

Minutes

Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC)

Held: Wednesday February 28th, 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 and the Minutes of the previous two meetings held on November 22nd, 2017 and January 24th, 2018

Adoption of Agenda: Motion Tanya Mah / Seconded Tanya Petraszko

Approval of November 22nd, 2017 and January 24th, 2017 Minutes:
Motion Sarah Taylor / Seconded Darius Matheson

8.35 am Treasurer’s Report – Darius Matheson

Darius reviewed the latest RSPAC Financial Report and outlined School Wish List items of \$10,865 which are included in the expenditures below:

Activity was as follows:

- Revenue
 - PAC Fees of \$1,025 received since the last meeting (\$4,975 received to date)
- Expenditures:
 - Athletics - Barbells \$447 (\$421.17 net of GST), Mountain Bike Parts (\$426)
 - Team Support / Field Trips - Girls Rugby Insurance \$750, Film \$500, Music \$790
 - General Wish List - Couches for School Counselling Office \$1,500, Foods \$650, English Room \$930, Learning Support \$347, Counselling \$307, Careers \$661, Gr9 Wearable Electronics \$1560, Physics \$746, Flip forms \$1,249
 - Water Filters - \$146.61
 - Decorations for Winter Party - \$182.31

8.40 am DPAC Report - Kim Campbell

This report covers the highlights of the February 7th, 2018 DPAC meeting.

DPAC is pleased to be presenting the video “Angst” as a Parent Education meeting at the Kay Meek on April 25 at 7:00 pm – a depiction of what it can be like to live with anxiety. DPAC is also working to get a panel of experts who can help navigate this situation for families both at the school level and in the community – more details to follow.

Next DPAC meeting will have guest speaker Brandon Biln. He is a Tobacco Reduction coordinator with Vancouver Coastal Health. He will be talking about vaping and its impacts.

DPAC thanked everyone who took part in the sleep survey. These results will help the Comprehensive School Health Committee examine issues around children and sleep.

West Vancouver School District will change the Reading Break next year to tie in with the new date for Family Day. DPAC asked if there was an easier way for parents to get onto Wi-Fi when in the school. Currently there are no plans to change this.

Technology at the Secondary Level:

- All high schools now have a maker space with 3D printers, laser cutter and other technology
- Rockridge is currently piloting GOOGLE EXPEDITION. Shaw has set up a dedicated bandwidth for the Virtual Reality pilot program in the school. There are 32 sets of Virtual Reality Goggles and they are used in Players Hall and the Learning Commons.

School Trustee Carolyn Broady:

- There is not a lot of extra funding available, but if there are parental concerns or priorities these should be discussed with the school principal.
- Community Day is in June. Some schools will be entering a float. If Rockridge would like to participate, now is the time to start organizing.

Superintendent Report: Chris Kennedy:

- There is a shortage of Teachers on Call and some schools are using non-certified teachers. West Van is not doing this, but rather redeploying staff when necessary.
- Registration of 18 different academies is currently taking place.
- Traffic issues should be first discussed with the school principal rather than the municipality or police department.
- There was an incident at WVSS. In these situations the police department will choose to close the school or have Chris Kennedy make that call. Chris decided to close the school following the incident, but no details were shared due to the ongoing investigation.
- Exciting Lunar New Year celebrations took place across the District, with many schools having a lot of parental direction with this celebration.

There were two great presentations:

- Michelle Metcalf from WVSS who teaches languages through TPRS (teaching proficiency through reading and storytelling) as it really helps with language acquisition.
- Matt Trask a Rockridge Physics and Science teacher - he discussed the Engineering 11 pilot taking place at Rockridge in 2018-2019. The program will include Math11, Chem,11, Physics 11, Engineering 11, Design 11 on Day 1 and will be partnering with Dave Henning.

8.49 am Principal's Report – Judy Duncan

Judy Duncan thanked parents for their support with the schools's wish list items, the Winter Party organisation, food provided for the International lunch, as well as help with coaching teams. She highlighted some of the wonderful learning taking place at Rockridge and shared progress made towards achievement of the school goal, which is to improve students' organizational, affective and reflective skills. More info can be found in the attached power point presentation.

9.17 am Guest Speaker – Dr. Barry Craig, Principal at Huron University College) - "The Importance of Ethical Leadership and the value of a Liberal Arts Education".

Dr. Craig gave a very informative presentation to parents about the benefits of a Liberal Arts Education, and how Huron University is promoting Ethical Leadership through public service.

9.56 am Reminders and New Business

Save The New Date - Rockridge Winter Party Friday April 13th, 2018

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

Next PAC meeting:

- Thursday April 26th, 8:30am Learning Commons – Mr. Chris Kennedy, District Superintendent – submit questions for Chris via ropac@wvschools.ca

PAC AGM

- Wednesday May 30th, 8.30am Learning Commons – Annual General Meeting and Susan Foster Community Health Nurse.

9.59 am Meeting Adjourned

Carol Fraser thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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