

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday Sep 27th, 2017 in the Library Learning Commons 2nd Floor

8.37am Welcome – Carol Fraser

The Chairperson, Carol Fraser, welcomed everyone, introduced the new PAC Executive and asked for motions to accept the Agenda of the Meeting and the Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 24th, 2017.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Kim Nelson / Seconded Darius Matheson

Approval of May 24th, 2017 Minutes:

Motion Kim Nelson / Seconded Darius Matheson

8.39 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- Expenditures:
 - Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast - \$407.94
 - Speaker Sharon Selby – \$315.00
 - PAC Welcome Coffee - \$86.42
 - Winter Gala deposits for Venue and Band – \$1,350

8.42 am DPAC Report - Kim Campbell

The last DPAC meeting was held on Wednesday June 7th at the ILC.

- DPAC is still looking for a representative for the traffic and safety committee.
- Parent education evening with Shimi Kang was a success with 374 tickets sold.
- Comprehensive Health Committee spoke about the official opening of the FOUNDRY to support North Shore Youth (ages 12-24) with integrated health and social services in one location.
- SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Group) was pleased to report that every West Vancouver School has a gender neutral washroom available for use. (often the same washroom as the handicap accessible washroom).
- Many nutrition programs are now available including www.tablematters.ca with farm to table initiatives and an edible garden project.
- Michelle LaBounty gave an informative presentation on PAC Budgeting with school administration

- **Superintendent Report** – Chris Kennedy:
 - Chris reported there are 10 new class divisions in the district due to restored class size language and strong enrollment. He emphasized that across the District schools are getting very full.
 - There will be more support for non-enrolling staff in Elementary Schools such as ELL, Learning support and Library.
 - There will be a numeracy and literacy exam to be written between grade 10-12 starting in 2018-2019. This will replace the current provincial exams that secondary students write. They are still waiting for further information on how these exams will be weighted for post secondary admission.

8.45 am Principal's Report – Jeannette Laursoo

- Jeanette reported on Grade 8 Transition activities, the upcoming Parent Information Evenings and the Canadian Universities Event on October 2nd, 2017. She also gave an update on Provincial Assessment changes, and discussed Rockridge School Goals and the Area of Focus for the next 2 years. More information can be found in the attached power point presentation.

9.12 am Guest Speaker – Sharon Selby – Understanding Anxiety and Anxiety Management Strategies.

Guest speaker, Sharon Selby, spoke to parents about Anxiety and what it looks like and discussed Anxiety Management Strategies.

9.52 am Reminders and New Business

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch – Nov 10th, 2017**
 - Brigitta Shore will be organizing this event again this year and sign up info will follow shortly.
- **Rockridge Winter Gala – Save the Date – February 24th, 2018**
 - Interested in Volunteering - Please contact Linda Heintzman at Linda@pathgroup.ca
- **Next PAC Meeting – Thursday October 26th in Players Hall**
 - Speaker Chris Burt – Challenging Behaviours and Difficult Conversations with your Teen (\$10 per person or \$15 for two)

9.55 am Meeting Adjourned

Carol Fraser thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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