



MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 | 7:00 PM TEAMS MEETING

In Attendance:

Afsin Ismail
Allison Ezzat
Anja Bhujji
Ann Leung
Ashleigh Inman
Beth Miller
Carni Latrielle
Claire Johnson
Cristina Arregui
Elham Tajalli

Emily Eversdijk
Erin Molinski
Ginalyn Mampang
Jen Foley
Jillian Morland
Jordan Marliave
Julia James
Kristy Godo
Laura Koelwyn
Marvin Fabros

Mika Makkonen
Nerissa Edwards
Nessim Sedaghat
Niki Kennedy
Peter Powaga
Sandi Thorson
Sandy Braich
Sh Tn
Stephanie Redlich
Winnie Maritim

7:01 PM Call to Order Ashleigh Inman

7:01 PM Land Acknowledgement Jen Foley

7:01 PM Administration Report Jillian Gordon / Kristy Godo

- Thank you for switching dates and to the Grade 7 babysitter tonight.
- **396 students** — a reduction of roughly 300 students from last year. Grades 1 and 2 have seen the greatest reduction. There are roughly 200 Grade 6–7 students.
- **What has been very important for us is make sure we are looking for way to keep the kids connected.**
- **First week plan:** We had a unique opportunity to try a new approach. Typically, students move into classes later in the week rather than on the second day, as some other schools do. The extra days provided an opportunity to rebuild in a thoughtful manner.
 - Day 1: Kids met in grade groups, as many children did not have last year's teacher here. They worked on nametags together.
 - Day 2: Fun assembly with balloons to get all the kids playing together, with half of the school participating at a time.
 - All students completed a writing assessment, which will be reviewed together on Monday.
 - Family Groupings participated in activities and designed posters about Ridgeway Rocks expectations.
 - Heritage school teachers and administration have curated Ridgeway-specific knowledge.
 - Students went out on the playground in Family Groups to review shared rules for common games and issues, specifically soccer and tetherball.
- Children have been in their classes and have also gotten together in Family Groupings around literacy. This will happen again for special days.
- **Family Groupings:** The goal is to give kids a sense of community. Teachers also have their own Family Grouping.
- We also have four house colours: **red, black, white and grey.**
- Groups are named after Northwest flora.
- The expectation is that students will participate in Family Group activities at least once a month.
- Typically, Family Groupings follow students from the start to the end of their time at Ridgeway; it is currently unclear whether this will be the case this year.



Q&A

Kindy's were not a part of all of this – will they be included? Yes, they will bring them into the family groups starting sept 29 for orange shirt day.

Athletics

- Currently seeking volunteer coaches.
- Basketball, cross country, etc. Floor hockey teachers and skipping club.
- Discussion around whether PAC has ideas for ways to recognize and thank those who volunteer their time outside of the classroom.
- In-house intramural league.
- Coaching responsibilities can be split between practices and games. If time is limited, coaching during practices may be more valuable than during games.
- Will do their best to prevent any sports from being cut.
- Thank you again to the PAC for all they do, including jerseys, iPads, non-flooding blue playground, class funds, etc.

7:28 PM Important Dates and Events Ashleigh Inman

- September 24:
 - Slice Night: As expected, smaller than last year, with 73 pizzas sold compared to 120 last year.
 - Open House – 5:30-6:00 p.m.: Families are invited to visit classrooms. Informal event.
- September 25: Grade 7 Freezie Sale - \$1 for small / \$2 for large.
- September 28: Pro-D Day. – no school
- September 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school
- October 8: Individual Photo Day.
- October 12: Thanksgiving - no school.
- October 14–15: Halloween Costume Sale.

7:33 PM After School Programs Ashleigh Inman

- Lights Up is currently available on the website. Please check it out.
- Additional registrations are needed; if more students do not sign up, there is a risk of losing the program for the fall.

7:33 PM Fundraisers Ashleigh Inman

- Sarah Jane Photography: There are 7 spots remaining, but registration closes tonight.
- Halloween Costume Sale: Donation bins will be placed outside the office in a couple of weeks.
- Spirit Wear: Collecting gently used spirit wear. A donation bin will be available next week.
- FunLunch: The first order cut-off is tonight at midnight. More volunteers are needed, including help returning the yellow bins.

7:37 PM Volunteering Jen Foley

- Volunteers: We need volunteers to help! Volunteer links are available throughout the PAC communications.
- Slice Night: Volunteers are needed this Thursday for setup, cleanup, and serving pizza.
- Criminal Record Checks: In-school volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) completed. This is not required for after-school program volunteers. CRCs are valid for 5 years.
- Terry Fox Run: Volunteers are needed for directional support from 12:45–2:00 p.m.
- Class Reps: Divisions 3 and 10 are still looking for Class Representatives.

7:40 PM Open Discussion



- **WhatsApp Community Group:** Parents do need to be invited, as the group is never publicly available. There is a group set up for every class. If you do not have access yet, please reach out to your teacher or president@ridgewaypac.org.
- **New Fundraiser Ideas – Apple Sale:** Large boxes of apples will be \$24–\$30, with the PAC keeping approximately \$8–\$10 per box. Delivery arrangements have been cleared with Jillian. Delivery is expected November 16–20.
- **School Bell:** Asked whether the school will have a working bell. Yes, this is being worked on.
- **Windows:** Some windows were inadvertently painted shut over the summer. A work order has been submitted to have the paint cut.
- **PAC Fundraisers & Programs:** Asked whether there are any major fundraisers or programs that PAC is focused on for this year. Nothing significantly different from what was already established last year.
- **School Funding Requests:** Jillian mentioned that the school's requests over the next couple of years will most likely be focused on technology. The school has purchased a new charging cart.
- **PAC Funding:** For parents who are new to the school, the PAC provides funding to teachers each year, as well as supporting music, Refuge, sexual education, jerseys, etc. We tend to fund all of our planned expenses through revenue generated from FunLunch and are very conservative with our spending. We managed to have \$50K available, which was used toward the blue playground. We tend to struggle with raising funds for a specific need and prefer to have the funds in the bank first. We also receive grant funds annually.
- [PAC Board Introductions](#)
- **Fundraiser – Neufeld Farms:** Asked about adding Neufeld Farms again. Yes, we can, as it requires very little work from PAC.
- **PAC Bulletin Board:** The school has offered to share a bulletin board with PAC.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Yes, PAC will be able to accommodate this now that we have fewer students. Niki spoke with Lyons, and they are able to support us.
- **Santa:** Possible PAC volunteer role – yes, this can be discussed.
- **Skate Night:** Discussed after meeting adjourned, Stephanie looking into this.

If you would like to submit any concerns or discussion topics before or after the PAC meeting, please email president@ridgewaypac.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm
Next PAC Meeting October 27, 2026
Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich