

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday January 24th, 2018 in the Library Learning Commons 2nd Floor

8.33 am Welcome – Carol Fraser

The Chairperson, Carol Fraser, welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to accept the Agenda of the Meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Darius Matheson / Seconded Linda Heintzman

8.35 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report.

Activity was as follows:

- Revenue
 - PAC Fees of \$2,325 received since the last meeting (\$3,950 received to date)
- Expenditures:
 - Athletics - Barbells \$446.88
 - Field trip Girls Rugby \$750
 - Couches for Waiting Room in School Counselling Office \$1,500

8.40 am DPAC Report - Carol Fraser (for Kim Campbell)

This report covers the highlights of the December and January DPAC meetings.

Rotary Club Presentation:

There was a presentation by the Rotary Club who are involved with Rockridge’s Interact Club. In addition, they have Youth Exchanges for children between the ages of 15-19 and Youth Leadership Events over a long weekends. There also have many adventure programs (listed online) such as film, forestry, health care, technology and tourism.

Rotary is involved in many areas of our West Vancouver Community including WV Youth Services, the library, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Seniors Centre, Search and Rescue, Operation Red Nose. Beyond our local community, Rotary is involved in helping to eradicate polio, peace and conflict resolution, disaster relief and taking used medical equipment and computers to where needed in the world. Currently the Canadian government donates \$1.2 million per year to Canadian Rotary projects and Rotary Clubs match that amount.

The Rotary Club is looking for volunteers for the North Shore Rotary Ride for Rescue which is the second Saturday in June. They would like to partner with PACs and if we have volunteers that can help with their projects then they would be interested in helping with projects at our school level.

PHYSICAL LITERACY Presentation:

There are reports that this generation may be the first generation to have a shorter life span than their parent's generation. We obviously want that to change. The goal of physical literacy is to increase confidence and motivate students to stay active for life leading to improved social emotional well-being and happiness.

West Vancouver Community Foundation Presentation: Nina Leemhuis

There are 1500 employees in the West Vancouver District and over the years the WV District has worked to become more service oriented and connect more with residents. The District is involved with 140 parks, the waterfront, performing arts, culture, police, fire, water and blue bus services. They are also involved with traffic and safety issues. The District is currently making some changes at Pound Road by the soccer fields and at 15th Avenue. If interested many of their resources are on-line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The DPAC is offering PACs a one time grant of \$250 to help fund a parent education event. PACs are encouraged to submit receipts by the end of May. Our Chris Burt or Sharon Selby presentations would qualify.

All schools will have photocopiers replaced and New VOIP phone systems installed by the end of the year. Support staff payroll has been changed to make it more efficient. Wade Hickey (our director of facilities) is becoming a "Energy Master Associate" which will allow the District to access rebates and incentives for energy efficiency.

The Comprehensive Health Group: Will be focusing their efforts on the impacts of sleep (and the lack of sleep) - more information to come. They have a simple survey for parents to complete on their children's sleep habits. There is work underway to bring a showing of the movie "Angst" to the District, an evening presentation likely in April or May.

Human Resources: there are now only two classes exceeding class size limits in the District. Both are in French immersion.

Choice Consultative: there are 5 new programs starting in the District next year.

1. Engineering Program for Grade 11: Rockridge
2. AP Environmental Sciences attached to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans
3. Animation at Sentinel partnering with Capilano University
4. Ping Pong at the table tennis centre in North Vancouver
5. Volleyball Academy out of WVSS in the afternoons

There will be an information session in February with Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction for the Academies.

Carolyn Broady: discussed the impact cannabis legislation will have on youth and schools. As well, she talked about the push back in the valley in regards to SOGI. She wanted to reiterate that West Vancouver Schools value all students and wants all students to feel safe and supported regardless of gender identity.

Chris Kennedy: discussed administrative moves and how a move midyear can help an administrator see how the school functions when in an up and running state.

Chris also spoke about the many changes we can expect in our post-secondary institutions as they move to a more holistic overview for admissions. UBC has been leading the way and we are fortunate that Rockridge's Counselling Department has a lot of great information to share with us in this regard.

The District is still looking at ways to attract and retain staff with teacher shortages across the Province. The two biggest drivers to staff leaving are housing and traffic. They also realize that 75% of the District staff are female and so are looking at ways to make the District more family friendly. Chris discussed catchment rules and noted that if a student is currently attending a West Vancouver Elementary School, they can attend any High School within West Vancouver as long as they meet application deadlines (even out of district families).

8.50 am Principal's Report – Judy Duncan

Judy Duncan, Rockridge's new Principal, introduced herself to parents and spoke about her passion for learning. She highlighted the many wonderful events and activities currently taking place at Rockridge, and went on to discuss the New Curriculum Model: what is changing, implementation timelines and transition arrangements. More information can be found in the attached power point presentation.

9.12 am Lilian Trousdell – Kanata Club's Multicultural Luncheon on Feb 16th

Lilian spoke about the upcoming Multicultural Luncheon taking place at Rockridge on February 16th, 2018. Parents interested in volunteering can sign up in the school office or online at www.perfectpotluck.com. The Co-ordinator is "Coulthard" and the Password is "rock".

9.16 am Guest Speaker – Kel McDowell and Leesa Alldred – "The Changing Landscape of Post Secondary Education".

Kel and Leesa gave parents a very informative presentation on how Universities are moving towards a more holistic model for University Admissions and what to expect in the future.

10.02 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 February 28th, 8:30am Learning Commons – Dr. Barry Craig, Huron University College Principal – “The Importance of Ethical Leadership and the Value of a Liberal Arts Degree”

10.03 am Meeting Adjourned

Carol Fraser thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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