



Dear Parents and Guardians,
I hope you are all doing well and everyone is staying healthy and safe.

Zoom Meeting Link: General PAC Meeting - Tuesday, April 20th, 9am:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82470823325?pwd=cVl3UkNzeXh4YkVZejhqZWWhyUFiOQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 7082 3325

Passcode: 633265

Agenda for the upcoming April meeting can be found here and in the Resources section of the Parent Portal: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/04/2021-apr-20-pac-agenda.pdf>

Minutes from the last general meeting in February can be found here and in the Resources section of the Parent Portal: https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/03/PAC_GeneralMeeting_Feb16_21_Meeting-Minutes-1.pdf

Upcoming Speakers

PAC Meeting Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Barry Craig, President of Huron University

“What is the Role of the Liberal Arts in a Stem World?”

Tuesday, April 20th, 9am

Please join the PAC on April 20th at 9am, as we welcome special guest speaker, Dr. Barry Craig, President of Huron University. He will speak on the topic, “What is the Role of the Liberal Arts in a Stem World?” Thank you to Leesa Alldred, and the Post-Secondary and Careers Department for arranging this event for parents.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS IN A STEM WORLD?



Dr. Barry Craig,
President of Huron University

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL INTERACTIVE TALK EXCLUSIVELY FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNSEL, WITH DR. BARRY CRAIG, PRESIDENT OF HURON UNIVERSITY - ONE OF CANADA'S PREMIER LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTIONS OFFERING AN ACADEMICALLY ELITE, YET ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION SINCE 1863.

Join the conversation as we discuss what a liberal arts education means and its employability in the future global economy as well as the importance of an education that emphasizes ethical leadership and character, as much as academic intellect.

During the event, you'll be able to ask Dr. Barry Craig any questions you wish as part of a live Q&A interaction. A member of our admissions team will also be available to answer any of your questions about the application process.

APRIL 20TH, 2021 | 9:00 AM PST



Special Parent Event:

Talking About Inclusion, Anti-Racism & Diversity, Chapter 2: Virtual Event with Sempulyan

Please join DPAC in the second chapter of their Inclusion and Diversity Series. Sempulyan – Stewart Gonzales will share his experiences as a residential school survivor and his journey of healing in order to help us to understand reconciliation and our shared history. Sempulyan is a member of the Squamish Nation and an Indigenous Cultural Worker. *Please note that the content in this session is meant for an adult audience.*

More information can be found here: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/chapter-2-talking-about-inclusion-anti-racism-diversity-virtual-event-with-sempulyan/>.

Click here to register for the event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sempulyans-residential-school-story-healing-journey-tickets-148513220039>

An Evening with Jesse Miller of Mediated Reality

Tuesday, May 18th

More information to come! Jesse's website can be found here: <https://www.mediatedreality.com>

Special thanks to Stephanie Jansen for organizing this talk. This will be the last event of the year for our Rockridge/PAC Speaker series, you will not want to miss it!

Succession

We have a number of positions available for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. Positions available include:

-Chair/Co-Chair

-DPAC Rep

-Members at Large

For more information, please contact our Nominating Committee at ropac@wvschools.ca.

Outdoor Classroom Update

THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!! DRUMROLL PLEASE!

I am so happy to announce that we did it! Thanks to all of you, we have reached our fundraising goal! Our current total is \$61,005. In the next few weeks, we will be contacting all those donors who have donated \$250 and above to confirm the name that they would like shown on the acknowledgement plaque.

Thank you to everyone who has donated. We had 134 families donate towards the Outdoor Classroom. This has been a remarkable feat in a very uncertain year. Although we may be keeping to our households and see less of each other, this classroom has been a true Rockridge community effort, across all grades, and from current, future and past families. Thank you so very much.

Grad Funds for Grade 12s

Special Message for Grads and their families:

Thank you to the Grade 12 families who have donated to the current grad fund drive. The Grad Committee, made up of current grade 12 students, along with parent volunteers and teacher sponsors, have been busy organizing a "grad to remember". Due to current restrictions (which I am sure we are all tired of reading/hearing), the typical events of grad cruise, semi-formal, and grad banquet will not be happening. The following special events have happened or are planned, thanks to your grad contribution:

- Special Purdy's Easter chocolate bunny!
- Grade 12 Grad Wall of Yesteryear aka "When you were in Grade 8"
- Duo Day
- Theme Week
- Grad luncheon
- Arial Drone Hat Toss video

- Lawn signs!

Grade 12 parents, if you have not done so, please log on to your School Cash Online account to pay this fee. On behalf of the Grad Committee, thank you!

Other fundraisers:



Please consider donating to the other annual PAC fundraisers also. These two optional Contributions can be found on School Cash Online.

- Scholarship Contribution: The Scholarship Fund provides various scholarships, book awards, and grants each year to Grade 12 students. Please consider donating to this worthwhile fund.
- PAC Contribution: The majority of PAC contributions provides funds towards wish list items to enhance classroom learning. Previous contributions have allowed the PAC to purchase digital and educational resources for the learning commons, film and camera equipment for Film, Technology, Business, Drama, Music and Theatre Company classes, science equipment, and classroom set of novels for the English Department.

We hope to see you on Zoom on Tuesday, April 20 for Dr. Craig’s talk and the monthly General PAC meeting.

All my best,
Tanya Mah
PAC Chair

Please follow us!

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