PAC Volunteer Vaccination status – Inside the school on PAC business

On November 02nd, 2021, the PAC Board met and discussed implementing a vaccination policy applicable to PAC Volunteers carrying out PAC business indoors. PAC is very grateful for the volunteers that donate their time and efforts towards PAC objectives, events, fundraising, etcetera. Thank you for all your support to date and we hope you continue to volunteer. Whilst vaccinations (at this time being the COVID-19 vaccination) continue to be a relevant topic, this PAC Volunteer Vaccination Policy will be in effect.

The policy is below:

1. PAC Volunteer Vaccination Policy

Revision 0, Issued and effective from November 8th, 2021.

2. Purpose of the Policy

On September 27th, 2021, a letter was sent by numerous District Parent Advisory Councils (representing 173,000 students) to the Education and Health Ministers requesting in part that only fully vaccinated parents / caregivers be allowed to enter the school (indoors). This policy is in reflection of this and in order to clarify one of the safety measures this Parent Advisory Council is taking to de-risk its activities.

3. Policy Statement

Ridgeway Elementary Parent Advisory Council ("PAC") chooses, at this time, to only send fully vaccinated volunteers inside the school premises (indoors) to carryout PAC business. PAC will maintain opportunity for volunteers who are not fully vaccinated to volunteer in other capacities.

4. Applicability

This policy applies to adult PAC Volunteers and Volunteer Leads, who have to either enter, carryout and/or organize PAC business indoors. Fundraising and event leads are responsible for checking Vaccine Passports or Self-Declarations of adult PAC Volunteers required to carryout PAC business indoors during a PAC organized event, fundraiser pick-up, or other similar activity.

5. Policy Authority

This policy is authorized by the Co-Presidents and Board of Ridgeway Elementary PAC.

This policy will be reviewed by the authorizers upon significantly changing circumstances with regards to vaccine mandates, infection rates, further outbreaks, BC Centre for Disease Control advice or Provincial Health Orders.