



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2022 | 7:00 – 8:15 PM – IN-PERSON AND TEAMS MEETING

ATTENDEES: Tiffany Alexander Nicole Kennedy Stephanie Redlich Jillian Gordon Kendra Arkinstall Heather Galilee	Amanda Wourms Sandi Thorson David Pyron Amy Wieb Afsin Ismail Mika Mokkonen	Jackie TG Kendra Taylor Becky Rate Brian Openshaw Vrindy Spencer
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(7:05pm) Call to Order and Introductions..... Nicole Kennedy

- Brief Welcome and overview of how to ask questions on Teams
- PAC Introduction

(7:07pm) Administration Report Jillian Gordon / Kendra Arkinstall

Kendra Arkinstall

- STF Conferences – reporting is a little different between different schools – fun to hear kids goals
- Leadership opportunities this year, lunch time monitors – grade 6/7, peer mediators and RCAs and Gamemasters
- Santas breakfast – K/G1 to Sutherland for /Santa’s breakfast – grade 12 leadership group organizing this

Jillian Gordon

- Bridge on blue playground currently removed due to damage – for the time being out of commission – new year eta
- Traffic update:
 - Neighborhood, AC rep and Admin met to discuss. Alley way off Moody causing challenges – but all areas around the school still causing some concerns. Encourage getting out on the sidewalk side of the car and to ensure crosswalk use.
 - There was a traffic study done, white cones, crosswalk, etc as a result. Suggestion from parents – one way traffic only...?
 - Reached out to RCMP, they are unable to support. Bylaw is able to support and has been present observing the challenges.
 - PAC to offer additional reminders about traffic safety.
- Student and Family Affordability fund – huge number of requests – already allocated a good portion – and anticipate another third by Christmas. See the form online or for any issues completing the form, call/email Ms. Gordon.
- Assembly re Grandfather Teachings – very successful
- FOS planning meeting. Working on some definitions – the Website has been updated with the shared vision. <https://vibrantlearning.sd44.ca/school-plan/ridgeway-elementary/>
- The Soul of Christmas Winter Concert – organized by Mr. Voth. Able to offer each family 2 tickets.

Ms. Galilee

- Refuge visit was lovely. Kids were very proud to show families. Recently planted some more bulbs.

(7:pm) Summary and approve minutes from last meeting Stephanie Redlich

- Minutes from last meeting approved by Sandi Thorson and seconded by Tiffany Alexander



(7:pm) United Way British Columbia..... Vrindy Spencer

- United Way is currently searching for a Local Lonsdale resident interested in their community for a Contract Position.
We are a place-based initiative with Lonsdale as one of our communities. We are looking at hiring a short-term contract position to support the legacy pieces of our work (we've been in Lonsdale for about 4 years now). We are looking for someone who is a resident of Lonsdale and who would like to support in creating a team of volunteers to work on creating a resource guide for the community, social media management, and a showcase/celebration of the great leadership in Lonsdale. The position would be from about January – March with flexible hours and pays about \$30/hour.
- United Way BC offers a grant called Local Love Microgrant ([learn more here](#)) for Lonsdale residents – up to \$1000. [Apply here.](#)

(7:27) Family Services of the North Shore and the Christmas Bureau – Amanda Wourms

- Support to members of our community: counselling support, group support, parenting support, LGBTQ2S+ support, eating disorder prevention support, senior and caregiver support – meal deliveries for seniors, end of life support, support for young families and additional support through programs such as the Christmas Bureau. www.familyservices.bc.ca
- Christmas bureau – families struggling can register on their website, visit the Christmas Bureau in person to accept gifts, food, clothing, and gift cards. Located on second floor of Capilano Mall – Monday to Friday 10am-4pm
- Available items include but are not limited to; toys, clothing section, gift cards, school supplies, sporting equipment, bikes, etc.
- Expecting around 3k people, this year.
- This year/season they are specifically lacking winter coats and rain gear for children and young teens
- Monday Nov 28-Dec1 students and staff welcome to donate towards the Christmas bureau. Clean, gently used, or new items. There will be boxes at the school clearly marked.
- On behalf of The Family Services – Thank You.

Annual Food Drive will be organized through the school by Mr. Hunt.

(7:32pm) Emergency Preparedness Update Becky Rate

- Oct 30 met with school emergency preparedness program. Reviewed our container and supplies,
- Overall, we are in pretty good shape, however some items do need to be topped up – water in particular.
- Grab and go backpacks – overall pretty good, topped up dust masks, foil blankets and rain ponchos – ordered and will be delivered shortly.
- Beatty Group donated safety vests, hard hats, and flashlights
- Parent from a law firm donated backpacks, hand sanitizers, notepads, and pens.
- Nut free snack bar in grab and go backpacks.
- Once 72hours.ca delivers we will need to arrange to disperse to classrooms
- Cleared out extra desks and chairs from the bin – and into classrooms.

(7:42pm) PAC Update Tiffany Alexander

- Have had a lot of fundraisers lately
- Spirit wear will be distributed over next couple of days.
- Neufeld pickup Thursday
- Poinsettias Friday
- Purdy's closes Friday
- Fun Lunch program will be a plenty next term
- If anyone else has any ideas for next term – we are very open to suggestions. Looking for some variety.

(7:44pm) Activities

- Saleema Noon coming up right after Winter Break
- Multicultural Fair – April 2023
- First Aid for Grades 6/7 – spring or next fall.



- Bike to School Week (possibly May 15-21) – volunteers needed
- Basketball – looking to have this after school program added to Ridgeway (grades 2-4 / 5/7 – paid 10 week program)
- Last year we supported Curling as a school wide PAC activity – looking into this year’s activity.
- STEM Committee underway in selecting items – currently reviewing 2 items per classroom as this time.

(7:50pm) Parent Concerns – Open Forum All

- No PAC meeting in December

Meeting Adjourned 7:58pm
Next PAC Meeting January 24, 2023
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich
