

Richmond Secondary School Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

March 12, 2025 6:30-7:45pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ms. Kwon (Principal), Natalie Caras (Foundry - youth peer support), Christine Ju (PAC Chair), Angela Huang (PAC Secretary & RDPA rep), 15~ parents

School update on the installation of video surveillance (by Ms. Kwon)

- Camaras are been installed at school entrances and outside to improve the safety of students, staff, and visitors.
- RHS is one of the first four schools in SD38 to have cameras installed, with other schools set to follow.
- Cameras can deter criminal activity, vandalism, and other disruptive behaviors.
- Video footage can be crucial in investigating incidents and providing evidence for law enforcement.
- Surveillance systems can provide real-time monitoring of school premises.

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

- Pre-DAG Tasks: Bag collection, t-shirt distribution, volunteer count, table/chair requirements.
- Event Planning: Organized individual events for DAG night.
- Task Delegation: Assigned members to check on games, food, swag, and prizes.
- Decor & Theme: Brainstormed camping-themed decorations and items.
- Cost Review: Evaluated supplier quotes for decor and entertainment.

Introduction of Foundry Services (by guest speaker Natalie Caras)

- Foundry is a province-wide initiative in British Columbia that provides integrated mental health, substance use, and wellness support for young people aged 12-24.
- With multiple locations across BC Foundry offers a one-stop approach where youth can access counseling, peer support, primary care, and social services.
- Their services are free, confidential. Online resources and virtual services are provided to reach those who may not have access to physical locations.