



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

ATTENDEES:

Ashley	Ganesan	Niki Kennedy
Beth Miller	Jean	Sandi
Colby Miller	Jillian Gordon (Vice-Principal)	Stephanie Redlich
David Pyron	Kate Sidi	Tiffany Alexander
Dean Yeo (Principal)	Katie Scotland	
Farah Rahimi	Melissa McConchie	

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS

(7:15 PM) Call to Order or Welcome **Tiffany Alexander / Niki Kennedy**

- Brief welcome

Administration Report **Dean Yeo / Jillian Gordon**

Jillian Gordon, Vice Principal:

- We participated in Pink Shirt Day – focussed on lifting each other up.
- We are in the process of creating a shared art installation which will include pink balloons at the front of the school at the entrance of the building as well as at the Demountable Building. It is a collaborative art piece – which will be teaching piece for teachers and their classes
- The Grandfather Teachings were at assembly - kids shared story about lifting each other up and making friends
- Grandfather teachings this month has been Humility – We are each part of a team, and stronger together – Humility is represented by the wolf, as the wolf will always put their pack first, discussed good sportsmanship as another example of humility.
- There will be a School Spirit Day Friday - focussed on games of all sorts – *students have not yet been made aware of this fun activity – they will be told Friday.*
- We have started running Triple Ball for the Grade 6 and 7's. There is a great turnout with approximately 75 students involved.

Dean Yeo, Principal:

- Report Cards will be accessible as of Tuesday March 8th.
- Student Lead Conferences will be performed at home again this year.
- Early Dismissal – Wednesday March 9th which will provide teachers an opportunity to finalize a special video / slideshow / presentation of our children's learning environment. Access will be emailed to parents Wednesday Evening.
- The Grade 6/7 students will have an assembly on the topic of Sexual Exploitation in Youth. This will be a presentation with an interactive workshop session.
- In conjunction with the SOJI Committee, the topic of the Boys and Girls entrances at the school is afoot.
- Our existing focussed initiatives have been to provide gender neutral washroom, rainbow walkway, lessons for in-class use. These entrance signs are historical, and are used in recent teachings to show students of how things have evolved. The school is exploring this by using a community voice – parents,



students, neighbours – to explore the relevance, and to learn how people feel about it. Additionally, exploring historical resources to determine how these were actually used.

- COVID Rapid Antigen test kits for students – these are being distributed to school in the district by alpha order – we do not have a timeline as of yet but hopefully will see them soon – we will be communicating with families about how to get these into all of our family’s hands.

Approve Minutes from Last Meeting Tiffany Alexander

- Approved by Tiffany Alexander and moved by David Pyron

(7:38pm) Upcoming Fundraisers Niki Kennedy

Purdy’s Chocolate PAC Fundraiser – April 8

- Two Rivers Meat Grade 7 Fundraiser – end of April
- Raffle – timeline pending – in addition to action volunteers, we are looking for a volunteer who has had an active role in the Raffle in the past – planning is already underway
- Samosas – end of April
- Need to create, print and post Flyers and on facebook for all.

(7:48pm) Multicultural Fair Tiffany Alexander

- Simple and small but meaningful
- Food samples – individually wrapped – protocols required for covid safety.
- Will start promoting – website, facebook, with teachers
- Volunteers needed for setup, takedown, get organized, handing out flyers to alert neighbours of evening presence.
- Thursday April 21

(7:56pm) After School Programs Tiffany Alexander

- ZenMakerLab is offering an after-school program specifically for Ridgeway Students. There has also been discussion of a potential scholarship opportunity through ZenMakerLab.
- Griffins Boxing is offering after school programs for Ridgeway students at a special discount/rate.
- 3D Basketball Academy Youth League has an after-school program.
- We are actively looking into a Grade 6/7 first aid course, with a minimal cost to parents, and the remainder supplemented by the PAC.

(8:01pm) STEM Learning Kits Grant Stephanie Redlich

- The PAC has been granted a very generous \$13,500 to be used towards the purchase of STEM Kits.
- Currently we are in discussion with teachers and researching STEM kits to optimize these funds for the children.
- These kits will be available to students through a lending library.

(8:06pm) Call for Volunteers Niki Kennedy

- Safety Rep – we are looking to fill this position
- Raffle – will need 10+ volunteers for this very important fundraiser for the PAC budget
- Multicultural Fair – will need many volunteers in both the organizing capacity and the participation capacity.
- Co-Vice President position alongside David Pyron is still open and we are in need of filling this position.

Staff appreciation March 11 from 7-9 – get an invite out – Thank you to those who have reached out to volunteer for this one.



(8:12pm) Blue Playground David Pyron

- Very early preliminary work had already begun alongside the New Playground. And the conceptual phase is underway.
- Qualify for a Grant from the City - \$75,000 matching grant fund – making \$150,000 potentially available for the new blue playground.

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](#))

Meeting Adjourned 8:17pm
(Board Meeting April, 2022)
Next PAC Meeting May 17, 2022
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich