanya C and Tanya P. Some issues unresolved and there will be an extraordinary meeting scheduled to finish up the business.

Next Meeting June 8, 2021 7pm - Will include voting on executive positions for next year.

**Motion to adjourn:** Tanya P **Second :** Erin F All in favor

End Meeting 8:25pm