



Minutes of the Ridgeway PAC Meeting

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2021 | 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

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| Agnes | Jillian Gordon (Vice Principal) |
| Amy Reid | Katie S |
| Arieanna Schweber | Kelly |
| Alicia C. | Kendra Taylor |
| Bessie | Melissa McConchie (DPAC Rep) |
| Beth and Colby Miller | Niki Kennedy |
| Brian O | Sara Osenton |
| Chrystal Zachrisson (Co-President) | Stephanie Redlich (Secretary) |
| Dean Yeo (Principal) | T. David Pyron (Co-Vice-President) |
| Diana | Tiffany Alexander (Co-President) |
| Fatemeh | Tyler Foley |
| Heather Gallilee | Jen Anderson |
| Jen Anderson | Trisha |
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Regular Meeting Business

(7:15) Call to Order and Introductions Tiffany Alexander

Brief Welcome & Overview of how to ask questions on Zoom

- Welcome to new parents; brief run through of Agenda
- How to use the zoom chat feature

PAC Introduction

- What is the PAC? Every Ridgeway parent is a member of the PAC. We encourage you to be involved in any way that suits you best.
- The Board is made up of members of the PAC who are voted into position by other PAC Members.

Elected PAC Board Members – Voted in

Co-Presidents	Chrystal Zachrisson Tiffany Alexander	Majority Vote Majority Vote
Co-Vice-President	David Pyron (1/2) <i>Position not yet filled (2/2)</i>	Majority Vote
Treasurer	Suhad Mardikian	Majority Vote
Secretary	Stephanie Redlich	Majority Vote
DPAC	Michelle MCconchie	Majority Vote
Board of Directors	Chrystal Zachrisson, David Pyron, Arieanna Schewber (non-voting as Past President), Stephanie Redlich, Suhad Mardikian, Amy Reid, Tiffany Alexander, Sandi Thorson	Majority Vote



(7:18) Administration Report Dean Yeo/Jillian Gordon

Administration Report (Jillian Gordon)

- So far this year the entire school has been learning about Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation.
- All students have been involved in the “Project of Heart” which educated students in Western Canada about Indian Residential Schools. For the project, small heart tiles were sent in, distributed and aided students and teachers to reflect and create art which will all be set together in a mural. This project has been led by Sara Masey and Gail Baker.
- As a Chanie Wenjack Legacy School, we are continuing to learn through the Seven Grandfathers Teachings; Courage is the focus for October – more information will be up on website to help guide parents through these learnings as well.
- The school has been working together to reflect on progress to set a new direction – Truth, Reconciliation; Welcoming Inclusive Culture
- <https://projectofheart.ca>

Administrative Report (Dean Yeo)

- So far this year, we have been able to do the Terry Fox Run, which was fantastic, such a great time and raised funds for the cause
- Tuesday, October 5th is photo day – school admin will send out a reminder
- Walking School Bus: an email has been sent out in regards to this pilot concept a collaboration between DASH, NVSD and Translink. The program is looking for a volunteer from the PAC to be the point of contact alongside the school admin. The program is also looking for volunteer to lead the walking school buses. Will likely be organized by neighbourhoods, and likely limited in the number of students per “Walking School Bus”, more information to come.
- Class Composition: at the beginning of the year, ridgeway was given an additional division to help address class size and class composition
- Combined Classes: Ridgeway has moved this school year to majority combined classes, which address class size maximums, physical limitations of the building and compositions (specific designation, IAP’s and max 3 low incidence students per classroom. 27 of the 29 divisions are combined this schoolyear. Combined classes can prove to be very effective.
- First round of class composition was prepared in the spring, but wasn’t able to be finalized until this fall due to unknowns such as new students, student withdrawals 27/29 classes are combined
- The school is organizing a Combined Classroom discussion, likely to occur the week after thanksgiving. *All parents looking for more information on Combined Classrooms are encouraged to attend.*
- Current enrollment is approximately 620 students.

Covid Update

- In June we expected to be back to normal, however, that was not the case leading into the start of this schoolyear.
- Main safety strategy in September included: grades 4-7 wearing masks, ensuring a max number of kids in common spaces at one time: in hallways, lining up at recess and lunch, staggered breaks.
- Due to the recent local outbreak. District put in added measures:
 1. Not going back into cohorts but are reducing group work and no longer mixing classrooms
 2. Encouraging all students and staff to wear masks
 3. Last year we had Zones for recess and lunch, we did not start the year this way, but will be going back into zones to reduce the risk of infection.
 4. We are continuing to following PHO guidelines.
- Test Collection Kits: the school has been provided some tests for the children to use if they become ill while attending school. We were given twelve kits.



(7:43) Summary and Approve minutes from last meeting Stephanie Redlich

Please see the last meeting minutes here: [Monday May 17, 2021](#)

(7:45) Introduction to 2021 / 2022 Committees Chrystal Zachrisson

New and Unfilled Committee Positions

New Committees

- Scheduler and Newsletter Editor
- BIPOC / FOS Representative
- Co-Vice President

Student Events

- Fun lunch – Kim Jackman – 1 Friday a month, pending covid restrictions
- Subway - Kim

Social Committee

- Encourage School Spirit

Advocacy Committee

- Playground Rep

Class Reps

- Twenty-Two (22) divisions still need class rep volunteers

Suggested Number of Volunteers Required

Advocacy (3), Parent Support (2+), Social (3+), Student Events (5+), Fun Lunch (7), Spring Fair Raffle (6), Auction (2), Vendors (2), Craft Fair (2), Multicultural Fair (2), Family of Schools (FOS) Events (3+), Bike to School Week (1), Fundraising (6), Volunteer Pool (5+).

(7:58pm) Recap of planned events for the year and COVID-19 impact Tiffany Alexander

2021 / 2022 Committees, Non-Elected Positions for volunteers to sign-up

Upcoming events of interest, if allowed due to covid:

- Welcome Night – We were sadly unable to host this due to covid
- Terry fox run – completed successfully
- FOS Events (Haunted Harvest, Oct)
- Craft Fair (Nov) – not a fundraiser but brings community together, typically includes 25-30 vendors, and a Grade 7 bake sale
- Multicultural Fair (Feb, with Book Fair, if able) – allows families to share and celebrate their cultures – share cultural food and snacks – aligned with Heritage Week (Feb also)
- Parent socials
- Spring Fair (May) – spring fair includes rides, food, shopping and an auction – the raffle this year was promoted on its own and was a HUGE success.
- Pancake Breakfast (June) – typically an outdoor event when 1800-2000 pancakes are brought in by a caterer while teachers and volunteers top the students pancakes with whip cream and strawberries. Very social fun event.
- Volunteer appreciation
- Free Skate Night at Harry Jerome – alternative during covid may be the outdoor ice rink at the shipyards

(8:08pm) Summary PAC spending last year Chrystal Zachrisson

2020-2021 Fundraisers + Spending

- Halloween safety kits – these were a huge success last year
- Playground completion – looking for volunteers to help weed the school grounds - - or possibly a great grade 7 leadership role



- Hiroki fund last year – the fund helped to support 15 families in total last year
- Provided school with funding to update and increase school tech – laptops and ipads
- Amy managed to get some traffic lights and additional walkways

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Apple harvest fundraiser – October
- Grade 7 hoodies and spirit wear – Oct 4 - active
- Fun lunch starting soon
- Card project – active
- Purdys chocolates -- Katie S – volunteering for Purdys Fundraiser
- Poinsettias (grade 7)
- Freezie sales was a great success – maybe to implement a regular Toonie Tuesday

DPAC COVID Update Melissa McConchie

- DPAC is the connection between district and parents as a group
- DPAC attends district meetings and brings the information back to Ridgeway parents
- Advocacy is the primary purpose for PAC

North Van PAC presented to SD44:

1. Mask mandate k-3
2. School volunteers to have vaccine status
3. Greater transparency for communications/notifications

There has been a recent major spike with 5-11 cases since school started.
DPAC largely responsible for advocating for more safety measures for our students.

VOTED IN (by majority vote) >> Melissa McConchie for DPAC

(8:31) Parent Concerns - open forum Tiffany Alexander
(if you would like to submit any concerns or discussion topics before or after the PAC meeting, or anonymously, please use this form)

Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm
(Next Board Meeting is October 2021)
Next All PAC Meeting November 16, 2021
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich