

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday November 23rd, 2016 in the Music Room E105

8.38am 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 October 26th, 2016.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Lesley Miller / Seconded Carol Fraser

Approval of October 26th, 2016 Minutes:

Motion Karen McFarland / Seconded Darius Matheson

8.40 am Guest Speaker Chris Kennedy – District Superintendent

Parents had a very informative discussion with Chris on changes to the curriculum and reporting. Linkages to post secondary education and new program directions in the district were also discussed.

9.20 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- PAC Fees Received - \$725
- Expenditures
 - Scholarship Presentation Unlock your Future– \$420
 - Parent Speaker - Justin Davis - \$400
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch - \$330.68
 - Library (from last year’s surplus) - \$698.21

9.25 am DPAC Report - Lesley Miller

The last DPAC Meeting was held on November 2nd, 2016 at the Inglewood Learning Centre.

- Reminder of two upcoming events:
 - A Community Forum on Fentanyl to be held Wednesday November 23rd from 6:30-9:00pm at Centennial Theatre. The event is free, but pre-registration is required.

- Dr. Stan Kutcher a renowned expert in adolescent mental health will be speaking at the Kay Meek Theatre on Tuesday, December 6th from 7-9pm. This event is also free, but pre-registration is also required.
- Board Chair Carolyn Broady stated that the District did receive the \$85,000 transportation grant from the Ministry they had applied for and that buses will be back in place on Bowen Island for Fridays.
- The District has a protocol in place for flushing school water systems and no schools in West Vancouver have an issue with lead (unlike some schools in the Province).
- West Vancouver Police Chief Len Gerkhe and Constable Kellie English who is the Community Service Supervisor both spoke regarding issues in West Vancouver. The School District and the WVPD have a very good working relationship and Chris Kennedy and Chief Gerkhe speak weekly.
 - West Vancouver has 79 police officers, 18 Civilian employees and 75 volunteers. They serve a population of 47,000 including the Squamish First Nation.
 - Their 2016 Budget was \$16.2 million and in 2015 they had 14,300 calls for service. The majority of those were not emergency calls. One in five calls are mental health related. This is the fastest growing issue they are dealing with.
 - The crime rate is up in West Vancouver since 2014 as it is in most communities. Violent crime is down, and property crime is up.
 - 80% of people arrested for property crime don't live in this community.
 - Chief Gerkhe is NOT concerned about the Youth in this community. He states they are overwhelmingly good kids.
 - The number of troubled youth is small and they have good relationships with many service agencies in North and West Vancouver to provide youth with services that will help them.
 - The crime most prevalent among youth is shoplifting. The number one issue for youth continues to be alcohol related. Girls are most vulnerable to be sexually assaulted.
 - WVPD have five members assigned to traffic enforcement. Traffic safety is not an issue primarily with youth, but with the driving and pedestrian population over 65. Marine Drive is the most problematic.
 - Leslie has a copy of the WVPD 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. Please contact her if you would like to see it at dlmiller@telus.net

9.30 am Principal's Report - Jeanette Laursoo

Jeanette was pleased to announce that a team of Rockridge teachers won the 2016 Canadian Innovators in Education Award for our Library's Makerspace. She also thanked parents for contributing to the Rockridge Staff Appreciation Lunch. Staff were incredibly grateful for the amazing lunch that was provided.

Jeanette then gave a presentation on IB MYP Assessment. Please see attached PowerPoint Presentation for more details.

9.50 am New Business

Krista Cooper thanked parents who participated in the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. The Spring Fair has been cancelled but stay tuned for new fundraising ideas in the New Year.

She noted the upcoming PAC Speakers:

- December – No Meeting
- January - Chris Burt – Challenging Behaviours and Difficult Conversations with our teens
- February – Michelle Davis – Plans for the Library and the Makerspace
- April – Maureen Lee – Sexual Social Conduct and Gender Identity

9.55 am Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 25th January, 2017 in the Library, 2nd Floor with guest speaker Chris Burt

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