

# VRPAC Minutes

**The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.  
Wednesday Sept 9th, 2015**

## **In attendance:**

Mark Downton	President
Pamela Duncan	Vice President
Jackie Raby	Treasurer
Tricia England	Parent / Temp Secretary
Jodie Cousins	Parent
Chris Skillings	Parent
Peyman Etemadi	Parent
Michelle Beaulieu	Parent
Sarah Howard	Parent
Kim Gailloux	Parent
Lee Ann Lindberg	View Royal OSC
Colleen Acton	Parent
Carrie Ferguson	Parent
Amanda Campbell	Parent
Kevin Greenard	Parent
Kim Strom	Principal
Laurie Hamm	Vice Principal

## **Introductions of all those in attendance**

### **Minutes from June 2015 approved**

First Jackie Raby  
Second Pamela Duncan

### **Correspondence:**

- None

### **Administration report**

Kim Strom presented as new Principal for View Royal.

- Div 16 was created and a new teacher was hired.
- There are now 377 students and likely going to 380+.
- A staff meeting was just held discussing IT and technology for the year. Staff are leaning towards Chrome Books and Google apps for education. The cloud based solution allows collaboration at school and home and solves the lost file problem that is common in the computer lab.
- The school currently has 3 wireless access points and needs 3 more for better coverage.
- For newsletters parents are encouraged to check the school website for the most current news.
- Parents in the hallways after the bell and before the bell at the end of the day have been a distraction in the past. The administration is hoping parents can meet their children outside and minimize the impact on neighboring classrooms.

## **Treasurer Report**

- First topic of the night was the police investigation into a neighboring PAC and missing PAC dollars. Safeguards in place for VRPAC include paper statements mailed to the school and reviewed by the President and Vice President each month.
- The year-end statement was presented. Income for the year was \$37,705.77 and expenses were \$38,585.61 for a loss of \$879.84. The loss was attributed to the 2014 teachers strike and expenses from the previous year coming 4 months late into the 2014/15 fiscal. The ending funds balance was \$20,498.28
- The Sept balance sheet was presented with little change from the year end statement. Currently there is \$15,773.32 in the general account and \$4,632.24 in the gaming account.

## **Old Business**

### Fun fair recap

- A very successful fun fair was held in in June 2014 with great weather and a nice farewell to Principal Parker. Special thanks to Wendy Young, Mo Jessa and Mary Rankin for making this possible.

### Community Link Funding

- Mo Jessa followed up with Deb Whitten and found that most of the funding was restored for 2015/16.

Student Agendas were ordered and ready to distribute to classrooms.

Monk Office Supplies were ordered and ready to distribute.

### Coupon book update

- Ron Stonehouse was unable to attend the meeting. He sent a note saying he hoped to have the books out shortly.
- This year people can order and pay using the fun food website.

### Fun Food update

- Jason Caron was unable to attend the meeting. He sent a note saying fun food would use the same website and the days are now on Fridays.
- Jason was also speaking on Earthquake preparedness. This was tabled until the October meeting.

### Thrifty Smile Card

- The program is run by Pamela Duncan this year. The program was explained and people can contact Pam for smile cards.

### 50/50 update

- Mo Jessa was unable to attend but sent a note explaining the 50/50 games for VRPAC this year.
- We get the 50/50 for the opening and the last home game of the Royals season.
- For that we need to purchase 750 tickets. This is an outlay of \$7500 for the PAC that should be recovered by selling all the tickets.
- We have budgeted \$10000 income for 50/50's.

- With the games so far apart there is a good chance on picking up another game mid-season.

#### Bottle Drive

- We are looking for a new bottle drive coordinator for 2015/16. Jodie Cousins volunteered and will be trained by outgoing coordinator Anne Downton for the Oct 17<sup>th</sup> bottle drive.
- Two other bottle drives this year are on January 16<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Funding Requests

- For teachers requesting funds there is a new form on the vrpac.com website. The PAC agreed to standardize funding requests and improve the tracking of requests by using the form. The form is located at <http://vrpac.com/funding>

### **New Business**

Welcome back coffee was a success.

- The PAC provided two hundred cups of coffee.

#### Parking concerns

- Parent Amanda Campbell raised concerns about the dangerous congestion in the lower parking lot.
- Parking was also discussed in terms of Rudyard Rd and a notice that was sent home indicated this was only a drop-off area and now no parking.

Earthquake preparedness was tabled for the October meeting.

New funding opportunities was tabled for the October meeting.

#### Corn Roast Sept 23rd

- Teachers will handle the corn roast.
- There will be a meeting for parents of Grade 5's regarding end of year camp.

#### Halloween Dance October 30<sup>th</sup>

- DJ is booked and is the same as last year.
- No Glow Sticks this year.
- Admission is by donation.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm**

Motion by Tricia, seconded by Carrie.