

Riverside Secondary School PAC

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Minutes

In Attendance: Tom K., Debbie P., Misty G., Amanda, C., Paula F., S. Widmer

Guest: Jon B

1. Welcome and Call to order at 7:03 p.m. Amanda C
2. Review and Acceptance of February 15, 2023 Agenda – Paula F. made a motion to accept, seconded by Debbie P. Motion Carried
3. Review and accept Minutes from meeting of January 18, 2023. Debbie P made a motion to accept, seconded by Misty G. Motion Carried
4. Presentation by Give4Good where they shared who they were and the impact that they were trying to make by helping community in areas of need.
 - a. This year their focus is on mental health challenges within the school, Refugee Family & Children, Aiding the Homeless and Equality for Kids – Kidsport
 - b. They spoke about each of their initiatives and their action plans to help community as well as other students.
 - c. This group was started completely on its own originally by other students and are requesting funds from the PAC to help cover the costs of:
 - i. Shirts - \$250
 - ii. Meet & Greet Days - \$500
 - iii. Concert – Approx. \$550
 - iv. Backpacks for Refugee - \$350
 - v. Contents for Bags - \$2,000
 - d. Request will be submitted on the next wish list request sheet.
5. Principal's Report Jon B.

Give For Good Club

- Rae, Emma, Gabrielle, Helia
- Planning to help
- Kidsport, Unhoused folks, etc. are recipients
- Aiding Refugee community as a main focus

School Operations

Enrolment at 1332 now that some international students went home and were replaced by fewer this semester

- Cross-catchment applications ended last week and we find out on Monday how many applied to Riverside. Families that are successful at the cross-catchment process will find out on March 6th via email.
- Honours Grade 9 programs are all continuing next year; we did our first wave of testing on January 27th
- A few more students will write test if they are accepted via cross-catchment
- Students in Grades 9 to 11 this year had an opportunity to apply for specialty programs using the online forms. We received lots of applications and will be processing them over next month. We will keep students informed at school about the status of their applications.
- The needs of our refugee student - complex and growing.

Behaviour Focus

- As discussed in previous PAC meeting, I've focused on improving bathroom and hallway behaviours. We've seen significant improvements in these areas, and far fewer office referrals.
- Took a while to begin to build the spirit post-pandemic, but it's slowly coming back
- We have been more strict with kids taking too long on 'breaks'

Upcoming Events in Stream

- Students will be audience members or participants in Capstone presentations by Grade 12's over 2 Wednesdays
- Varying focus of Stream class after Spring Break includes an emphasis on healthy life choices like reducing screen time

Accomplishments

- Great teams are out there on the courts and fields - we have one of the top two participating schools in B.C.
- Great arts - our growing programs are amazing - AJ Vittie who presented here has a lot of participation in their 'under the sea' theme
- Little Women Musical just wrapped - it was great! And... we showcased some new technology in the theatre. There will be more opportunities next school year to add more lights and sound to the theatre.
- Tri-City News coming tomorrow (Feb 16, 2023) to do an expose on our Makerspace

Athletics

- Basketball teams made the Fraser north regional championships
- A new score table was donated by a parent in honour of Paul Langford's contributions as a coach
- We are currently hosting the Jr. Girls Championships

Assemblies

- We talked about course planning, but also about behaviours and increasing responsibility as kids grow through the grades.

Grade 12's

- They are doing a movie night just before Spring Break
- AfterGrad is all planned - just need 1 more parent-organized fundraiser plus the 3 school ones coming up. Prizes are the focus from here on in. The event rentals, décor, security, swag bag and food is already accounted for.
- Next year there is are at least 3 schools moving to outside-organized AfterGrad, so I'll be creating a handy guide for Grade 11 parents who might wish to take that on. We won't be able to organize or sponsor it moving forward after this June 4th is over. More on that next PAC meeting, and I'll offer all kinds of tips to parents who would like to take a leading role if that is a wish, including how to pre-book a venue like Hyde Creek.
- We reminded Grade 11's and 12's at the assemblies about the Careers page on the website: absolutely full of information about scholarships in particular.

6. Treasurer's Report

Paula F.

- a. Financials Reviewed – Motion to Accept – Paula F. Seconded by Debbie P. – Motion Carried
- b. Paula F. motioned to transfer the balance of the Aftergrad funds (\$2,963.96) to Riverside Secondary for AfterGrad 2023. – Debbie P. seconded – Motion Carried
- c. Paula motioned to close Aftergrad account and move the \$3K to main PAC account – Debbie P. seconded – Motion Carried
- d. Paula F. motioned to approve \$43.92 overpayment of Wishlist item # 4 (Golf Team). - seconded by Debbie P. Motion carried.
- e. Paula looking to get PST/GST rebates, but will take some time.
- f. Paula F. motioned to approve \$8.66 import fees (unreceipted) for Wishlist item # 18 (Leadership). Debbie P. seconded – Motion Carried.

DPAC Report

Amanda C.

- Last meeting was held on January 25 and included a special presentation on "Preparing our Children for Post-Secondary Education." Information can be found at www.postsecondarybc.ca
- Next DPAC meeting will be held on February 22 at 7pm via zoom. Email office@dpac43.ca for the link. Stephen Whiffin will be presenting on "Technology in Schools"

8. Old Business

- a. Remaining items on wish list to be reviewed with Jon.
- b. 1st Semester did not review with Jon prior to presenting to the PAC
- c. 2nd request list to be reviewed with Jon – New requests to fill out form detailing their requests answering various questions including if it's a "legacy" request. Request form to be sent to Jon to submissions in within three days of sending out email. Request to be submitted by Feb. 21st – Jon/Paula F to review new request Wednesday/Thursday.
- d. Scholarships – No one has responded to Debbie's request for information.
 - i. Jan 20th was last correspondence
 - ii. Debbie to send second email
 - iii. Stephanie W., Misty G., and Debbie P. to be on committee and review submissions.

9. New Business

- a. Basketball court remodel – 75% of court owned by City of Port Coquitlam. Meeting w/Dave Jones to come up action plan to approach City. We will also have to work with School District as school owns other 25%

10. Questions – None

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:36pm – Motion by Amanda C. – seconded by Misty G. Motion Carried

Next Meeting – March 8 @ 7pm