

RBSS PAC Meeting

Wednesday October 21, 2020

Minutes prepared by Tanya Perk, Secretary

Attendance: Tanya C, Vicky L, Tanya P, Sarah K, Jennifer D, Erin F, Leanne G, Wendie B, Lance M, Nathan A, Geoff B, Georgia K, Hailey P, Abby G, Lexi R, Jaxx K, Emily P
*Members of Bateman's Grad Council have been invited to attend this meeting to share their thoughts as well as present plans/hopes for what their grad year might look like during a global pandemic.

Start 7pm

Welcome and Attendance

Approval of June Meeting minutes: 1st Wendie, 2nd Erin F, Passed with all in favour.

Principal's Report:

Things going as well as can be expected. Students and staff are all adapting well. Missing some activities, spirit and the social aspect, but so far seems to be working. First five weeks have been okay, communication between staff, students and parents is key. Most everyone is complying with protocols and lots of rolling with lots of punches as things changed. District is looking ahead and focusing on the three building blocks this year and they are:

- Blended learning
- Student voice (our kids should be heard)
- SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

Staff is rotating every Wednesday for continuing education with regards to these learning blocks.

Feedback from the floor:

1. Wendie: students have been amazing but 5 weeks in class/ 5 weeks online is very difficult. 5 weeks online is too long for a lot of reasons...not enough face time with the teacher due to asynchronous format, teachers only allowed once per week etc.
Answer: Very good points but those were the limitations they had to work with. Difficult for both staff and students and was a Dr Bonnie Henry decision/ and Fraser Health. Should put forth to them as one of the downfalls.
2. Erin: Hard for kids. Especially for those kids with academics /AP. Some schools have gone to one class for 5 weeks.
3. Tanya C: Parents in our district would appreciate more structure in the afternoons. Kids are finding it hard at home to A) Be motivated B) Ask questions because they don't want to interrupt a Google meet (or are not comfortable because they've never met the teacher - if they have the online portion first) and if they ask via email there is often a long delay, and C) Stay positive. Mental well being is so important.

4. Hailey & Abby (Grade 12) : Would be helpful to have more structured learning time in the afternoons. It's hard to be aware of when things are happening at the school. Many gr 11/12 students have jobs, and it's difficult to work around things. More homework assigned than ever before.
5. Leanne : It has all been a learning curve, kinks need to be worked out

Treasurer's Report: Tanya C for Chelley (Chelley could not be in attendance)

See Attached. Gaming funds have been approved!!! Looking to see them deposited shortly.

New Business: Spirit Days - will be talking about supporting extra staff in and around the school for students starting next week.

Email will be sent to staff to put in requests for gaming funds for non-curricular activities .

Student Voice / Grad Council:

Council brought up the possibility of a winter banquet over a period of days and times, to remain within the allowances. Unfortunately the district is not authorizing any events and when events do roll out, the district wants all schools to be the same. There will be meetings at the district level to decide on how to move forward. Our council may be asked to connect with other schools /grad councils, to plan for events district wide. Tanya C to meet with the grad council next week, Wednesday. Tanya P will start a grad parent Facebook page to keep parents informed of happenings and so that parents feel connected. Our grad council had many things very well thought out for this banquet, however not enough time to get approval from Fraser Health and SD 34. Students were happy they were heard and also mentioned how this year has looked for them as grads so far (been disappointing.) The one event thus far : parking stall painting

Feedback (from parents on the floor and from the grads): Grad parking stall painting...Wish it was not run as a fundraiser, especially as it was not a grad fundraiser. Many grads did not partake due to the confusion, and cost (\$100 + supplies) surrounding it.

Next PAC meeting, (gaming funds disbursement included at that meeting) is Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 7pm in the learning commons.

Adjournment at 9:03pm 1st Leanne, 2nd Wendie *Most meetings are under one hour, however with the grad council presenting and all new policies, took longer than expected. Next meeting may also run long due to gaming disbursement.