**RIVERSIDE PAC MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

**Attendance**: Karen Kelt, Laura Code, Karen Hertslet, Irene Harrison, Susan Greene, Anthony Ciolfitto, Cyndy Chernenko, Nicole Roberge

**Chair:** Karen Kelt

1. **Welcome:** Karen Kelt opened the meeting at 7:02 pm
2. **Review & acceptance of November 2015 minutes**

A: Susan Greene S: Cyndy Chernenko

**3. Executive/Committee Reports**

 **A. Treasurer’s Report –** Laura Code

1. Reviewed the treasurer’s report for November 2015
2. PAC received $121.25 from donations at the parent/teacher interviews
3. Winter Market raised $7,096.40 in profit for the After Grad event

**B. Southside Family of Schools Parent Education –** Dirk Rhode

Not present, defer to next meeting

 **C. CPF – Canadian Parents for French –** Susan Greene

Jan 3, 2016 at Port Moody Arena will be the annual skate for CPF members

 **D. DPAC –** Irene Harrison

1. There was a small fire at Banting Middle school recently. Only closed for 1 day.
2. Parents are concerned their children won’t be learning the same things as now. This is not the case. Please look at [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca) to read more about the new curriculum. Grade 10-12 won’t change much.

 **E. After Grad** – Cyndy Chernenko (vice chair)

1. DJ has been booked & deposit paid (Galactic)
2. Games have been ordered and this year there will be more 6-8 player games instead of the usual 1-2 player ones.
3. Jan 29, 2016 will be a Grad Pub Fundraiser at the Cat & Fiddle pub. Grade 12 students are welcome on the restaurant side until 10 pm only.

**4. Principal’s Report –** Anthony Ciolfitto

1. There will be a big focus on curriculum in the 2nd semester.
* i.e. Social studies has lots of changes, where as other subjects have very minimal change
* Edublogs show students learning/progress from Grade 9-12
1. In January there will be some staff & students visiting Finger Food Studios. They are a local company that uses sphero robots as an educational tool to build more literacy around computers. They teach students to write programs to control sphero’s from their phone’s, ipads etc. [www.fingerfoodstudios.com](http://www.fingerfoodstudios.com)
2. Looking into having making an innovative/creative space in the library. Probably moving the existing computers and creating space where students can create, use 3D printers etc.
3. Riverside has a new addition. Leige is a PADS (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society), service dog. These dogs are trained to open doors, turn on/off lights. Mr. Ciolfitto is using Leige as a therapy dog for students. i.e. he visits classrooms with him to ‘relax’ the students.

**5. Old Business**

 none

**6. New Business**

None

**7.** **Special guest speakers –** Drama Teacher: Nicole Roberge

* Nicole thanked the PAC for the money. She was able to put it towards costumes, paint supplies and other various set props.
* She showed us the set for the “Anything Goes” musical which is Feb 28th. It is a 20’s period piece on a ship.
* This coming Thursday is the annual musical theatre fundraising event
* She is hoping to take students on a field trip this year to a music festival

**8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm**

**9. Refreshments and social**

**Next Meeting:** January 19th, 2016 @7 pm

**Recorder**: Karen Hertslet