



Minutes of the RPAC Meeting
held on September 16, 2019

Present:

Arieanna Schweber (President)
Ravikumar Gunturi (Vice President)
Suhan Mardikian (Treasurer)
Kelly Moore (Secretary)

Staff:

Dean Yeo, Principal
Jillian Gordon, Vice Principal

Other Attendees:

Clarissa Boldt	Suhad Marditian	Scott Orth
Tracy Thompson	Aylene Welch	Lily Foster
Jen Anderson	Kate Galicz	Allen Langdon
Allison Ezzat	Shannon Menu	Isaac Holloway
Ali Ritchie	Kate Hadway	Miranda Widgery-Webber
Kim McLean	Ian Williamson	Cristabel Galeana
Sara Zadehdabbagh	Alicia C	Natasha Vignal
Melissa McConchie	Karen Harris	Charla Pereira
Izabela Lindal	Kara Solberg	
Diana Davis	Katherine Reynolds	
Kelsey Cochrane	Amy Reid	

Before PAC meeting, there was a SOGI presentation by Grade 1 teacher, ELL teacher, and school Counsellor Mr. Baker

-Policy changes in SD 44, New Curriculum connections, not a curriculum, it's a reframing

-see SOGleducation.org

-Big takeaway is raising awareness and challenging gender stereotypes - educating children while they are young, throughout the whole year

-"Ridgeway's Rainbow" - hoping to have some fundraising (United Way will give 500\$ and 200 for unveiling ceremony) and need to raise \$1000 more to get a rainbow entranceway leading up to the school on the pavement

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, PASSING OF MINUTES

Arieanna Schweber called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Welcome and General PAC Info

-Every parent is invited to be a member of the parent advisory committee. It is through some fundraising but our whole goal is committees, and the kids and their special events. Great way to get involved is become a class rep., lots of new people on board

Icebreaker Game

Administration Report – Dean Yeo and Jillian Gordon



-29 divisions (not 27) – not due to the increasing size of the school, it's to do with remedy and class composition (number of our complex learners in one class) – in attempts to reduce the amount of remedy we have made 2 new classes (almost everyone has been hired)

-2 rooms available for alternative programs (LST, etc) but now those are 2 other classes

-when faced with all of these challenges that have come our way, the staff has been fantastic and flexible during all the changes

-Terry Fox run coming up, leadership opportunities, intermural

Question: how many students? ~625 students

Question: the portables how are they being used? Mountainside is using them (library services, OT offices, locations have been put here while Mountainside is being renovated) – this isn't permanent, and then the portables will be coming available

Question: how is this affecting the gym schedule and music schedule? Doubling up gym times, music isn't being done for the whole entire school, focusing on Primary, music being done in classes with teachers as a part of fine arts education

Question: new development on 3rd and densification in central Lonsdale, are those kids coming here? Probably! But not listed on plans.

Question: Can they keep adding portables? Yes, they can

Arianna: The reopening of Cloverley, isn't being approved at this point, but send emails to MLAs to gain support for this.

Event and committee overview

PAC hosts events, but they are also school events

-WE NEED WELCOME NIGHT VOLUNTEERS!! (7 more)

-Terry Fox Run Sept 26th 1pm – kids run up Grand Boulevard, (parents on corners to ensure safety), kindergarten students run around the school – we need volunteers to help run this

-Spring Fair is a fun carnival for the school – silent auction, raffle, pony rides, bouncy castle

-Big \$\$ for our school about \$25,000 is raised, this year is similar format

-Committees – separate with own social budget – encourages people to do something that is face to face, like dinner or coffee etc. – sign up to be involved

-ex – Fun Lunch, Bike to School Week, Playground, craft fair, multicultural fair, photo night

-No pressure to do each event, it is not necessary for the events to run, but if people want to spearhead it, then please do it!

-If you ever want to run an event, we will make it happen!

Family of Schools Report – Clarissa

-Big fundraiser for feeder family of schools: Queensbury, Brooksbank, Eastview and Ridgeway – we all will go to Sutherland as the catchment high school

-Haunted Harvest and Haunted Corn Maze – need decorations to make it creepy

-5 volunteers needed from Ridgeway

-Oct 20th is Haunted Harvest - Corn Maze (10-2pm) (lots of fun for everyone in the family) – all free or by donation, great way to meet other parents and for the kids to see each other in another environment

Vote for New VP's

-we voted on new PAC Executives, and we need a new Vice President, because next year we will need a new President for next year



- committee organizers will take a lot of pressure off of the executives
- Vote: Ravi has been voted in at PAC VP.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE REPORT (Arieanna Schweber)

- Need 80,000 more
- Don't know why the District won't pay any money for the playground, basically it is because of the maintenance
- Lots of red tape slowing the process
- Natasha – one of her clients is forestry survey person – might be able to help
- Scott – roots exposed of trees, are they safe or at risk?
- Will keep us posted as the new committees are formed and as soon as there is some more news

Parking Zone Survey Report

- thank you for helping with the survey
 - Amy will be our new PAC liaison on the project to talk with residents, PAC, the school, about the best moves forward with the pilot
 - Mayor will communicate with us about anything moving forward
- Some things that came out of the survey and the reason for the survey:
- 45 % of parents take a car to school and its almost used in both directions
 - taking a car to get to work after, or to childcare, or afterschool activities
 - intersection problems, parents dropping off children in the middle of the street, and not in drop off areas
 - drivers not stopping at some intersections
 - 14% more would park and get out of their cars, if there was a no drop off zone around the school
 - most people would move their parking west and that would make that area more dangerous

New Business

- Recycling – Ali
- Fun lunch juice boxes etc, maybe the parents could take on the recycling from the fun lunch?

Fun Lunch

- any questions? Signup.com will send you a reminder. Come at 11:35, sign in at the office and go downstairs just outside of the kitchen, parent volunteers will accept the deliveries and we have bins for every classroom that need to be organized.
- When volunteering, younger kids are welcome
- Bottle drive fundraiser? – Kelsey
- Clothing fundraiser? – renting out tables, etc.

Adjourned at 8:26pm

Next Meeting: Oct 21st, 2019 7:00pm

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