

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday Nov 22nd, 2017 in the Library Learning Commons 2nd Floor

8.35 am 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 October 27th, 2017.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Kathy Martinez / Seconded Darius Matheson

Approval of October 27, 2017 Minutes:

Motion Sarah Relling / Seconded Linda Heintzman

8.36 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- Revenue
 - PAC Fees of \$325 received since last month (\$1,625 received to date)
 - School Grant of \$268.92 received from WV School District
 - Event Entry Fees received for Chris Burt Parent Evening \$1,113.55

- Expenditures:
 - Uniform Replacement Girls Volleyball \$712.00
 - Scholarship Presentation \$420 – evening donations go to scholarship fund
 - Gala item expenditures reduced by GST Rebate of \$745.33
 - BCCPAC Membership \$75.00
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch in November - \$348.65

8.39 am Principal’s Report – Jeannette Laursoo

Jeannette reported on IB MYP Assessment and Rockridge’s Innovation Grants. More information can be found in the attached power point presentation.

9.05 am DPAC Report - Kim Campbell

The last DPAC meeting was held on Wednesday November 1, 2017.

There was a great response to the parent presentation from Sara Ward on Executive Functioning. If you missed the presentation but are interested in learning more please refer to Sharon Selby’s blog which has a summary of the presentation under the topic of self-regulation.

The Comprehensive Health group have looked into the McCreery Report and decided to focus on SLEEP and its effects on children, in particular that there tends to be a lack of sleep. They are also looking at vaping and tobacco prevention in our youth. SOGI presentations and healthy body workshops are available for schools that are interested.

The District is preparing for the winter weather providing snow blowers for each school and building a salt shed so that schools have a good supply. November 1 was “Grade 9 Go to Work Day” with your parent. Each school in the District also had a Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Schools are quite full. Interestingly, international student numbers are down by approximately 30 students, but overall enrollment is up by 80 students. Currently the District has 12 academy and specialty programs, including robotics, ACE and outdoor school for grade 10s. All programs are currently full.

There have been some administrative changes at the district level. Sean Nosek and Kim Martin are now Associate Superintendents. There will be a new District Principal hired. Out of District Students were discussed and Chris Kennedy explained that education property taxes go into a Provincial pot and it is beneficial to have our schools near capacity. Class size and composition issues within the province were discussed. There are many different contracts within the province with North Vancouver having very prescriptive contracts and West Vancouver more flexibility to look at ratios and needs.

There was a presentation on MILO, a robot that is used within the District to assist students with deficits in socialization and communication. Milo is also very useful for helping with social thinking groups and emotional regulation. Great results are reported with increased eye contact and focus for students. The district is currently leasing the Robots and has them at Rockridge Secondary, WV Secondary, Bowen, Westcot and Caufeild.

9.12 am Vaping Presentation - Chris Sandor and John Crowley

Chris Sandor and John Crowley gave a very interesting presentation to parents on Vaping including explaining what it is, some of the risks and school policies. More information can be found in the attached presentation.

9.57 am Reminders and New Business

Save The Date - Rockridge Winter Party on February 24th, 2018

- Interested in Volunteering contact Linda Heintzman at Linda@pathgroup.ca or Darius Matheson at dariusmath@yahoo.ca

Next PAC meeting:

- Wednesday Jan 24th, 8:30am, Learning Commons – Kel McDowell and Leesa Aldred
“The Changing Landscape of Post Secondary Education”

9.59 am Meeting Adjourned

Carol Fraser thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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