**RIVERSIDE PAC MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

**Attendance**: Karen Kelt, Laura Code, Karen Hertslet, Anthony Ciolfitto, William Issa, Christine Intile, Edward Ram, Julie Flint, Susan Greene, Doris Deiter, Mindy, Irene Harrison, Dirk Rhode

**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: William Issa

**3. Executive/Committee Reports**

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

1. Reviewed the treasurer’s report for January 2016
2. Laura will be stepping down from Treasurer this year, therefore PAC is in need of a new treasurer. Please forward your name to Karen Kelt of Laura Code if interested in the position.
3. Pub night After Grad fundraiser was a great success with a profit of $5884.69

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

Thurs Feb 18, 6-830pm at Citadel Middle will be a speaker on Understanding Family Dynamics

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

 CPF meeting next week. They have begun planning for Grade 12 French leaving

 ceremony

 **D. DPAC – Irene Harrison**

1. Reno Ciolffi & Stephen Whiffin presented on “Assessment & communicating student Learning/Freshgrade”
2. Grant writing presentation
3. RAC (Real Acts of Caring) week is Feb 14-20.

 **E. After Grad** – Cyndy Chernenko

 Pub night was a big success

 Black & Lee tux rental fundraiser is April 7. (Last year $800 was made)

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

1. New interim reports are ready to use. Feedback is appreciated
2. Code yellow (hold & secure) drill happening soon.
3. Everything Goes Musical performance is starting soon
4. Basketball tonight, hosting Fraser Valley
5. Starting the process with staff & students about innovation. (How can we teach this innovative idea to students?) There will be opportunities for students to learn about something they are personally interested in.

**5. Old Business**

 “Parents as Coaches” was an excellent workshop

**6. New Business**

none

**7. Guest speaker –** A) Learning Centre & Skill development program

 B) Counselling Dept.

A) Learning Centre: Work with all students with academic, social, personal needs & learning needs. They are open all day and students can come during any break, free block. Each teacher in the Centre has a case-load so students always have a go-to teacher.

Skill development: They presented to us about some of their programs, like Best Buddies, work experience programs & how they help with transition to post-secondary, and also with the feeder schools to articulate the process of Grade 8’s going to Grade 9.

B) Counsellors: 4 counsellors serve the students. Divided alphabetically so the same counsellor is with the same group of kids throughout high school. They support the students emotionally, behaviorally, mediation between students, with issues outside of school. They also assist with course planning, timetables & help with graduation planning for post-secondary programs. They are encouraging parents to meet with the counsellors for course selection & any other issues.

**8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm**

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2016 @ 7 pm

**Recorder**: Karen Hertslet