

# Richmond Secondary School Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

January 15, 2025 6:30-7:45pm

## Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Ms. Kwon (Principal), Amina Ahmed (DAG Chair), Barbara Schneebeli (Counsellor), Christine Ju (PAC Chair), Angela Huang (PAC Secretary & RDPA representative), 40~ parents

### Cultural Awareness (by Christine Ju)

- **Chinese New Year and Zodiac:** The significance of the Chinese New Year celebration, which includes various traditions and customs such as family reunions, special meals, and red envelopes. The Zodiac, which consists of 12 animals, plays a significant role in the culture, with each year being associated with a different animal that influences personality traits and fortune.

### DAG (Dry After Grad) 2025 updates (by Amina Ahmed)

- **Event Planning:** The outline for the event has been drafted, covering essential elements like entertainment, food, games/prizes, and decorations. The current focus is on fleshing out the details to ensure a well-rounded and enjoyable event.
- **Next Steps:** The team is continuing to work on the finer details of the event and is encouraging more parents to join and help with the organization and execution.

### Program Planning (by Ms. Schneebeli)

- **Dates:** The planning is scheduled for February 6 (program planning assembly)-13 and is targeted towards students in grades 8-11.
- **Resources:** Please refer to the RSS counseling website <https://www.rsscounselling.com/program-planning> for previous years' ppt deck, which can provide valuable insights and guidance.
- **Changes:** There are updates to university application requirements that students need to be aware of.
- **For Grade 11:** Students planning for Grade 11 should plan their courses with their intended field of study in university in mind to ensure they meet the necessary prerequisites.
- **Key Notes:**
  - **Double Registration:** Students should avoid double registering for the same course in both summer school and the regular school year to prevent complications.
  - **Verification Notices:** On March 4, students will receive notices for verification of their intended course registrations.
  - **Career Planning:** Career Information Advisor Mr. Ng is available to help students understand and meet the requirements for their chosen fields of study.