

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday February 22nd, 2017 in the Music Room, E105

8.36am 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 two meetings held on November 23rd, 2016 and January 25th, 2017.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Carol Fraser / Seconded Darius Matheson

Approval of November 25th, 2016 and January 25th, 2017 Minutes:
Motion Carol Fraser / Seconded Daphne Bruce

8.40 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- PAC Fees Received - \$850 in February
- \$40,000 added to PAC Budget for anticipated funds received from Spring Soiree
- Expenditures
 - Pinnacle Hotel Deposit for Spring Soiree – \$2,000

8.42 am DPAC Report - Lesley Miller

DPAC Meeting was held on February 1st, 2017 at the Inglewood Learning Centre.

- DPAC is currently looking for a volunteer to lead their Traffic and Safety Committee within the District. The commitment is a meeting a month with District stakeholders plus a meeting and report back to the general DPAC members.
- DPAC is also looking for volunteers to sit on the DPAC Executive if anyone is interested they can contact Lesley Miller or the Chair Abbie Milavsky.
- The May 2nd Parent Ed Forum at Kay Meek will host Dr. Shimi Kang as a speaker. Her book is “Dolphin Parenting”. She will also be part of a Youth Mental Health Panel.
- The Choice Consultative Committee has approved a new Forensics Class for grade 11 students that will run out of West Van Secondary.

- The 50 million dollars allocated to schools province wide from the Supreme Court Ruling nets West Van approximately \$600,000. This will be spent on extra support teachers within the District. There is currently a shortage of support teachers available in the province (teacher librarians, counselors, ELL and special education teachers) so the West Van School District has set aside \$75,000 to support District teachers to upgrade their training in these areas.
- Special speakers were Cari Wilson and Todd Ablett who spoke about teaching Computational Thinking and Coding in Elementary classes and also the Robotics Academy at West Van Secondary. If anyone would like further information on this, please speak to Lesley Miller.
- The next DPAC Meeting will be held March 1st, 2017.

**8.45am Guest Speakers Todd Lund and Maureen Lee
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in our Schools**

Todd Lund is the SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) District Lead and an Elementary Counselor, and Maureen Lee is the Student Support Services District Principal. Todd has developed workshops to educate participants in discussions about sexual orientation, gender roles, identity and expression. They gave a very informative presentation to parents in helping us learn how we can build understanding and how schools can embrace diversity and create a safer community for our LGBTQ students.

9.41am Principal's Report - Jeannette Laursoo

Jeannette explained that Rockridge is reviewing it's processes for communicating student learning and asked for feedback on three questions below: (see attached powerpoint presentation for more info).

1. As a parent, what type of feedback is important from your child's teacher about your son/daughter? Which formats do you find most impactful (e.g. digital portfolios, student report cards, student-led conferences, etc.)?
2. When you consider the information you currently receive (the type and the format) what would you like more of and what could you have less of?
3. As we continue to look at communicating student learning K-12 across the district, what other feedback would you like to have and what questions should be addressed?

9.59 am New Business

Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a parent volunteer to help with the accounting and replacement of items in the emergency container and in the earthquake bags in the classrooms. Please contact Chris Sandor if interested at csandor@wvschools.ca

Reminder - International Lunch on Friday 3rd March, 2017. Parents can sign up in the office or on the following website: <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/> (Password: rock)

If you have any questions please email Christy Coulthard at ccoulthard@wvschools.ca.

Spring Soiree - Saturday 13th May, 2017 - Please contact Linda Heintzman at Linda@pathgroup.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

10.00am Meeting Adjourned

Krista Cooper thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Upcoming PAC Meetings:

- Wednesday 26th April, 2017 in the Textile Room W113 – Michelle Davis will be discussing plans for the library.
- Wednesday 24th May, 2017 - AGM in the Social Studies Room G201

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