

Revelstoke Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

January 26, 2026 7pm - RSS School Library

Minutes

Attendance: Colette Poirier, Amy McGiven, Sasha Walsh, Christie Brugger, Sarra Dupuis, Greg Kenyon

1. Call to Order - "I'd like to call this meeting to order at 7:06."

2. Territorial acknowledgement

We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Secwepemc, the Ktunaxa, and the Syilx Okanagan. We offer our gratitude to these nations for their stewardship of the land, water and air in what we colonially know as Revelstoke.

3. Review & Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to adopt - Colette, seconded - Christie

4. Treasurer's Report: (Attached)

- a. Motion to adopt - Christie, second - Colette

5. Administration Report

- a. Since last November, there have been staffing changes, Megan Bouvette was away before Christmas, Erin Williams and Erin England worked to fill the gap; Aspen Townes filled in for Erin England; Rob Evans retired at Christmas, Kate Rodman took over Rob's classes; Ainslee Atamanuk is on mat leave, Aspen Townes has stepped into Ainslee's position; Jeff Colvin moved from Math to PHE, Monica Quiring is covering Math (20 years experience teaching Math) and Jeff's PHE class. Don't expect any other staffing changes. Megan Bouvette has come back at a reduced schedule and Jeff Wilson has stepped in, Georgia McLay has taken over some of Jeff Wilson's tasks; Jen Avery teaching foods.
- b. There were many December activities, music/band was well done. Theme weeks at the end of December were the good work of the Leadership class.
- c. January special schedule last week to accommodate for final exams and final projects.
- d. Starting second semester tomorrow.
- e. Dance on Thursday (hosted by Leadership), 6:30 - 9pm, all grades welcome, semi formal.

6. Additions to Agenda

- a. Review and update PAC webpage. Is there anything this group would like to add to this page:

<https://revelstokesecondary.sd19.bc.ca/our-school/parent-advisory-council/>

- i. Minutes will be posted.
- b. Looking for a vice chair for RSS PAC, any nominations?
 - i. No nominations, Colette suggested putting the word out to your friends (with child(ren) at RSS) to garner some interest in filling the vice chair position.
- c. A parent asked about whether the gym is open during lunchtime to provide space for students to hang out. Foosball table upstairs is well used, the main floor foosball table is not as well used. Ping pong is used a lunch as well. There is interest in an outdoor youth playground; highschool students have interest in using the BVE playground and there are issues with. The RSS PAC expressed interest in fund raising for a youth playground (estimated over \$100, 000). Next year there will be approximately 120 students entering RSS.
- d. Indigenous learning center is almost complete.

7. PAC Funding Requests

- a. Request for a delegation from the Bamfield Science Trip asking for funds (\$900.00)
 - i. Money is for the boat trips, investigating species is the purpose of the boat; previous years they examined starfish disease and participated in research; this is a hands on opportunity; 24 students (2 on the waitlist); 5 days including travel; cost before fund raising is \$1500/student; costs include room and board and instruction; travel to the coast will be by bus; open to grade 12 students who have taken biology 11/12; April 12-16; will also be asking for corporate sponsorship and bottle drive, student will do a big greenbelt clean up to raise funds.
 - ii. Amy makes a motion to give \$900, Christie second. All in favour.

8. Old Business -

- a. Nicole introduced a fundraising idea. A community wide game called Mission Impossible where participants try to make it across town without getting caught by opponents. Funds raised for PAC and outside causes chosen by kids. PAC seemed keen and interested in pursuing the idea and learning more. Put on old news for the next meeting.
 - i. Nicole is not present, this will remain as old business.

- b. Michael Haworth is going to do a presentation (IT set up hardware/software for the district and AI brainstorming project) for our PAC but he wasn't available for today. Greg will approach Michael Haworth about attending the Feb 23 RSS PAC meeting.
 - i. AI presentation on March 11, 6:30 - 8:30 at the RSS cafeteria,
 - ii. Michael's presentations are aimed at informing people and guiding policy development; the province has not set out any guidelines or information for school districts regarding AI.

9. DPAC (District Parent Advisory) Report

- a. **BCCPAC** presentation is being shared by Emily Grady (DPAC), this presentation will inform decisions for other PACs to join the BCCPAC and the benefits of joining.
- b. Christmas events/activities through the community were plentiful.
- c. Details are in the DPAC minutes.
- d. CPE winter carnival is being held February 27.

10. Next Meeting - February 23, 2026 at 7 pm.

11. Adjourn at 7:52