



# MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 | 7:00 PM TEAMS MEETING

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**(7:01 PM) Call to Order** ..... **Sandi Thorson**

**(7:02 PM) Land Acknowledgement** ..... **Ashleigh Inman**

**(7:02 PM) Administration Report** ..... **Jillian Gordon / Kristy Godo**

- Thank you to all the families for their participation in the multicultural fair
- Thank you to the small but mighty group of PAC Volunteers
- **Communication:** We send out a weekly newsletter. When will you hear from the office? We interact and engage with people in the building, not just in the office. We will use our professional judgment to reach out if something is not resolvable at the school level. If you have questions, please reach out to your teacher as a starting point. We communicate through the Ridgeway Rocks program. Administration tracks issues to monitor trends and respond or reach out accordingly. Teachers come in every day with the best intentions for your children.
- Typically send out week ahead in one page pdf. Works well with school mailer system. Feedback indicated it is helpful to receive it the week before.
- We are going to part of a 'new methods for gathering information' pilot with Sutherland FOS. Information will come out mid-May.
- **eScooters:** are not allowed on school property. They are not legal for children under 14 and are not safe.
- Please do not ride bikes though parking lot as it is not safe. This message is for all; children and adults.
- Children have been asked to walk their bikes through the school grounds when it is busy. When at the school early or late, riding may be permitted, but safety is the most important factor.
- **Footwear:** Children need shoes that stay on children's feet. They are also not PE equipment. If any families need assistance with access, the school is able to help. Please reach out.
- **Dismissal procedures:** Teachers kindly trialed the option of staggered dismissal. Teachers are now in charge of making this decision. That last few minutes of class are typical non-instructional and highly social emotional
- **Track and field** is underway, with schedules coordinated between coaches and students. Triple ball season has recently wrapped up – shout out to Tim and Alan for their dedication.



- **The athletics program** is growing: an Ultimate team has started for Grades 6/7. PAC can explore additional program opportunities.
- **School Plan Committee** – Thank you to all who came out today. Reviewed a summary of what the school has accomplished this year. Literacy: went throughout all classes and came up with some questions. Results are very helpful in guiding the school literacy plans – what types of books are desired. A lot of families are being literacy role models for their children. We see a love for literacy across all grades.
- We appreciate kindness and support towards the ridgeway staff as we are all affected by the heavy changes taking place.

**(7:32 PM) Dates and Events ..... Sandi Thorson**

- Grade 7 Fundraisers: Neufelds fundraiser – just finished, Growing Smiles – plant sale end May 13 – pick up May 28, Freezies sales coming up – dates TBD.
- Tomorrow (April 29) – Early dismissal at 1:50 PM
- May 1 – Kindergarten hearing test
- May 4 – No school
- May 26 – Final PAC Meeting and AGM
- May 27 – Early dismissal
- May 28 – Class photos
- May 29 – Ridgeway Staff Appreciation Day
- June 16 – PAC BBQ

**(7:36 PM) Spring Raffle ..... Ashleigh Inman**

- Tickets sales will come out in June
- Looking for prizes if anyone wants to donate
- Monetary donations welcome
- Prize Day around BBQ

**(7:40 PM) Ridgeway / Cloverly Discussion ..... Ashleigh Inman**

- Plans for recognizing the transition for Cloverly families: The school will be working on a thoughtful plan to support a smooth end to the school year. While there are no concrete details to share yet, this transition will be acknowledged. If families have questions or concerns, please connect with Jillian – she would like to ensure all voices are heard. Please note that staffing information cannot be shared until the fall due to factors beyond the school's control
- With a smaller school population, there is a greater likelihood of combined classes. At this time, next year is anticipated to have a higher proportion of intermediate grades
- The current plan is for the main building to be the primary instructional space
- There is a recognized need for childcare in the area, which may potentially be accommodated in a portable (dismountable). At the same time, the importance of maintaining play space is understood. Decisions regarding this are made at the district level and are outside of school administration's control.

**(7:49 PM) – Multicultural Fair & Scholastics Book Fair ..... Sandi Thorson**

Thank you to the parents who hosted tables, to Mrs. Galilee and the volunteers.

**(7:50 PM) Volunteers ..... Sandi Thorson**

- We are in urgent need of volunteers. Fun Lunch depends on volunteer support, and without adequate in-person support, we will not be able to distribute lunches to students
- If you have signed up and are no longer available, please let us know as soon as possible – this is very important



- We are looking for a Friday team lead. If we are unable to secure consistent support for Fridays, we will need to scale back the program.

**(7:54 PM) PAC Involvement ..... Sandi Thorson**

- Looking more than ever for PAC participants – email [president@](mailto:president@ridgewaypac.org) with any questions. inquiries. We are going too really need people come next year.

**(8:19 PM) Open Forum .....**

**Neighborhood safety and Traffic concerns.**

- Increased monitoring & requesting proactive police (RCMP) presence.
- We want to encourage the children to walk one block down to the flashing light crosswalk for their safety.
- Safety Council can come in and teach parents Traffic Guard Safety.

**Ridgeway was the winner of the 2026 Hub Bike awards!!**

**Bookfair feedback:** Tricky that students were able to purchase books during the school day. Students cannot purchase during class time, but it is open during lunch hour as some go to daycare or unavailable after school hours.

**Bookfair Funds Raised:** \$3000 towards the library

**Pancake Breakfast?** Is there any chance we are going to host a pancake breakfast – September – Suggestion is the week after kindy's are full time.

*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 at 8:26 pm  
Next PAC Meeting May 26, 2026  
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich