

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2020 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

- Arieanna Schweber
- Ali Deghani
- Leah Symons
- Anita Hajas
- Chrystal Zachrisson
- Erika Mayall
- Meredith Dawson
- Alicia C
- Jen Anderson
- David Pyron
- Dean Yeo
- Jillian Gordon
- Allison Ezzat
- Kim Jackman

(7:18) Call to OrderChrystal Zachrisson

(7:20)Approve [minutes from the last PAC meeting](#) – Jen Anderson (1st) and Arieanna Schweber(2nd)

(7:25) Updates from Ridgeway's Principal Dean Yeo and Vice-Principal Jillian Gordon, including COVID-19 Update

Gillian:

-Remembrance Day Assembly – Fully Virtual –students focussed and calm and listening beautifully. Including Band performance, Gr7 MC, Rep from Each class, everything came together on the day of with respect and honour.

-Student Teach Conferences – new way to have these, feedback is positive

Dean:

- Halloween: incredible school spirit was shown, classes all did something to celebrate in a safe way
- Mask wearing: thank you to parents for wearing masks and being respectful (they aren't mandated, but it is appreciated that they are being worn)
- Protocols going well, staff mostly all wearing masks, teacher does not have to, but in hallways they are.
- Cleaning continues to be of high priority (high touch surfaces are cleaned once during the school day and in the evening).
- Electrostatic sprayers – increase the efficiency at which cleaning can happen (not used during the day – it can discolour clothing if the kill time isn't long enough)
- Library is open for common use (not NIT) –used for book exchange – when books are touched they are sanitized
- PE still happening outside of the gym – and library and music still in the classrooms
- New sinks in the modular – a fountain was converted into a sink
- VCH Q & A

<https://vimeo.com/473318689>

-Ms. Symons

-Remembrance Day and Halloween really great, sinks are great, everyone seems to be adapting, everyone

(7:35) Community support: Halloween Safety Kits in Action

-65 kits handed out, was amazing to help with the spirit of Halloween, candy slides were such a hit.

(7:45) Social Committee – looking for more members – do we want to organize things for the future virtually? – people love the idea of connection but teachers are stretched, so maybe keeping it within the parent realm and not the teacher realm

-parents can stay connected through the class reps

-Pledge to Play – pledge alcohol or donation – tickets to play – 6 different games to play or get involved with – once you get a donation then a teacher or a principal will get pied.

-Could be something social with a raffle

-7:00 cheer – for the staff – maybe around the sidewalk and distanced on the last day of school

-Thank you Thursdays? Arianna will make a poster and Meredith will email to reps

(8:05) Summary of recent fundraisers and what funds support

-\$5500 was the goal and we just surpassed it

\$1000 grant from fidelity investments

\$4000ish from Fun Lunch

-allows us to bring in a line item

(8:10) Vote to re-instate funding for Sports Programming (reduced budget?)

-Review of PAC priorities for re-instating another budget line (funds raised to date don't cover), vote to re-instate funding for one or more of a) Music Support, b) Saleema Noon, or c) support for Ridgeway families in need

-physical literacy based program/music/Saleema Noon/Families in need

Poll: I approve the spending of up to, but not more, than \$5000 for use by Ridgeway staff for in order of preference and upon approval of the PAC executive: Sport literacy, education, music or families in need

-Vote was for Sports First and tied for the other three after

-Hiroki's fund – can be asked for without question for anyone in need – by request from the teacher and through the admin

(8:30)Class Representatives - priorities till January 2021

-nice that the Reps are in contact with the families and teachers, this is the goal this year.

(8:35) [Parent Concerns](#) - open forum

-RECESS: struggles and rough play –

Reduced the number of kids but they're making play now which isn't always positive. The social dynamics are different and the yellow jackets are not around to monitor and help.

Dean: lots of play going on outside, perspectives of all students needs to be taken into account. There are 2 supervisors, friendship/problem solving strategies are topics that are talked about a lot in the classroom

-Parent concern: food etiquette – children burping in people's food and face – addressed by the teacher – can teachers have a talk with the students about Covid times and how things are different right now?

Meeting Adjourned 8:39

Next meeting is January 18th, 2021