



**PAC GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

**Rockridge Secondary School PAC Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 4:00 pm**

PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: Tanya Mah
Vice Chair: Helen Hall
Past Chair: Tanya Petraszko
Treasurer: Barb Mitchell
Secretary: Debra Hadden
Online Communications: Tatiana Krapotkina
DPAC Representative: Amy Usher
Member at Large: Diana Steele

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Call to Order: 4:04 pm

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

Amendment/Adoption of Agenda: TM had one amendment (to delete one line item.) Motion approved by Diana Steele and Helen Hall: Agenda Approved.

Approval of April 20, 2021 Minutes posted on the PAC website and emailed to Rockridge email list: Motion by Amy Usher and Diana Steele: Minutes Approved.

Chair's Report (May 2021): Tanya Mah 4:05 pm

TM reported on upcoming meetings throughout the District and invited parents to the last parent education session of the year, Jesse Miller of Mediated Reality.

TM reminded parents of grad events: Grade 12 families are asked to donate if they haven't done so already (in School CashOnline account).

- **Tuesday, May 25th, 9:30 to 11am - Hat Toss Aerial Video filming **Postponed to June 21st****
- **May 31 - Commencement at Kay Meek Theatre**
- **June 9 - Grad lunch picnic - place your order [here](#)**

TM invited everyone to sign up to social media. Links can be found on the Rockridge website. Events (when they are allowed) will be posted on the website.

June 2 DPAC meeting, 9:15am: If you would like to attend, email the PAC at ropac@wvschools.ca. Contact Tanya Mah if you are interested in joining DPAC.

Treasurer's Report (May 2021): Barb Mitchell

4:15 pm

Barb Mitchell reviewed the 2020/2021 Budget.

Because there were no field trips, team requests (athletic uniforms), we had additional funds left over (as most of these requests typically came through the gaming account).

We get a grant from the government (\$20/student). We need to spend 15% of that per year.

General account: PAC fees come into this account, cheque drive, WE pay the welcome coffee/pancake breakfast out of this account but we haven't had a lot of this so we have extra money. We have a cash balance of \$11,000.

This year, we will have some additional items for the grads: grad flowers, etc. because there is not a traditional grade event happening.

Committee and Project Reports: Diana Steele

4:18 pm

Diana Steele provided an update on the Outdoor Classroom Fundraising.

We were hoping to pour the foundation this quarter, but we can't break ground until we have the permit. We were required to make modifications for fire safety. We either had to change the structure or install a sprinkler system. We adjusted the structure, and are waiting for approval from District of West Vancouver. Our hope is to start construction during the summer. Judy Duncan contacted the District to inquire why the permit process is taking so long.

Next step is working on our plaque. We are hoping to allocate some of the money from the gaming account to engrave names on the plaque (for those who donated \$250 and above).

DPAC Report: Amy Usher

4:25 pm

Amy Usher provided a report on the main topics covered at the DPAC General Meeting held on May 2nd.

COVID: How to balance health and safety? Now that vaccines have been approved for 12 years and up, the hope is that all school-aged kids will be vaccinated before the fall. Parents are encouraged to register their kids on the getvaccinated.com site.

District Superintendent Chris Kennedy reported that 90% of all the school staff have had access to vaccinations. The last group (under 30) is now up for vaccination. They have found that there has been mostly adult to child community transmission and less from student to student (hence less notices about transmissions.)

Rapid test kits will now be available at the school. VSD piloted the program, which was successful so now it will be rolled out.

Should the students be at risk, Dr. Bonnie Henry has the authority to close the schools (not the local School District).

Results of the survey were reviewed: quarter system was overall well liked but had some challenges.

DPAC had Chief Constable from WVPD, John Low, talked about relationship between school and the police. Some school districts will not have police in the school (ie, Vancouver School District), but we have a good positive relationship and so the police will still have a presence. In high school, they are focused on consent, come to speak to Law and Social Justice Classes.

Principal's Report: Judy Duncan

4:30 pm

Ms. Duncan acknowledged that we are situated on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation. Please view this link to review Ms. Duncan's report.

New Business:

5:00 pm

No new business was reported.

General Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

AGM SUMMARY

Tanya Mah opened the Annual General Meeting.

Annual Chair's Report: Tanya Mah

5:00 pm

As a PAC, the priority was to provide information and education for our parent body and student body and we provided funding for those events as we do in a normal year, although programming has been modified. TM provided a recap of the year:

September 2020: The usual Welcome to Rockridge Pancake breakfast, Welcome coffee and Parent to Parent coffee for new families were all cancelled. A "new" fundraiser, one that expanded on an idea from previous years, was announced: the Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser.

October 2020: New Instagram and Facebook accounts launched. First PAC meeting held by Zoom and our special guest speaker was School Board Trustee Sheelah Donahue.

November 2020: Business as usual, as we finally got into a relatively comfortable rhythm with school, mask wearing, fundraising and zoom, whether it was the PAC meeting, work meetings, social wine nights, book clubs, or parent teacher meetings. We welcomed Maureen Lee to our PAC meeting, and she spoke about how the pandemic was building resilience in our kids.

December 2020: 35% of our goal for the outdoor classroom achieved, and planning was well underway for parent education sessions to be rolled out in the new year. The PAC held a virtual staff appreciation in the form of catered individual take-home meals for all staff.

Parents were so generous over the holidays, and things moved into high gear with the PAC and our fundraising efforts. Signs were printed, reminders were sent out and in January, the PAC was happy to announce we had raised almost 70% of our \$60,000 goal. Our PAC speaker in January was Bianca Ferrajohn, who spoke on Careers 8-12 Curriculum delivery.

February 2021: The PAC had raised 84%, or \$50,000 towards the Outdoor classroom. A special Parent education evening event on Student Stress and Anxiety during the Pandemic was held with Maureen Manning of Hollyburn Family Services and Jennifer Radcliffe, one of our Rockridge counsellors. The February PAC meeting had two speakers: Stephanie Langlois gave a presentation on Indigenous Education offerings at Rockridge and how Indigenous education is embedded throughout each grade level. Then Stephanie Jansen discussed experiential learning opportunities at Rockridge, as part of our Rockridge/PAC speaker partnership.

March 2021: No PAC monthly meeting. We partnered with the Rockridge Careers department to hold another parent education session: Parents as Education and Career Coaches. We announced one last, big push over Spring Break to try to reach our Outdoor Classroom fundraising goal of \$60,000.

April 2021: We had raised over \$61,000 and had received an additional \$10,000 grant from West Vancouver Schools for the Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser. We were able to thank Superintendent of Schools Mr. Chris Kennedy, personally for the additional funding since he was our special guest speaker. Mr. Kennedy gave us a very timely overview of what next year will look like at the high school level and what was learned about this year's quad-mester system.

May 2021: Final parent education session will be held this evening at 7pm. Jesse Miller from Mediated Reality will be discussing technology, youth, and social media. Here is a link to his presentation: <https://youtu.be/V6DJowvd-s>

Treasurer's Report: Barb Mitchell

5:05 pm

BM reviewed the budget. The opening balance is a projection. Anticipate around \$48K. Also receiving another \$19K in gaming grant.

We can potentially move the cost for some speakers to be covered by the gaming grant (those topics considered parent education, not student education, are covered).

We will be spending the money we raised for the outdoor classroom.

Wish List items: we love to do this. Every year, we fund the teacher's wish list. We will continue to support this.

Trust Fund: More than 10 years ago, the Rockridge PAC did a lot of fundraising and developed a trust fund that is managed by the School District. We have enough money to run it for 3-4 years – this year; we put \$500 in as a buffer for an additional two scholarships.

Motion to adopt 2021 budget. Motion moved.

5:11 pm

Elections for Nominations: Helen Hall

5:11 pm

Helen Hall ran the elections for nominations for next year's PAC Executive.

HH reviewed the rules of the election.

The following names were put forward and voted on for the 2021/2022 PAC Executive:

Co Chairs: Julie Stewart / Barb Mitchell

Vice Chair: Heather Carter

Secretary: Debra Hadden

Treasurer: Teresa Corey

Communications: Tatiana Krapotkina

Members at Large: Diana Steele, Lisa Mingo (so far)

DPAC Rep: Kelly Richter

The above were approved.

Stepping down is:

Amy Usher: DPAC Rep

Tanya Petraszko: Past Chair and Member at Large

Tanya Mah: Rockridge PAC Chair (Past West Van DPAC Rep, West Bay PAC Chair)

Tanya Mah gave a short speech. The new PAC executive was welcomed and Tanya was thanked for her tireless, gracious and important contributions over the years, as she dedicated many to volunteering at Rockridge, and at West Bay Elementary.

The last PAC meeting of the year was adjourned at 5:18 pm

Happy Summer!