

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday October 26th, 2016 in the School Library

8.33am Welcome – Krista Cooper

The Chairperson, Krista Cooper, welcomed everyone and asked for motions to accept the Agenda of the Meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 28th, 2016.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Kim Campbell / Seconded Lesley Miller

Approval of September 28th, 2016 Minutes:

Motion Kim Campbell / Seconded Karen McFarland

8.35 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- Terry Small - PAC Special Evening Speaker – \$1,044.75
- Donations from Terry Small Event of \$330.25 which will be contributed to the Scholarship Fund

The Treasurer noted the safeguards in place to protect PAC funds. Our PAC complies with the West Vancouver Schools’ Good Business Practices:

- Two PAC Executives need to sign each cheque.
- All cheques need to be fully completed before signed.
- A cheque requisition with back up invoices and/or receipts is required before a cheque is issued.
- Loretta, the school accountant, complies with the PAC system and submits a cheque requisition with receipts and/or invoices attached for each request.
- Books are open for anyone to see at anytime

8.40 am DPAC Report - Lesley Miller

DPAC Meeting was held on October 5th 2016 at the Inglewood Learning Centre.

- All Parents are invited to DPAC General Meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at the ILC at 9:15am.
- Parents are encouraged to attend the Board of Education Meetings the third Tuesday of the month at the Board office.

- Rockridge School Trustee Liaisons are Dave Stevenson and Nicole Brown.
- Family of Schools Representative at the District level is Lynne Tomlinson.
- Board Chair Carolyn Broady spoke about a Transportation Grant that the District applied to at the Government for \$85,000 – if received this will be allocated for rural transportation (Bowen Island) and transportation for special needs programs within the District.
- Upcoming Events
 - **October 27th 9:15-10:15am** @ the ILC, West Vancouver Place For Sport (WVSS Track Replacement Project). Geoff Jopson and Chris Kennedy will be hosting a session to give school administrators and parent leaders an update on the scope of the project and the current status of the fundraising campaign. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.
 - **November 3rd from 7-9pm** at the Capilano Library Branch “Talk Sex Today” book launch hosted by Kidsbooks. Saleema Noon and Meg Hickling (Sexual Health Educators) have released a new book for parents on consent, body image, media literacy, sexting, bullying and more.
 - **November 23rd** Fentanyl Forum for Parents and Youth at Centennial Theatre in North Van
 - **December 6th at 7pm** Dr. Stan Kutcher, Youth Mental Health at the Kay Meek Centre
 - **May 2, 2017 at 7pm** at the Kay Meek there will be a tentative plan for a panel of speakers for Parent Education. More information to come.
- DPAC reps sit on numerous School District Committees such as Finance and Facilities, Traffic and Safety, School Health, Technology and Digital learning etc. Lesley would be happy to direct parents to the appropriate committee with questions or concerns.
- Report from Superintendent Chris Kennedy
 - Enrollment is up in the District this year despite a decrease of young people living in the community. Out of District student numbers continue to grow. Increased enrollment in High Schools, especially grades 8,9 and 10. International student numbers are relatively the same, with an increased difficulty in finding home stay families.
 - Academies continue to be successful with the new Robotics Academy at 50 students. There is an increased number of English Language Learners in the District representing the changing demographics of this District. The District is continuing to support the needs of these families.
 - Key Issues being worked on:
 - Changes to Report Cards and Exams
 - Sexual Preference and Gender Identity Policies and Procedures as mandated by the Government. Our District will be in compliance by the deadline in December.
 - Drug Use and Abuse- the District is staying connected with Mental Health and West Van Police to stay on top of the Fentanyl crisis although in this Community, alcohol continues to be the major issue.
- Next DPAC meeting to be held on Wednesday November 2nd @ILC

8.45 am Guest Speaker Justin Davis – Neuroscience and the Teenage Brain – Grit and Creativity for Students

Justin gave a very informative presentation on the importance of Growth Mindset Training and Deliberate Practice for learning and success.

9.40 am Spring Fair Update – Co-chairs Nicola Bailey and Linda Heintzman

Nicola Bailey and Linda Heintzman gave an update on the Spring Fair planned for **Saturday 13th May from 10am to 3pm**. This will be a Community Spirit and Fundraising Event for Rockridge School. It will involve students, teachers, and parents and the wider community will be invited. Activities planned include:

- Midway Games
- Tea Room and BBQ
- Silent Auction
- Art off the Wall
- Students will showcase their talents through Jazz Band Performances, Preparing Foods for the Tea Room, Drama Performances, etc
- New to You – Gentle Used Items for Sale (Donations will start in January)
- Artisan Market

The committee is looking for parent volunteers and sponsorship for the Spring Fair - contact details are below:

- Nicola Bailey: nicolabailey@shaw.ca
- Linda Heintzman: linda@pathgroup.ca

9.50 am Principal's Report - Jeanette Laursoo

Jeanette explained that Rockridge is in the process of planning its framework for enhancing student learning. Looking at Rockridge's Mission Statement below she asked parents for feedback on two questions:

1. In what ways are our students' successfully achieving this?
2. What is preventing our students from achieving this?

Mission Statement

Rockridge School strives to graduate responsible and creative global citizens in a respectful and diverse environment where relevant learning fosters excellence in personal achievement, compassion, curiosity, and critical thinking.

9.58 am New Business

Krista Cooper noted the upcoming PAC Speakers:

- November 23, 2016 – Chris Kennedy – District Superintendent
 - Submit questions for Chris by email to ckennedy@wvschools.ca and he will go through them and select a few to address.
- December – No Meeting
- January - Chris Burt
- February – Michelle Davis – Plans for the Library
- April – Maureen Lee – Sexual Social Conduct and Gender Identity

The Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be held on November 14th, 2016 and will be headed up by Brigitta Shore. Sign-up information for Parent Volunteers will follow shortly.

The PAC can be reached at ropac@wvchools.ca.

10.00 am Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 23rd November, 2016 in the Music Room – E105 with guest speaker Superintendent Chris Kennedy.