



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:15 PM – IN PERSON & ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

ATTENDEES: Tiffany Alexander Beth Miller Niki Kennedy Jillian Gordon Kendra Arkenstall	Stephanie Redlich Colby Miller Ashley Kelly Sandi Thorson David Pyron	Helen Lamont Leah Symons Katie Scotland Sheida Eslami Sai Prasanna Malhotra
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(7:01pm) Refuge & STEM Kit Visit (in person only) Jillian Gordon & Kendra Arkenstall

- Refuge visit allowed the PAC to see the space and review how the PAC can allocate or fundraise to enhance the space.
- STEM Kits – we were able to have a look at the STEM kits packaging

(7:23pm) 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.

(7:32pm) Administrative Report Jillian Gordon & Kendra Arkenstall

Gillian Gordon

- Welcome Ms. Symons – thank you for joining the PAC meeting

New Reporting Order

- New reporting order taking affect starting July 5th, 2023 – summer school students will start with new reporting order
- Information session Tuesday April 25th in the evening hosted by the North Van Parents Committee
- Short session and Q&A– link provided several times by admin
- Shifting to proficiently scale K-9
- Descriptive language in line with new reporting already
- Will receive full, in detail report cards alongside student teacher family conferences
- Ridgeway has been working towards this over the last 4 years, teachers, and admin are excited and prepared for the changeover
- Admin prepared to host a parent night in September to explain the reporting updates
- The reporting structure is a Ministry initiative, not Ridgeway specific, but we are very much in support

School Plan

- Meeting at board office, gather with parent/student reps - Suhad was present
- Received lots of good feedback re sense of belonging
- More engagement re volunteer and service learning
- Feedback from – Social emotional teachings, Ridgeway Rocks, Grandfathers teachings, our Code of Conduct... what would be useful for families
- This week second step – asking the kids on how they want to give feedback re social emotional learnings
- Admin will give another thorough update on our school plan at the May PAC Meeting

STEM Kit Project

- Thank you Beth and Kendra for taking the stem project on



Other

- Walk for Wenjack – in the past community walk, wish to raise money but mostly about raising awareness. Similar to Terry Fox walk. Looking for parent volunteers – end of May
- ReconciliAction Ravens – reached out to Canucks – made a video re his grandmothers’ teachings of love. Kids sent a letter Ethan Bear. They sent back a video and the children who wrote the letter thanking them. These students will get to view the video first then it will be shared with the entire school

Kendra Arkenstall

- School wide program – Ms. Whitney - May 9-26 dance program
- Track and field started this week – Majority of students have their consent forms in – showing a lot of interest.
- 8am morning practice time. After school 3-345 depending
- No Swanguard this year due to resurfacing of the track, will take place at Sutherland this year instead.

(7:34pm) Approve Minutes from Last Meeting Tiffany Alexander

- Beth Miller approved – Niki Kennedy seconded

(7:35pm) Events Tiffany Alexander

Multicultural Day Recap

- Art work was fun and beautiful
- Suggest more flow next year – some of the tables outside of the gym similar to 2022
- Wonderful to see the sense of pride for the students
- Book fair has been in the library in the past, consider that again next year to spread the attendees out
- Fundraisers / volunteers – how to foster more PAC awareness – PAC table
- Representative tables were appropriately placed, so nice to have the community representatives there
- Loved the cultural fair – lovely feedback. Nice idea for each table to be offered time on the microphone to discuss the culture they are there to represent.
- Try to do more learning, not solely about food and stamp collection.
- Expect multicultural fair to be successful, especially with the book fair back – plan more in advance next year, even if low table early on in the planning process.

Bike to School Week – Starts May 29th

- Obsession Bikes Monday afternoon – free tune-up – in exchange they have asked of us to support bike for tikes – where bikes get fixed up and donated back to families in need
- Other ideas on how to make Bike Week engaging: Bike parade on school grounds – decorated bikes – possible suggestion is in the morning like 815-845 – for primary only
- PAC to sell bike bags

Summer BBQ – June 20th

- BBQ's are booked
- Food tickets this year – will be for sale on Munch-a-lunch in order to get advance numbers for purchasing as well to encourage parents to use their money sitting in their munch-a-lunch accounts.
- Face painting - hire again – charge for the service, keep the designs simple this year or grade 7 volunteers
- Draw raffle at BBQ – sell remaining tickets at the BBQ before the draw—must keep \$\$ separate

Other activities

- NV football club, run program on the field, or fun days
- Reptile clubs, little champions, other community partners

(7:55pm) FinancialsBeth Miller

- School funds
- \$1000 raffle budget – increase
- Ipad is first prize, switch for 2nd prize, save-on basket/giftcards – budget increased to \$1200 – voted and approved



(8:09pm) Open forum

- Will be highlighting Volunteer opportunities for this year's upcoming events – board positions are coming up
- PAC email and Admin email inviting members to join the PAC, board, and voted positions - will need to vote in board positions for next year at the AGM
- Mr. Voth used PAC funds for large speaker and school funds for large drum – PAC welcome to use speaker for PAC events. Great use of the funds!

Meeting Adjourned 8:11pm

Next PAC Meeting Tuesday May 23, 2023

Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich