



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 | 7:00 – 8:20 PM – IN-PERSON AND TEAMS MEETING

## ATTENDEES:

Tiffany Alexander  
Nicole Kennedy  
Beth Miller  
Stephanie Redlich  
Jillian Gordon  
Kendra Arkinstall  
Sandi Thorson

Brian Openshaw  
Parham Salimi  
Arieanna  
Ganesan  
Ashley Kelly  
David Pyron

Kelly Harris  
Jackie TG  
Katrina Machin  
Emily  
Afsin Ismail  
Ramon Alexander Druzz

## (7:05pm) Call to Order and Introductions..... Tiffany Alexander

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

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

### Kendra Arkinstall

- Sutherland hosted the latest FOS meeting. In this meeting the focus was on defining what deep learning means to parents and students – and later will introduce staff feedback. Student voice, teacher voice, and then strategize for our school plan.
- Open parachute – grade 6/7, bullying, harassment, social emotional resource
- Grandfather teachings assembly on Courage; one primary and one intermediate. This month looking at what courage means to us as a school.
- Basketball coming to an end – super competitive and fun atmosphere.

### Jillian Gordon

- Reminders around Halloween safety
- Will hear from classroom teacher regarding costumes or treats. Please follow the teacher's email/guideline. Be mindful of healthy snacks.
- No costume masks, weapons, or pretend weapons.
- Avoid sending fragile items, independent, mindful of cultural appropriation.
- No gory or scary at the school.
- Respect teacher choice.
- Halloween – famous primary parade is back this year, which will be a lot of fun, and the grade 7s will put on a dance for them.
- STEM Grant – admin keen to get that going
- Parking and unsafe drivers around the school: very unsafe situations and some very upset neighbors around this. Parents dropping children on the wrong side of the street and allowing them to j-walk across the street. Double parking, blocking driveways, affects student safety.
- The city is working to make the streets around the school more safely.
- Student teacher family conferences – encourage all parents who can to participate. The conference coincides the report cards comments

### Q&A – Open Discussion

- Road safety around the school. There have been a number of observed issues around the parking, traffic, children safety at drop offs and pickups. Reminder to parents that the school is an idle free zone, therefore cars need to be turned off when around the school.



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

- Minutes from last meeting approved by Beth Miller and seconded by Nicole Kennedy

**(7:37pm) Fundraising Update ..... Nicole Kennedy**

- Photo day at beginning of October – well received
- Spirit wear, a couple of new items, which is very exciting – come and gone, closed for ordering –
- The card project coming up, deadline to order November 20
- Neufeld farms will be running for 2 weeks as a change over two rivers.
- Purdy's coming up as well
- Poinsettias and wreaths – grade 7 fundraiser – more details coming in the coming weeks.
- Return it depot – provide more information to parents to be able to donate their returns to the school

<https://ridgewaypac.org/return-it-bottle-fundraiser/>

**(7:42pm) 2022/2023 Events Update + Volunteers .....Tiffany Alexander**

The following events were discussed and will be soon underway. Volunteers are always needed in order to make these events run smoothly:

- Pumpkin Walk – 29 pumpkins were donated to the school for each class to 'decorate'. This is an event through Grand Boulevard to view the community pumpkins – between 4-7, hot chocolate, fire dept, police, CNV booths, wear costumes. Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. 3-5 volunteers needed – if you are interested, please let the PAC know and we will connect you.
- Winter Social – Skate night, not looking likely at this time.
- Fun Lunch – new dates: Fun lunch taking place pretty much every week – a few new vendors, email with any new fun lunch vendors.
- Refuge Visit – November tbc
- Saleema Noon – Parent workshop January 12 @ 6:30pm | School workshop January 16-18 – there take place every other year.
- Multicultural Fair – tbc, February or spring, feedback from staff first before.
- Book Fair – not likely at this time as Ms. Galilee will be on leave. Possibly an option if the PAC organized
- Pro-D Day Family safety course – to determine prior to last year for next year due to the need to have the gym not already in use.
- BBQ w/ spring fair like activities
- Bike to School Week
- Spring Raffle

**Community Events / NV Pac Hosted Events:**

- Ron Andrews has a youth night Friday nights from 7-9
- Grade 6-7 dance at Parkgate once a month
- North van PAC Events coming up – more details coming soon

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

- Parent suggestion – School cleanup as an idea for Friday
  - o The school is already doing this on week 3 – Taking ownership
- Parent template for parent class rep – this has been written and approved but not all classes have received them yet.
- How does the Grade 7 Award winners get selected? Meet as a team, and each teacher puts forward names, and going on consensus
- Emergency Supplies: two new members who have taken that one. And ensuring this year's supplies are stocked.
- Emergency Supplies storage box – not allowed during school hours, but children are playing on the bin after school hours, and it is quite dangerous, which is why it is not allowed during school hours.
- Blue Playground update – budget and fundraising side – need help / volunteers to work with on this project. Also discussions of adding a fence around the blue playground.



- Student and Family Affordability fund – have given out around \$1400 in grocery giftcards and \$1000 in Walmart giftcards. The admin is working on an assumption that half of the school may require these funds and budgeting/allocating accordingly.
- Waiving the PAC hot lunch fee announced by the ministry – looking into a monthly credit vs a free/waived lunch

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Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm

Next PAC Meeting November 22, 2022

Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich

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