



PAC Newsletter – November 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you safe and well. This month's PAC Newsletter contains many links. We hope you bookmark them and get all caught up on your browsing over these next few weeks of temporary increased restrictions.

The PAC held their first general meeting of the school year on October 20th. Thank you to Trustee Sheelah Donahue for attending the meeting and giving us an overview of the trustee role. She also provided an update on discussions around the province and beyond regarding COVID and public education. Meeting minutes are linked here and can be found under the PAC Resources tab of the Rockridge Parents section of the school website.

Meeting minutes: https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2020/11/pacmeeting_oct20_final.pdf

The next general meeting will be held on *Tuesday, November 17th at 5pm*. The agenda contains the zoom link and is linked below. The agenda can also be found under the PAC Resources tab of the Rockridge Parents section of the school website. We hope you can join us. We will be receiving an update from Principal Judy Duncan.

This month's special guest speaker is Maureen Lee, District Principal of Student Support Services for West Vancouver Schools. We hope you will be able to zoom in and watch her presenting on "**How Does the Pandemic Build Resilience?**"

For many of us, especially young people, this is the first major adversity we have faced. Our schools have been focused on building community and emphasized trauma-informed practice which is all part of living our mental health framework. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

November 17th Agenda: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2020/11/2020-nov-17-pac-agenda.pdf>

Speaking of speakers, the DPAC hosted parent education session, Tech, COVID & Kids with Dr. Shimi Kang was very well attended. If you registered but missed the session, or attended and would like to watch it again, please contact the PAC at ropac@wvschools.ca to be provided with the link to the presentation. We have been informed it will only be up for another week or so, so please contact us soon if you would like to watch it.

Outdoor Classroom

The fundraising drive has launched! More information and a donation link can be found on the Home page of the Parents section of the school website. We hope all our families will support this worthwhile project. Once the \$60,000 fundraising goal is raised, construction will begin (weather dependent). Donations made through the School Cash Online portal will automatically be issued a tax receipt. Please contact the PAC if you would like to donate by cheque. Together, we can get the outdoor classroom built this school year!

Parent home page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/>

Donate to the Outdoor Classroom here:

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/207/105/false/true?fundDestination=Rockridge%20PAC%20Outdoor%20Classroom>

Careers Department Speakers series - Post-Secondary Sessions for Parents

The Rockridge Careers Department would like to reach out to our parent community to see if there would be any interest in the Careers Department hosting various post-secondary sessions during our Rockridge PAC meetings this year. Please complete this survey by Friday, November 13th to indicate your interest in the topics in the survey.

Survey link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf169XiID3qFhHIYMGAq0w6Pj0sI1p1VlrqKiWcC6-ReR24Lw/viewform>

Did you know?

Our Rockridge families have not been able to connect in the traditional ways. To help keep our families connected and informed, the PAC has increased its communications presence online. We now have instagram and facebook pages, and are continually updating and adding information to the parent section of the Rockridge school website. Please bookmark, follow and like us!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rockridgepac/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RockridgeSecondaryPAC/>

Parent Home Page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/>

We hope to see you next week at the Zoom PAC Meeting! Until then, be well.

Tanya Mah

PAC Chair

Zoom Information:

Topic: RSPAC General Meeting

Time: Nov 17, 2020 05:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88442053056?pwd=L0ZUZmdTMjVxSWR1MTlqVkFaVFVCdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 4205 3056

Passcode: 033352