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# **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

# TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 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 Brad

Farah Rahimi Melissa McConchie Charmaine Green

Megan MacKenzie Geetha

# **REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS**

(7:00 PM) Call to Order or Welcome .......Tiffany Alexander

- Brief welcome
- Agenda approved

- Thursday there will be a school wide game taught and played, it's a Salish game called Bone Game. Grades 6-7 will be the leaders to teach other classes the game and about the games background.
- Grandfather teachings This month is the 7<sup>th</sup>, which is Truth. This is represented by the turtle, as they can carry others on their backs, showing their support for others.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> will be the 2022/2023 Kindergarten orientation. There will be 4 groups coming through to have the school tour.

# Dean Yeo, Principal:

- Covid Update a Covid has been a challenge for parent involvement but the PAC has continued to keep us together we are seeing some normalcy coming back, which is really great.
- Track and Field track and field is back up and running back up and running and we are having our first track meet this week. We had approx. 120 kids sign up for track and field seeing lots of enthusiasm. June 6 will be the date for the grades 4-7 Swanguard Track and Field meeting.
- Assemblies we have started these back up for intermediate students. Rogers Hometown Hockey was such a great event to have at our school
- Recess and lunch breaks have changed back to all the students at the same time, but dismissal is still being staggered.
- Grade 7 Legacy Gift the grade 7's will be painting the emergency bin out on the school grounds as one of their legacy gifts to the school
- Grade 7 farewell is taking place on May 28<sup>th</sup>, will be held in a similar format to pre-covid years, but slightly limited and more controlled in terms of attendees.
- Articulation Courses are underway, the Grade 7s will be vising Sutherland on Friday they are all very excited about this.
- The SOJI Committee is looking at the gender references on the building at the main entrance and are looking at developing a survey to start the conversation in the community and get some input.

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Q&A – Will the Grade 7 farewell ceremony be hybrid? Due to privacy issues, we will not be including a hybrid viewing option for the ceremony.

Q&A – When will the Keith and Ridgeway traffic lights be operational? And once they are, will the crossing guard still remain? We don't have the exact timing of this, and we hope but are unsure exactly if the crossing guard will remain.

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Meeting Minutes from last meeting approved by Nikki Kennedy and seconded by Tiffany Alexander

# (7:38pm) 2021/2022 Recap and upcoming items ...... Tiffany Alexander

- Terry fox run
- Wood grant application STEM grant \$13,500 looking for next year
- Return of fun lunch
- Walking school bus
- Teacher appreciation
- Multicultural fair
- Pro d day first aid

#### (7:40pm) Upcoming Fundraisers ...... Niki Kennedy

- Spring raffle coming up done for the most part packages going out this week. Raffles will be for sale until June 9. Money, stubs and unsold books are due back to classroom teachers Friday June 9.
- Pumpkin Walk at Halloween we received a call from a parent who works at the City would love ridgeway to be involved September
- Panago Pizza Night Fundraiser Parents order pizza certificates at a discounted price and partial proceeds go back to PAC.
- Bike to School Week May 30-June3 obsession bikes asked for a tune up event in exchange for bikes for tikes (their charity)
- Looking to do End of Year School BBQ instead of a pancake breakfast this year. Hopefully this will allow more parents and students to participate as it will take place in the early evening. June 22. Neptune tents has expressed that they are happy to donate tents for this and other PAC events

#### (7:56pm) Consensus on events to plan next year ....... Tiffany Alexander

- Welcome Night Pizza Night (September)
- Family of School Event (Multicultural Community Day) (October)
- Craft Fair (November)
- Parent Social (December/June)
- Skate Night (December)
- Ridgeway Multicultural Fair + Book Fair (February)
- Spring Fair (May)
- Bike-to-School Week (June)
- Year-End Pancake Breakfast or BBQ (June)

#### **Discussion:**

The Welcome Night is very important for many reasons – high vote to plan this event Playground Date by Grade was suggested

All events require volunteers, if we don't get a lot of volunteers early, we just won't be able to host as many events or do certain events.

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We will start the year with the socials, but try to send a poll to parents to get a sense of what everyone wants to see this next year

#### Fun Lunch:

We plan on bringing fun lunch back to every second week.

DPAC received information on food / guidelines and we are able to accommodate as well as provide fun and exciting meal / snack options for the students.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

(8:09pm) PAC Introduction

- What is the PAC? Every Ridgeway parent is a member of the PAC. We encourage you to be involved in any way that suits you best.
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**Elected Positions:** (2) presidents, (2) vice-presidents, (1) secretary, (1) treasurer, (3+) directors **Non-Elected Positions:** (1) safety representative, (2) emergency supplies coordinator, (2) fun lunch coordinators, (1) BCCPAC & DPAC representative / BIPOC, (1) FOS representative / event coordinator, (1) class representative coordinator. (2) communication scheduler / marketing

Committees: (3) advocacy, (2+) parent support, (3+) social, (5+) student events, (7) fun lunch, (6) spring fair raffle, (2) auction, (2) vendors, (2) craft fair, (2) multicultural fair, (3+) FOS events, (1) bike to school week, (6) fundraising, (5+) volunteer pool

#### **Filled Positions:**

Emergency Supply Coordinators and Safety Representative – Karen Harris and Kelly White Fun Lunch Coordinators – Sandi Thorson

BCCPAC / District PAC Representative – Karen Harris and Melissa McConchie

Communication Scheduler / Marketing – Stephanie Redlich

#### (8:10pm) Financial update

- Looking to be on target for where we anticipated based on the draft budget from last year
- Roll into the new year.
- This year budget was based on last year but ramping up fun lunches
- Will finalize the budget in September once this year has been closed
- STEM Funding may turn into SSA branch of

Munch a lunch credits – VOTE to absorb the funds – 100% vote Vote to approve draft budget – 100% vote

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#### (8:16pm) Elected PAC Board Members - Voted in\*

Co-Presidents	Tiffany Alexander	Majority vote
	Nicole Kennedy	Majority vote
Co-Vice-Presidents	Sandi Thorson	Majority vote

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	David Pyron pending vote-in as not in attendance at AGM	
Treasurer	Beth Miller	Majority vote
Secretary	Stephanie Redlich	Majority vote
DPAC	Michelle McConchie	Majority vote
Board of Directors	Tiffany Alexander, Nicole Kennedy, Sandi Thorson, Beth Miller, Stephanie Redlich, Suhad Mardikian, Arieanna Schweber	Majority vote for all

<sup>\*</sup>Nominations and Voting for Elected PAC Positions

Co-President — Tiffany Alexander — Nicole Kennedy nominated; Katie Scotland seconded Co-President — Nicole Kennedy — Tiffany Alexander nominated; Katie Scotland seconded Co-Vice-President — Sandi Thorson — Tiffany Alexander nominated; Beth Miller seconded Treasurer — Beth Miller — Tiffany Alexander nominated; Kelly White seconded Secretary — Stephanie Redlich — Tiffany nominated; Beth Miller seconded Board Member — Suhad Mardikian — Tiffany Alexander nominated; Nicole Kennedy seconded Board Member — Arieanna Schweber — with written consent

# (8:22pm) Parent concerns and open forum

After school programs – why is the PAC promoting ZenMaker Lab in newsletter, seems like we are promoting for them? They have offered our school special pricing and a special program just for ridgeway students. But yes, moving forward we will try to offer more variety for programs and such.

Parent Concerns - open forum (if you would like to submit any concerns or discussion topics before or after the PAC meeting, or anonymously, <u>please use this form</u>)

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Meeting Adjourned 8:28pm Next PAC Board Meeting June 2022 Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich