

Richmond Secondary School Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

September 11, 2024 6:30-7:45pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ms. Kwon (Principal), Ms. Goulas (Vice Principal), Christine Ju (PAC Chair), Angela Huang (PAC Secretary), 60~ parents (even distribution throughout the grades)

Principal's updates:

- RHS has a total of 1200 students, the 2nd largest secondary school in Richmond
- A total of 75 teaching staff, and 30 support staff: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/school-information/our-staff>
- Parents are encouraged to attend PAC meetings for networking, gaining clarity on policy and procedures, and hearing from speakers on topics that are highly relevant
- The two key things that students should do: Attend all classes; try their best/ask for help
- Administrators and Counsellors are available to work with students to resolve issues they might have, parents have access to consultations as well, the career information advisor mainly support grade 11/12
- RHS learner profile combined with IB learner profile – being resilient, responsible
- Diversity at school – students are asked to interact with everyone with kindness, care, and respect
- Punctuality matters – over 100 students arrive at the school late (after 8:30 am). Let's make sure our kids start their day on time
- Personal Digital Device Guidelines:
 - <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/news/2024/08/personal-digital-device-guidelines>
 - The students are doing their part so far
 - The teachers are seeing positive changes
 - Expectations for gray area (PLT, lunch, study block, etc.), are being discussed and will be communicated once confirmed
- Meet the Teacher – scheduled for next Wednesday (Sept 18), it's open house style for parents to explore
- MyEdBC accounts for new parents will be set up before the end of the year, the term report cards are posted there for parents to access

Vice Principal's updates:

- Community fridge – it's part of the Feeding the Future program, providing food to students that need food for a variety of reasons, students are reminded to be mindful of others that are hungry
- Course change request form – still been worked on, it's challenging to make changes given that the school is full and it's difficult for new blocks to be added to the timetable
- PLT – trial run this week, sign up is required going forward, students are encouraged to make good use of the PLT. If PLT isn't well utilized throughout the school, it might not be granted in the future
- RHS Website / X / Instagram – lots of information and fun stuff are posted for parents to view
- Students are encouraged to get involved in clubs and school events, and make good use of these opportunities to build long-lasting memories
- Students should stay home when sick, parents shouldn't send their kids to school when they are unwell, the teachers understand, and they'll help students catch up on missed time.
- smoking, vaping, drugs, and alcohol are strictly prohibited both at school and during any school events.
- If students make poor choices during school hours (for example, during lunch hour) in the community, the school will be notified and will take those actions into consideration.
- Visitors from other schools are not welcome, and we discourage students from visiting other schools.