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Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Time: 8:35am to 10:10am

Place

In Lynne's absence, Carol Fraser, Vice-Chair, RSPAC welcomed everyone to the Meeting and opened the meeting with a motion: To accept the Agenda of the Meeting. Jane motion to accept the agenda and Carolyn second the motion and it was resolved that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

8:37am Treasurer's Report

By: Darius Matheson, Treasurer

- We have received in total for RSPAC Fees \$6,600 which is \$900 below budget.
- The school applied for a PST rebate of the outside student seating which we should receive shortly.

8:40 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report: Presented by: DPAC Rep, Mary Ann Guildolin

Highlights of the report:

- Joint School Principals/DPAC/PAC –Focus on New Curriculum meeting was held Jan 27, 2016
- Budget is due shortly. Chris Kennedy is asking that the input forms be completed and returned by Feb 23rd.
- The PAC Executives met with our Principal, Jeannette Laursoo last week and discussed some of the budget items.
- Upcoming District events: Yong Zhao presentation at Kay Meek on Tuesday, May 10th. Presentation is about World Class Students-“what our kids need to know to compete in the world”.

- February is Eating Disorder Month. Shelly Nyn and Helen Yeung are available to visit the schools to speak.
- May 3rd is Mental Health Day-Green Shirt day.
- WVSD Superintendent's Reported by Chris Kennedy
- Enrollment is trending above last year.
- A lot of interest in the Academies.
- Yong Zhao presentation will need DPAC support for promotion.
- Chris is looking at additional ways to informing parents on how the new curriculum will help as students leave high school.

8:50 –Principal's Report by Jeannette Laursoo, Principal

Jeannette introduced the Textile teacher, Alison Sawers

Alison presented the Service Projects the textile classes are working on, for the community:

- Textiles 8 SPCA – Puppy mill rescued dogs -Dogs beds made from donated upholstery fabric and stuffed with classroom and donated scraps. Toys made from donated scraps from a local clothing manufacturer.
- Textiles 9 Lions Gate Hospital Hospice Patient Gowns & Canuck Place & Children's Hospital-Baby quilts
- Textiles 11 Crabtree Corner which provides services and programs for marginalized women and families. Baby quilts made from scrap leftover & Knitted dolls from donated yarn
- Textiles 12 Rockridge Video Production Program Stunt dummies-made from donated fabric
YMCA-Crabtree Corner Clothing –t-shirts, cardigans and pants-made from donated fabric
Days for Girls -Mission is to provide sustainable feminine hygiene products for women and girls enabling them to help break the cycle of poverty through being able to stay in school.
- Feminine hygiene kits are made and donated to Days for Girls

Principal's report – see attached.

9:05am- Guest Speaker, Justin Davis, PHD, Grit and Resilience

Neuroscience of the Teenage brain

Excellent presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am