



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:15 PM – TEAMS ONLY DUE TO SNOW

ATTENDEES: Tiffany Alexander Jillian Gordon Beth Miller Stephanie Redlich Niki Kennedy	Jeremy Castle Sandi Thorson Ashleigh Jackie TG David Pyron	Katherine Scotland Helen Lamont Mika Mokkonen Rohan Eglindinezhad
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(7:03pm) Call to Order and Introductions Tiffany Alexander

- We acknowledge that we are holding this meeting on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
- Brief Welcome and overview of how to ask questions on Teams
- PAC Introduction

(7:05pm) Administration Report Jillian Gordon

Jillian Gordon

Snow Day

- Beautiful winter wonderland but recognize that it is very difficult for families – so thank you parents – district should share school closures by 6:30am
- Parents are always welcome to reach out if there is any question about whether the school is open/closed, however, if the school is closed, that also means no one will be at the office.

Pink Shirt Day last week – SOGI Committee coordinated an assembly;

- Student leadership group – created skits
- Kindy class performed a song, intermediate play
- School wide project – done every year for pink shirt day – gives children the opportunity kindness

School Sports

- Triple ball – very exciting for the student – tourney or exhibition game. Mr Jackson and Ms Tisdale have been heavily involved
- Volleyball intramurals in gym – playoffs coming next week – Mr Gale and Ms Auland

Report cards & Student Lead Conferences

- Report cards are coming out next week – Wednesday by the end of the day, at the latest
- Early dismissal next week to host student lead conferences.
- Encourage all families to come in – really nice opportunity for all, especially new families, to come in and have a chance to see the classroom, what the children are learning and speak with some parents as well as their teacher

School Plan

- Admin continues to work on [Ridgeway ROCKS Code of Conduct](#).
- Grandfather teachings – power of shared language – showing courage like a Bear, love like an Eagle. We are able to Honour indigenous teachings through the Grandfather teachings.
- Ridgeway ROCKS – we continue working on Respect in the bathroom and hallways, the signage and reminders do seem to be successful in reducing the unnecessary “mess” in the bathrooms.

Dance program

- Thanks to the PAC for their generous efforts and funds to assist with the dance program.
- The program is free for students, PAC + School together are covering costs
- Staff are very excited about the program



STEM Lending Program Update

- The PAC worked together with teachers to put together the STEM kits
- Beth Miller has been amazing in getting these kits ordered. We have currently spent approximately 2/3 of the funds on kits. The remaining has been left unspent to purchase tubs in order to send home as this was important for the grant.
- Next steps are coordinating the logistics of the Lending Program - will be speaking about that next week after the staff meeting.
- Shout out to Chrystal (past president) for coordinating the grant last year.

Mr. Castle

- Spoke with colleagues, nothing specific to discuss at this time.

(7:18pm) Summary and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting Stephanie Redlich

- Meeting Minutes from last meeting approved by Sandi Thornson, seconded by Beth Miller

(7:19pm) Multicultural Fair & Events Beth Miller

Multicultural Fair

- Confirmed date Tuesday April 18th 2023
- Similarly, to last year, families are invited to participate and create a table to show and share many aspects of your culture – food, art, etc
- No book fair this year
- Will likely have an art project as have been done in the past.
- Discuss with parents to see if they want to have a Grade 7 fundraiser at this event
- We did discuss PAC food sales at the board meeting – logistics are more difficult due to the size of the school and number of participants.
- Last year teachers contributed with a poster
- Open to ideas – send an email to PAC
- We anticipate more room in the gym too host an accompanying fundraiser

Other Events

- BBQ currently planned for Tuesday June 20th, 2023
- Opportunity to add some other activities; face painting, freezies, etc – will look at logistics
- This year will not be able to be a hosted/free event, there will be tickets through Munch a Lunch

(7:27pm) After School Activities Tiffany Alexander

- Basketball program going well – looking to host this again for Grades 2-4 as well as afternoon for Grades 5-7
- ZenMaker Lab – looking to add this one back in. Last year we had a few sessions. Have not run yet this year, however, they are working with all other north van school district schools. They are supported by the SD44. Can start running programs again with Ridgeway's students starting in April. Stay tuned for more information on how to register.

(7:31pm) Upcoming Fundraisers Tiffany Alexander

- Purdys – closes end of March
- Neufelds – coming soon, easy, will set up a link
- Plants: Growing Smiles; hanging baskets (in time for Mother's Day) Urban Roots – 10% will come back to school – just mention Ridgeway. Cobbs – mention Ridgeway, \$ comes back to school, return it express as well
- Spirit Wear – a lot of requests for umbrellas – Beth will discuss bringing just umbrellas in for a second sale with supplier
- Spring Raffle – Ashleigh has volunteered to manage the raffle this year. Looking for more guidance on prizes, etc – limitations, tickets. The failing last year was managing the ticket distribution and return. BC Gaming requirements, etc. best to have a list of prizes we desire and then getting funds raised and purchasing the items ourselves.
- Edgemont General Store has offered to offer a % of sales kickback to school



(7:42pm) Financial Update Beth Miller

- The PAC is well funded at the moment
- Heavy schedule of fun lunches - fun lunch credits are starting to be used.
- Raffle will help start us off next year with a strong float
- Subway is no longer making roast beef sandwiches – therefore if roast beef was on your order, it has been cancelled. Don't forget to reorder.

(7:47pm) Parent Concerns – Open Forum All

VOTE: Helen Lamont voted in as Board Member – moved to vote in Sandi Thorson, seconded by Nikki Kennedy – all in favour

- Biggest safety concern was removing wet snow during the recent snow fall.
- Tree situation has improved – large fallen branches has mostly been removed. Not a safety issue as it is being well looked after.
- Katie Scotland – Shout out to for the messaging provided by teachers to help ease minds for younger students off to outdoor school. There will be a YouTube video provided alongside the teacher notes/slides. The website is highly informative and helpful is getting children prepared. <https://cheakamuscentre.ca/>
- Demountable / portable children have complained that their lunches are arriving cold, not hot. Looking to purchase our own hot lunch bags for sorting and bringing lunches to classrooms.

Meeting Adjourned 7:54pm
Next PAC Meeting March 28, 2023
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich
