



## **PAC GENERAL MEETING**

**Rockridge Secondary School PAC Meeting**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 9:00 am**

### **Attending:**

PAC Chair: Tanya Mah

Vice Chair: Helen Hall

Past Chair: Tanya Petraszko (absent)

Treasurer: Barb Mitchell (absent)

Secretary: Debra Hadden

Online Communications: Tatiana Krapotkina

DPAC Representative: Amy Usher (absent)

Member at Large: Diana Steele (absent)

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Welcome and Call to Order:**

**9:04am**

The Chairperson, Tanya Mah, welcomed everyone to April's PAC general meeting and recognized that we are gathered together on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation.

*Amendment/Adoption of Agenda:* Motion by Tanya Mah: Agenda Approved by Helen Hall and Debra Hadden.

*Amendment/Adoption of Minutes:* Motion by Tanya Mah: Agenda Approved by Helen Hall and Debra Hadden.

## **1. Chair's Report**

**9:05 am**

### **Parent Education:**

An event hosted by West Van DPAC will take place on April 27th, as part of their Inclusion, Anti-Racism and Diversity series. *Sempulyan*, also known as 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.

Register on the DPAC website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac).

### **PAC/Rockridge:**

The Rockridge PAC has partnered with Rockridge to host Jesse Miller of Mediated Reality on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This is the final speaker in the PAC/Rockridge Parent Education series this school year.

With the 2020 experience in mind, children navigating screen-time, free-range online behaviours, and gaming, are focal points for parents and caregivers. Supporting families as we move forward in 2021, we need to fine tune the student culture of communicating in personal, professional, and entertainment online spaces. The main themes of conversation in this session will include media literacy, screen time balance, reporting negative online interactions and experiences, and beneficial use of social media and associated internet tools.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Understanding and using social media responsibly
- Balancing technology use for school, communication, and entertainment
- Positive use of gaming & participation in internet communities
- Digital consent in social sharing
- School and public enforcement of internet actions & behaviours
- Reporting tools for unsafe internet behaviours

Additionally, the conversation will include themes of digital consent:

- How to address development of personal and school community concepts of digital consent
- Digital consent and how dissemination of online content can impact consent
- Concepts of fostering trust in sharing of content
- How information should be respected in static and remote environments
- Messaging focus of permission & understanding of how consent can empower a culture of positive social media interaction

### **Grad Fund Reminder**

A Message from the Grad Committee Thanks was given 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”. 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!

A reminder to 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!

### **Social Media**

Parents are invited to sign up or follow the Facebook and Instagram pages we have set up. Tatiana, our Communications representative, regularly posts PAC information, reminders, and updates, so you can stay up to date on what’s happening on the parent side of things at the school. The links to our pages can be found in this month’s newsletter, as well as on the parent home page of the Rockridge website.

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm: PAC Annual General Meeting. Positions will be voted on for the PAC executive for the 2021-22 year. For more information on available roles or to submit your name, please email the PAC and we will forward it to the Nominating Committee (Helen Hall is on the Nominating Committee).

Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: May DPAC meeting. If you would like to attend, please email the PAC and we will provide you with a zoom link and the agenda.

Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm: West Vancouver Board of Education meeting. Parents are invited to join virtually, Please email Amanda at [abarr@wvschools.ca](mailto:abarr@wvschools.ca) for the link.

## **2. Treasurer’s Report**

**9:10 am**

Tanya Mah provided the Treasurer’s Report in Barb Mitchell’s absence.

Outdoor Classroom:

Tanya Mah reported that the PAC has raised \$61,055, which surpasses the \$60,000 total. The PAC is so grateful to everyone who has donated. 134 families have donated, including both future and alumni families.

All donations \$250 and over will be recognized on a stone plaque similar to the one located by the bleacher seats at the field. The PAC will be emailing those parents who have donated \$250 and above to confirm their dedication or acknowledgement.

The PAC also received a very generous \$10,000 grant from West Vancouver Schools. Our grand total is just over \$70,000, which will help with unexpected construction overages and any leftover monies will be directed to purchase seating and perhaps an outdoor art piece.

Other Treasurer Updates:

PAC will be reallocating funds from grad flowers (\$800) and Student Requests (\$500) toward a commemorative grad gift. Should additional funding be needed, it will be discussed at that time.

PAC fees raised: \$4,325.00

Wish list items were discussed in February (\$8K budget). Nothing has come through yet.

### **3. Committee and Project Reports**

**9:14 am**

Helen Hall provided the March/April DPAC Report in Amy Usher's absence.

Alden Habacon, Leading Inclusion Strategist was a featured speaker at parent education event (Profit of \$989 was earned from this event)

2<sup>nd</sup> event "Talking about Inclusion, Anti-Racism and Diversity", 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 (April 27<sup>th</sup>).

