

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Thursday Oct 26th, 2017 in the Library Learning Commons 2nd Floor

6.17 pm Welcome – Carol Fraser

The Chairperson, Carol Fraser, welcomed everyone and asked for motions to accept the Agenda of the Meeting and the Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 27th, 2017.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Kathy Martinez / Seconded Lisa Richardson

Approval of Sept 27th, 2017 Minutes:

Motion Stephanie Leavitt / Seconded Lisa Richardson

6.19 pm Principal's Report – Jeannette Laursoo

Jeanette reported on implementation of the new curriculum for Grades 11 and 12 and noted that it would be now be fully implemented one year later and effective July 2019. The Grade 10 Curriculum would be implemented as originally scheduled and effective July 2018. Students currently in Grades 10 and 11 will write the new Provincial Numeracy Assessment before Graduation. The new Provincial Literacy Assessment will be first administered in 2020 and students will continue to write the English 12 Provincial Exam until then. More information can be found in the attached power point presentation.

6.32 pm DPAC Report - Kim Campbell

The last DPAC meeting was held on Wednesday October 4^h at the ILC.

Some Reminders:

- Upcoming meeting for PAC Executive Members on Treasurer and Web Training.
- Gaming Grants should be applied for by June 30th - some schools yet to apply, but we are fortunate that at Rockridge this has already been done.

The **Facilities** Department had a busy summer working on various projects such as new projector systems portables, refinishing gym floors and other required renovations. There are some ongoing projects such as the sprung structure and retaining wall at Sentinel.

It has been a busy few months for the **Human Resources** department with approximately 40 staff resignations, 50 new teachers hires, and 30% of last year's On-Call teachers recruited to permanent jobs both within and outside the District. There were 192 positions posted with most being filled. It was a challenging process getting all staff in place, but West Vancouver has been proactive in getting positions filled.

It was reported that the District is pleased that all schools in West Vancouver have safety plans in place.

Sheelah Donahue – School Trustee reported:

- Funding for adult literacy and education has been restored, which will be helpful for our English Language Learner population and other adults. Trustees are pleased with the good relationships that continue between the Schools, Police, and Coastal Health.
- Schools have two school trustee liaisons that are very interested in attending a PAC meeting and presenting to parents. Our liaisons are Carolyn Broady and Dave Stevenson.

Chris Kennedy - Superintendent reported:

- Enrolment is at approximately 7,350 students, 100 more students across the District from last year. Interestingly numbers of students who live in West Vancouver are down slightly, with numbers of students outside the District up.
- All teaching positions have been filled with some teachers moving on to positions or jobs that were closer to their homes. Some teachers hired were previously with Independent Schools, with most new hires currently living on the North Shore. There are still about 1,000 positions unfilled across the Province and Chris is hoping that as these positions get filled it will not result in employees leaving the West Vancouver School District.
- Chris discussed Student Learning Grants and mentioned that many of the items purchased were items PACs would usually have funded, including robotics equipment, science resources, physical literacy items, and projectors.
- He highlighted a wonderful presentation by Sara Ward titled “Not Just Better - Different” on Executive Functioning that will be held for parents at the Kay Meek on October 19th. Sara Ward has also been working with teachers.
- The WV District is performing strongly with 95% of students graduating within 6 years. Provincially 53% of students go onto post secondary education the year after they graduate, whereas in West Vancouver 90% of students continue onto post secondary education within 2 years.

The meeting then discussed PAC By-Laws, the nuts and bolts of what we need to do as a PAC. It was recommended these be reviewed every few years. Schools have been asked to submit a copy of their current bylaws to Margo Pritchard at the board office.

Finally there was presentation on how to run effective PAC meetings e.g. keep meetings concise with consistent agenda formats and with topics and guests speakers that are interesting to parents.

6.41 pm Treasurer's Report – Carol Fraser (for Darius Matheson)

Carol reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- Revenue
 - BC Gaming Grant of \$18,760 received (\$260 more than budget.)
 - PAC Fees received to date of \$1,300 (a reminder will be sent to parents)
- Expenditures:
 - Gala items paid – Library Wall (\$11,765.25) and Scoreboard (\$9,068.44)
 - Speaker Chris Burt – \$420.00 (Event Entry Fee should cover this)

6.45 pm 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 Soiree – Save the Date – February 24th, 2018**
 - Interested in Volunteering - Please contact Linda Heintzman at Linda@pathgroup.ca or Darius Matheson at dariusmath@yahoo.ca.
- **Next PAC Meeting –Wednesday November 22nd in the Learning Commons**
 - Speaker Chris Sandor – Teenagers and Vaping

6.49 pm Meeting Adjourned

Carol Fraser thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded them that the presentation by Guest Speaker Chris Burt would take place in Players Hall starting at 7pm.

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