



R. C. Palmer Secondary Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting - Minutes Monday, Nov 4th, 2024 @7:00 pm School lounge

1. Meet and greet / Attendance.
 - Ten people attended and were welcomed by the Principal and the PAC chair
2. Approval of the previous minutes and adoption of the meeting agenda.
3. School update from the administration, Mr. Ghaug:
 - On Nov 18th G11 and G12 students will be able to attend a post-secondary education event at school, during block D, to gain further information on post secondary options including universities, colleges and trade schools.
 - Report cards will be issued on Nov 14th. Parents are encouraged to speak about these with their child and talk to teachers if needed.
 - Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Nov 20/21 (2-4pm both days and 6-8pm on 21st). Online booking will open Nov 12-18, appointments will be on a first come, first served basis. The instructions will be on the school website. If parents are unable to book an appointment then the email addresses of teachers are available on the website, parents are encouraged to contact teachers for a discussion at any time they deem this necessary.
 - Richmond School District are holding 4 webinars, which are highly recommended for parents, details are available here <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>. The sessions cover:
 - Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying



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- Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids
 - Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression
 - Cybersafe from Exploitation
- There is a current focus on connectedness and belonging in school. Staff are working hard to consider how best to support every student, including diverse learners, ELL, indigenous students, etc, making sure support is provided for any learning gaps for those joining the school. They also aim to consider more student voices on this matter. Positive mental health in classes and the community is also a focus
4. Financial update
- The PAC receives funds from the Government, which goes to an account exclusively for these funds, to be used to support students' extra-curricular activities. A list of applications had been collated by the administration and parents decided and collectively agreed on suitable amounts to allocate to the individual applications, based on the funding available (approx. CAD19k). Recipients of the funding will be required to spend their allocated funds by mid April 2025.
5. RDPA update
- No update
6. Dry Grad Committee update
- Parents are encouraged to support the fundraisers that are currently running: Purdey's chocolates and Cineplex movie certificates.
7. Meeting adjourned @7:50pm
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