



## January 2021 PAC Newsletter

Dear Rockridge Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! Welcome Back! I hope your break was restful and enjoyable.

### **Zoom Meeting Link: General PAC Meeting - Tuesday, January 19th, 9am:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933999291?pwd=Qj9sUXZnMllsL3V1OG1wR0lOVENmZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3399 9291

Passcode: 368169

[Agenda](#) and [Minutes](#) from the November meeting can be found on the Resources section of the parent portal.

### **Outdoor Classroom Update**

I am happy to report that we have received \$41,515 or 69% of our goal of \$60,000. Thank you so very much to those parents who have generously donated so far.

Traditionally, the PAC would spend months planning and hosting a series of small fundraisers culminating in a gala of some sort to raise the money for a large project such as this. However, due to covid (like so many other things that have needed to be changed due to a pandemic), this year we have had to pursue a "cheque writing" campaign. One of our families at Rockridge has put out a "matching donation challenge" where they will match donations made by families for the month of January up to a total of \$5000!

If you have not yet donated to the outdoor classroom please consider doing so. Please talk to other families at the school, alumni parents, shout it from the rooftops! This structure is more than just an "outdoor classroom". It will be a covered outdoor socially distant hangout space for students waiting until their next class, a quiet moment of reflection as they gaze at the view of our beautiful North Shore Mountains, or a safe outdoor meeting space for clubs, maybe a lunch spot in the future when it is safe to do so. If your child is in grade 11 or 12, consider making a donation as a "legacy gift". For those parents of students in grades 8-10, it is an investment in their future years at Rockridge.

Once the full \$60,000 has been raised, the building can begin. We have ambitiously set a goal of February 4th (the start of Q3) to reach our deadline so now is the time to get your donation in. Please donate!

### **General PAC Meeting Tuesday January 19th, 9am**

We hope all parents will be able to join us for our monthly PAC meeting on January 19th, starting at 9am. Special guest will be Bianca Ferrajohn, who will be speaking on "Building Connections: Careers 8-12

Curriculum Delivery". Principal Judy Duncan will also be giving her update about what has been happening at the school. Please find a link to this month's meeting agenda and our November minutes at the top of this email. No PAC meeting was scheduled in December.

**Special Announcement: Reallocation of 2020-2021 Budgeted PAC Funds**

At the January PAC meeting, please note, we will be holding a vote to temporarily reallocate funds, up to \$18,500 if we have not reached our fundraising goal of \$60,000.

On behalf of the PAC executive, we hope to reconnect with you over Zoom on January 19th!

Best regards,

Tanya Mah

PAC Chair