

# Revelstoke Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

May 25, 2026 7pm - RSS School Library

## Agenda

**Attendance:** Karin Bliudenbacker, Sasha Walsh, Nico Leenders, Emily Grady, Michelle Gabriele, Katrina Antonakis, Melonie Jensen, Greg Kenyon

**1. Call to Order - "I'd like to call this meeting to order at 7:01."**

**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 (Attached)**

- a. Melonie made a motion to adopt, Emily seconded

**4. Agenda**

- a. Karen make a motion to adopt, Nico seconded

**5. Treasurer's Report: (Attached)**

- a. Plans to replace the school mascot have fallen off and this funding request can be dismissed by PAC (\$1000)
- b. 3D printer additional money has not been requested and can be dismissed by PAC (\$260)
- c. Science trip and year book ad yet to be withdrawn from the gaming account
- d. Karin made a motion to adopt the treasurer's report, Melonie seconded
- e. Greg notes the new uncommitted funds total: \$8543.56
- f. Karen made a motion to adopt the amendment of total uncommitted funds, Melonie seconded

**6. Administration Report (Attached)**

- a. Again there is budgetary pressure for creating course sections, the reason for this is that per student funding hasn't followed inflation over the past 5 years. There will be difficult decisions made about how many classes can be run with smaller numbers of students.
- b. A parent asked about why prom was earlier than graduation. The decision was originally made to alleviate stress/distraction for prom at the end of the year, and to be inclusive of all students (including those who may not be graduating).

- i. Pre-COVID all students graduated, since COVID there have been a small number of students who haven't graduated.
  - ii. The school is giving consideration to grade 8s, 9s, 10s who are experiencing significant absences to support them to graduate.
- c. A parent asked about when SCIDES courses need to be completed - Greg said to aim for the end of May, especially if the course is required for graduation.

## **7. Additions to Agenda**

- a. Check on status/updates on cell phone policy?
  - i. Comments/letters were sent in to the district regarding the policy, if there are multiple addressees then it is the board who will respond.
  - ii. Those letters were discussed at the policy meeting, the notes/decision will be shared at the next board meeting in 2 weeks. It is not clear if the policy subcommittee will change or review the policy.
- b. Check on status/updates on anti bullying action?
  - i. Since last meeting, admin had been dealing with some issues, parents have been contacted and consequences have occurred. Issues brought to admin attention have been dealt with.
- c. Seeking interim PAC Secretary for September and October, Melonie will not be attending PAC meetings in the fall. No interest was expressed.
- d. Seeking alternate funding for school sport travel costs, to make participation in sports/activities more accessible
  - i. Is it possible to consider a way to break up the fees if families can stay with a friend or make different arrangements to bring down fees to make activities more affordable. Currently the fee doesn't change if a family wants to make different arrangements. To be discussed at future meetings, parents can also consider fundraising. For parents who would like financial support, they can go to the school to ask for assistance.

## **8. PAC Funding Requests**

- a. There was a discussion about barriers to students participating in sports and there was a suggestion that there is communication to parents, at the time of registration for activities, advising parents that the PAC has funds to support fees and costs related to participation. For example, adding a note to 'school cash' invoices.
- b. Regarding t-shirt funding, \$5000 is a lot to spend and when juxtapose the cost of other sports/activities, \$5000 could go a long way to supporting students to participate in activities.

- c. All teams going to provincial championship be provided with funding requested up to \$2000. Emily made the motion, Nico seconded
- d. Nico made a motion to approve t-shirts for just students (not staff/teachers), \$5000; Melonie seconded, 5 in favour, 3 abstained. Motion passed.

**9. Old Business -**

- a. Will stay in old business and does not need to be discussed. A fundraising idea was introduced. 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.

**10. DPAC (District Parent Advisory) Report**

- a. All schools are doing land acknowledgements
- b. Initiatives aimed at numeracy and literacy, using Indigenous approaches could reduce bullying.
- c. RSS Education Committee has started a film project, they will start filming on June 6, the target audience of the film will be aimed at gr. 5 and 6. The film will focus on high school senior students giving advise about social media use and electronic use to younger students.
- d. Parks Canada might have some funding for activities related to GO Grants.
- e. E'cole de Glacier PAC is looking at a grant to purchase a tablet (through Reuse Tech BC).

**11. Next Meeting** - next year, September 28, 2026, 7pm, RSS Library

**12. Adjourn at 8:11.**