A Family Reading Challenge is being launched

West Vancouver Foundation is providing a number of small grants (\$500) to anyone who would like to apply to do something great in their community. Apply at [westvancouverfoundation.ca](http://westvancouverfoundation.ca)

BCCPAC: Parent Education conference. Empowerment through knowledge (Gordon Neufeld is one of the speakers).

At the April 7th DPAC meeting an Informative speech was given by Sean Nosak, Education in the Age of Misinformation. Meeting link on DPAC website.

Succession was discussed which will happen at the next DPAC. A number of positions are available.

### **4. Principal's Report (Garth Thomson as Ms. Duncan is away)**

**9:20 am**

Garth Thomson gave the presentation in Ms. Duncan's absence. Below are some highlights:

Full slide presentation has been posted to Additional Resources on the RPAC Parent Portal.

- Support Staff Appreciation Day happened on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the PAC for providing treats to staff.
- Pink Shirt Day was Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> (Kindness was the theme)
- Robust Learning is ongoing at Rockridge: Physics 12 testing out bridges, English 12 students, Mr. Parker (new Band teacher) getting started with a Drum Line

- As part of Virtual Learning Experiences, Victoria Desroches, Public Legal Educator, Indigenous Program, Justice Education presented to Law 12 Classes
- Model UN Club also participated in a Virtual Learning Experience
- Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition: March 1 – 12 (2 credit course, work together with the teacher to explore an area of interest and passion). The Grade 10's presented to the Grade 8 and 9 Classes (which they can apply to the Capstone).
- Two Film 11 students won the WorkSafeBC student safety video contest. Each student won \$1K. The film program at Rockridge was awarded \$3K.
- Assessment Thinking – Provincial Level: Tracy Smith is part of Ministry Grade 6-12 Proficiency Project Development Team and Jennifer Towers is part of a Metro working group looking at shifts at assessment.
- Graduation Assessments:  
GLA 10 completed in January 2021  
GNA results won't be out until end of May
- Graduation:  
Commencement Ceremony at the Kay Meek on May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
Meanwhile: Easter treats, Photos of grads on lockers keep the spirit going  
Upcoming: hat toss drone video, Theme days, lawn sign, Rockridge commencement gift
- Outdoor Classroom: Q4 construction, pending permit approval. Students from WVS Carpentry program and Mr. Henning's classes will build the footing.
- Current Initiatives: Mayor's Community Clean-up Challenge / Do1Give Day (spreading social good and happiness)
- Grade 8 Advisory:  
6 Grade 8 homerooms  
Each homeroom has mentors working with them  
Assigned a letter of RAVENS  
Choose a mascot and a colour / have a cheer
- School Sports:
- Boys Rugby: Coaches Zambon & Lawson / Ultimate: Student Coaches Maeya Joens and Anthony Lam /Track & Field: Begun April 20
- Health & Safety:  
Rockridge staff were invited to be vaccinated April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Ministry Student Learning Survey: until April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 10 and 12 students and parents invited
- Upcoming Dates:  
Last Day of Q3: April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Quarter turnaround day: April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
First day of Q4: April 26<sup>th</sup>

**5. Guest Speaker      Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of WV Schools      9:38am**

(Dr. Barry Craig of Huron was unavailable to attend)

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of West Vancouver Schools on **The Year Ahead at Secondary and Larger Pandemic Shifts in Learning and Schools.**

Below are some highlights. Full presentation has been posted to Additional Resources on the RPAC Parent Portal.

- Anticipating 100 per cent in-person instruction in the fall 2021
- Stages 1 and 2 of the BC School Plan
- 5 Takeaways:
  - Quarter system has been working in the context of the pandemic
  - Hybrid experience, as provided this year, was less effective than in-person instruction
  - Focusing on fewer courses at one time has been easier
  - X-block has been highly effective
  - A Semester Schedule is viewed by all stakeholder groups to be the most effective schedule for student learning
- The pros and cons were reviewed

## **2021/2022 School Year:**

Scheduling: Academies that are linear will continue

What is the opportunity?: Harness Innovation / Reimagine accountability / Remembering the power of the physical world / Support the most vulnerable / Reinforcing capacity / Building system resilience / Preparing resources (massive investment in technology infrastructure – building up the system for the technology that continues to come into our school).

Celebrate risk taking

Be the voice: not the echo (usually risk adverse, in education).

Trends: adults/students bringing 2/3 devices : Districts owning less – storing more in the cloud : Kids have been looking at other ways to learn outside of school.

Two Questions were asked to Superintendent Kennedy:

1. With the semester system next year, how long will classes be since students have indicated class length was too long this year?  
Four classes will be offered per day rather than the 2 so the class length will be shortened to what students are “used to” in previous years.
2. What about the pursuit program and online options?  
We anticipate that students will be able to participate in pursuit or passions outside the timetable still in X block similar to what they did this year. WVS won't offer online options, but students can still enroll at other places such as North Van, VLN, Richmond, etc.

## **6. New Business:**

**10:00 am**

Tanya Mah asked the group if there was any new business, and none was provided.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:03am**