



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 | 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM – VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDEES:

Amy	Jillian Gordon	Niki Kennedy
Brad Prevette	Justin Morrison	Sandra Singer
Chrystal Zachrisson	Katie S	Sean Lowrie
David Pyron	K Ferguson	Stephanie Redlich
Dean Yeo	Megan McKay	Tiffany Alexander
Jen Anderson	Melissa McConachie	

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS

(7:15 PM) Call to OrderChrystal

- Brief welcome

Administration ReportDean / Jillian

- School Expenditures with PAC Funding
 - o School Spending Account (SSA) Budgeted at \$7,500. SSA wishlist has been submitted and is pending approval. Current approximate requested spend is \$7,250.
 - o Rocks and Rings Curling Program

Jillian Gordon:

- Grade 7 lunch monitors – Shout out to the Grade 7's for taking on this responsibility. Now we are starting to welcome Grade 6's to take on some of the responsibility – forms will be sent home this week
- This week we celebrate the Lunar New Year – which is such an important celebration.
- February is Black History Month – we will take this opportunity to celebrate and learn together
- The Ridgeway Moccasin Honour Project
 - o we continue learning as a school – this is a new project created by students and staff
 - o project involves the collection of 215 moccasins to represent the children found at the Kamloops Residential School
- We have completed Project of Heart piece, where students and staff created small tiles to represent their learnings around residential schools. These tiles were placed together into a wheel and will be installed in at the school in the near future
- We continue with the Grandfathers Teachings – This month is about Respect and Humility
- Social emotional learning is extremely important in children's development and the school has incorporated these objectives in all of the programs they are running.

Dean Yeo:

- Staffing Update: Melissa Porth has recently left on Maternity Leave, and Kayla Woodward has been hired in her place.
- Athletics:
 - o Before Christmas we were able to play Basketball, which went really well, despite no parent spectators being allowed.
 - o Now we are just starting up Triple Ball for the grade 6's and 7's. They may even get to play against some other nearby school before the end of the school year.



- Rocks and Rings: school-wide (K-7) curling program that will be coming up in the Spring. More information will be provided at a later date.
- COVID Update:
 - The school has implemented additional Covid Enhanced Safety Measures and thanks parents for their support with the school restart delay in January. This time allowed the school the time needed to make the reopening safer. This time also allowed the teachers to prepare for the potential remote learning option using MS Teams should the reopening be delayed further.
 - Since the start of this school year, we had continued to maintain most of the last years health and safety measures:
 - Markings on the floors, room capacities, spaced out desks
 - Student and Staff Attendance
 - We have been monitoring these numbers very closely, both at a school and district levels and did not fall within the range to cause public health concern
 - As of this meeting, we are back to a relatively normal range of absenteeism for this time of year (regular cold and flu season).
 - Some classes/groups had a higher absenteeism rate than others then it would shift. Parents did the right thing by keeping sick children home
 - We did not get even close to the threshold for a functional closure during the Omicron surge.
 - We are definitely now on a decline – it feels like we are in a good place.

Q. Are there rapid tests coming for teachers this week?

A. The province is providing rapid tests, district-wide for the teachers, this week.

Summary and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting Stephanie

- Tiffany Alexander Approved, David Pyron Second

2021/2022 Budget Update Chrystal

- Current Budget:
 - SSA budgeted for \$7,500
 - Rocks and Rings
 - Get Ready. Do. Done. by Sarah Ward
- Funds Raised to-date:
 - We were fortunate to be able to run Fun-Lunch 3 months this year, which has helped with our budget.
 - The PAC will be looking to do at least a couple more fundraisers still this year, hopefully including the Raffle, pending prizes.
 - The annual Gaming Grant we receive can be used towards costs, like a playground. We are in the beginning stages of reviewing this playground's upgrade needs, in particular the drainage issue.
- Reconciliation / Financial Statement: moving financials to eBusiness. Reconciliation/Financial Statement will be prepared and available for the next meeting.

COVID Safety Update Melissa

- Facebooks BC School Covid Tracker has been where we've received a lot of our information since VCH has been less involved in contact tracing.
- Since we are no longer being informed about close contacts by VCH, does this then become up to parents to share and communicate within the school as needed? Privately and personally yes, but not broadcasted or controlled.



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Mental Health Series Nicole

- There was a course attended by Niki Kennedy on behalf of the PAC hosted by Jeremy Church, District Principal, focussing on Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health in Children and Youth.
- The course teaches how to implement more learning and education around children with mental health issues.
- This program includes:
 - o Open Parachute: K-12 Mental Health Program
 - o Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE): K-12 strategies for coping with and overcoming anxiety
 - o Second Step: Grade 7 district wide implementation and support for students to use for Grade 8

Jillian Gordon: [Second Step](#) has been a great addition to our school over the last few years. This SEL program is research based. Ridgeway started implementing Second Step lightly last year and this year all classrooms are incorporating it so the children now have common language in this area.

Upcoming Events Tiffany

- Multicultural Fair – Anticipated Thursday April 21st in the evening.
 - o Location: outdoors, covered, on school ground
 - o Asking for Parent Participation for each table to showcase cultural background, food, textiles,
- Will host Bike-To-School Week in the late spring
- Will host [Get Ready. Do. Done.](#), speaker Sarah Ward, in the fall: *Use our signature executive function planning model to assess and teach students the components and process of envisioning their “Done” goal, the temporal-sequential steps to “Do” and the organization of resources to “Get Ready”.*
- Unfortunately, Skate Night was not possible due to the timing and surge of Omicron.

Call for Volunteers Chrystal

- Co-President position -- Niki Kennedy has volunteered in as Acting Co-President to take Chrystal’s place as Co-President alongside Tiffany
- Co-VP – still open alongside David
- Many classes still without class reps
- Multicultural Fair will require many parent volunteers.

Parent Concerns - open forum (if you would like to submit any concerns or discussion topics before or after the PAC meeting, or anonymously, [please use this form](#))

- Justin Morrison suggested we look into a Grade 6-7 First Aid Program with a minimal cost to parents, and the remainder supplemented by the PAC. Justin to provide more information to discuss with Board.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22pm
(Board Meeting February, 2022)
Next PAC Meeting March 01, 2022
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich