



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM – LIBRARY + TEAMS MEETING**

| ATTENDEES:  |   |  |
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| Arezou<br>Ashleigh Inman<br>Beth Miller<br>Cameron Walls<br>Charmaine Green<br>Cristina | Emily Eversdijk<br>Hans Porter<br>Jen Foley<br>Jillian Gordon<br>Kristy Godo<br>Mika Mokkonen | Nayereh Msh<br>Niki Kennedy<br>Sandi Thorson<br>Stephanie Redlich<br>Tiffany Alexander |

**(7:01 PM) Call to Order Introductions ..... Charmaine Green**

We would like to take this time to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam, and Squamish First Nations and to express my gratitude that we are able to host this event tonight on their beautiful lands.

**(7:02 PM) Approve minutes from at meeting ..... Sandi Thorson**

Nicole Kennedy approved the previous meeting minutes, Jennifer Foley seconded.

**(7:05 PM) Administration Report ..... Jillian Gordon & Kristy Godo**

**Jillian Gordon, Principal**

- Introduce Ms. Kristy Godo – Ms. Godo, Vice-Principal, joined us in January it is so great to have her on board!
- Have been cleaning up the Multipurpose room in order to offer the space to approximately 40 students as part of an ESL program.
- Black Excellence Day – we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual assembly, which was 100% student led. The students were given last year's information and asked to add a couple new pieces of information; however, they went above and beyond; changed the material entirely and put on a very engaging assembly. They did an amazing job – the students should all feel very proud of themselves.
- Volleyball Intermural – in full swing – unique program for ridgeway during lunch hour.
- Grade 6-7 triple ball teams; very full, lots of student interest.
- Active pathways in hallways (sensory jumping paths). BC kids get less than half the recommended exercise throughout the day. In addition to what district provides, some students applied for a grant and were successful – we have also ordered an indigenous pathway. Kids intuitively know what do to with them. We will be keeping these into the coming years; not removing them after the school year.
- 30 new iPads have been disbursed into classrooms between district and PAC funding – thank you for PAC contribution towards this large purchase. Admin noted that 10 additional PAC funded iPads for non-educational instructors would be an amazing help, something to add to future discussions.
- Ms. Galilee – book fair – wanting to have the book fair more “kid friendly” prices – we need to be mindful of how many children can purchase books – bookmarks being designed by students in contest.
- Student learning grades 4/7 – students social emotional well-being. Spread the word; encourage parents to participate in the survey. The school, school district, etc curriculum is based solely off this survey. More information coming soon.



- The book "Be a Good Ancestor" has been an impactful tool being used throughout the school – admin has been using this book; many classes have already been introduced to the book / learnings. During one of the recent Professional Development Day, this book was introduced and read to teachers. This book will be an anchor for Ridgeway.
- Ridgeway ROCKS Signage around school. We are teaching the children what the ridgeway ROCKS looks like; in each situation. It looks different for different spaces within the school. It's unfair to be upset with students for skills they have not been taught, so we are teaching them what this looks like – executive functioning; follow code of conduct.

#### **Kristy Godo, Vice Principal**

- Joined Ridgeway in January as Vice-Principal, so far, we have shared our wonderful community, welcoming feel. Came from Cleveland w/ background in early education French immersion. Mom of 4 kids, 1 daughter and 3 sons, involved in many sports, on north shore.
- Looking forward to working with the Ridgeway Plan, already underway
- Grade 6 outdoor school program in February. Great opportunity for children to develop their independency and connect with nature. Help your child feel confident, and provide them will tools to feel connected when there.
- Long house daytrip for grade 3s. 2 groups end of February (paperwork coming home this week)

#### **(7:23 PM) Blue Playground Update ..... Beth Miller**

- Someone from School district came to meet and confirm there are funds dedicated to this.
- They seem comfortable doing the work this summer. They were out today measuring and are interested in the curbing portion as well.
- We do need to discuss preferred materials etc. fundraising, donation drive (receipts available), replace the funds we spend.

#### **(7:29 PM) Upcoming Fundraisers & Events ..... Charmaine Green & Sandi Thorson**

- **Wolf Pack** – Game this Sunday, February 2. Game is at 12:30pm (not 2:30pm) – 50% of sales go back to PAC. Feedback is that day time conflict with other activities, an evening game might have had more traction, hopefully, we can get a larger group out next time. Tickets are still on sale!
- **Saleema Noon** – info presentation Monday Feb 3 at 6:30 pm – more info coming soon.
- **Fun Lunch** – reminders go out Thursday – if you do not get a reminder, you have not ordered food for this week – if this is the case, please send a lunch with your child as there are not day of purchase options.
- **PAC Info Notices** – the PAC will no longer be printing copies of information for each student. Please check PAC Facebook, PAC website, sign up for the PAC newsletter and look out for posters around the school for such information.
- **Grade 7 hot chocolate sale** – Feb 11
- **Purdys Easter sale** – In March
- **Spring Growing Smiles plant sale** – coming soon
- **Grade 7 Freezies sale** – March 13, April 10, May 13, and June 12
- We received a \$1000 grant from city to do an extra **bike to school week** – March 31-April 4 – top 2 classes plus one random will get a pizza party and drinks – tech will be onsite for bike tune ups and gifts will be handed out throughout the week
- **Used book sale** – April 24



**(7:40 PM) Parent Concerns / Open Forum ..... Sandi Thorson**

- Bookfair bookmark contest – bookmark designs are due Feb 20 to Ms. Galilee in library
- Hot Lunch – regarding food being cold once children get the food. PAC will rethink over the summer to see if there is a solution. Will need to make sure the hot bags come back to PAC for the following week. We need more volunteers in order to help keep the food warm. “We are happy to provide you with fun lunch – please consider volunteering”. Create a whatsapp group for volunteers to assist with last minute needs.
- Is there a hunger for a directory for playdates. We think so, this can be something we consider starting next school year.
- Looking to bring official class reps back.
- Sports equipment – volleyballs have been voiced by students, however, we do have balls, just not for lunch time - \$1500 from school and \$1000 PAC SSA – we have the funds for equipment. Jerseys – purchase / research underway.
- One Ball sign out – one aid that helps. Students looking to have two instead – one at one side of school and one at the other. We are working on our outside play; most schools have a creek and forest, we don't. We limit the number of pieces of equipment for safety reasons. We have had students manage this in the past, but we still need a staff member to manage/oversee it.
- Student and parent feedback – re line up before entering school; we will indefinitely be doing the line ups in the mornings. Feedback; sometimes teachers are not there during the bell. This is a conduct issue and will be managed accordingly.
- Kindy feedback – blue playground, slide - ETA? Is a school district project, work order has been placed – they might be holding off until warmer weather. Around refuge – 6 dead cedar trees... kids running on roots – not during recess and lunch, as this is being monitored, is happening before or after school. Leaves left in piles, okay for children to play in them.
- Looking for a parent to volunteer to run skipping program. Reach out to Gillian if you wish to participate.
- If children have ideas for fun play time, please bring your ideas to Gillian and Kristy.

*If you would like to submit any concerns or discussion topics before or after the PAC meeting, please email [president@ridgewaypac.org](mailto:president@ridgewaypac.org).*

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Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm  
Next PAC Meeting February 25, 2025  
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich