



**PAC GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 at 5:30pm**

Location: Virtual, via Zoom

Attending:

- Dr. Graham Jackson; Rockridge Secondary; Principal
- Julie Stewart; Co-Chair
- Heather Carter; Vice-Chair
- Kelly Richter; DPAC Rep
- Debra Hadden; Secretary
- Tatiana Krapotkina; Communications Coordinator
- Helen Hall; Scholarship Committee Rep
- Teresa Corey; Treasurer
- Diana Steele; Member-at-Large
- Dana Renaud; Member at Large
- Kim Gould; Member at Large
- Denise Nosella; Member at Large
- Lisa Mingo; Member at Large
- Kim Whittall; Member at Large
- Sara Relling; Member at Large
- Anna Day; Member at Large
- Sylvia Butteworth; Member at Large
- Rosemary Silva
- Sara Gardner
- Mark Gardner
- Megan Bassendale
- Roger
- Lynne
- Emma
- Leanne
- Emily
- Chris

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome & Call to Order:

5:30pm

Julie Stewart welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

PAC Business:

5:35 pm

Adoption of Agenda - Diane Steele adopted the agenda and Kim Gould seconded.

Adoption of Minutes –Sara Relling adopted the agenda and Kim Gould seconded.

Chair’s Report - Julie Stewart reviewed upcoming speakers, and noted that our next speaker in February will be from jack.org.

Treasurer’s Report – Teresa Corey said there is no update as we have not spent any money since the last meeting. The priority has been on the wish list.

Wish List – Teresa Corey said teachers have submitted their wish list and “asks” have been approved. Goal is to fund most through the gaming account as we have an additional amount of money (we are given \$ amount per student which can only be spent on things that are very specific). TC noted that she is following up with regard to the gaming account and what on the wish list will qualify.

Committee and Project Reports

5:40 pm

Outdoor Classroom - *Diana Steele* provided the following update:

Mark Ritchie has come up with an architectural. Original wood structure was not fireproof so we needed to update design to steel structure. Diana reviewed new design/concept by Mark Ritchie. Existing plan may be expanded to 30 feet in diameter. New fire-retardant “sail” design may allow the funding to be pulled from the gaming account. Money saved may be able to be applied to other contracting duties. Circular seating structure is reminiscent of traditional peoples’ way of gathering. A number of teachers have expressed interest in using the structure: physics, english, PE (yoga), biology. Shop class will be involved in building the foundation. There will also be cameras installed for security purposes. Money available is \$70K.

Questions asked whether a covered pathway from Rockridge could be added (It’s located 20 feet from Rockridge). The answer was “likely not”. There was a question regarding cleaning. Dr. Graham Jackson loved having this option for kids to learn, have lunch. These sorts of structures are very common in Australia.

Please share any ideas or feedback with diana@eatingforenergy.com

DPAC Report – Kelly Richter provided the following update:

Annual DPAC Trustee Liaison meeting was postponed from January to March due to the delay in school opening and recognition that taking school administrators away for a ½ day meeting is not ideal at this time.

WVS Superintendent Chris Kennedy and NVSD Superintendent Mark Pearmain have organized a Q&A session focussed on Covid-19 and the K-12 school system with Dr. Mark Lyshyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Vancouver Coastal Health for next week; the session will be recorded and shared with our school community. To help prepare for this event, PACs and parents have been asked to submit any questions you would like answered to Tricia Buckley (tbuckley@wvschools.ca) by Thursday January 20th.

Online Communications - Tatiana Krapotkina provided the following update:

Website is up-to-date. Parents are encouraged to visit PAC section (upcoming speakers). Post was made on P2P FB/Insta re. asking for questions about Covid-19

Scholarship - Helen Hall said there was no update (An update will be given in April).

Cookie Exchange - Kim Gould provided the following update:

Very successful event. Loads of cookies displayed smorgasbord style, and teachers were able to select what they wanted into tins (thanks to Tina Pu for donating). 90 dozen cookies were donated. Recommended that a clean up committee be planned for next year.

Card Making Station – Julie Stewart provided the following update:

*Purpose of this event was to express gratitude and appreciation to teachers – this was an opportunity for **students** to show gratitude. Sentiments ranged from simple to detailed – Staff really appreciated it. Julie and team stuffed cards into staff mailbox. Each teacher received approximately three cards, while some received more.*

New Business

5:50 pm

Julie Stewart confirmed that the Gala is postponed to early May
Upcoming Speaker for February is confirmed from Jack.org

Principal's Report

5:55 pm

Dr. Graham Jackson provided the following update:

- Cookie celebration and card project was appreciated immensely, and it was a great opportunity for the teachers to gather.
- Masking/Covid/Reporting is very present in the community. Mental health is very key right now. GJ welcomed any questions.

Guest Speaker

6:00 pm

Lucas Wilson presented on How to Support Gender Diversity in Our Community.

The presentation:

- Provided foundational knowledge about gender diversity
- Identified the needs of trans, gender-diverse and Two Spirit youth in a school/community setting
- Discussed protective factors and frameworks to enhance the safety and belonging of all youth

Below are the resources from his presentation.

For parents and caregivers:

Families in Transition Guide:

<https://ctys.org/wp-content/uploads/Families-in-TRANSition.pdf>

Vancouver School Board “Questions and Answers” booklets (available in multiple languages):

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/Safe_Caring/SOGI/Pages/default.aspx

Supporting children, youth and families education resources and handouts:

<http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/health-professionals/education/mntl-hlth-spprt>

For youth:

Trans Care BC website book listing:

<http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/child-youth/support-for-families/articles-books-movies>

Advocates for Youth “I think I might be trans”:

<https://www.advocatesforyouth.org/resources/health-information/i-think-i-might-be-transgender/>

For all:

SOGI: <https://www.sogieducation.org>

Trans Care BC Health Navigation Team: <http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/about/contact>

Peer groups:

http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/care-support/peer-community-support/srvc-directory?filter=*&postal=

Trans Care BC website: [http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/resource listing](http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/resource%20listing)

Lucas Wilson is a public health educator and coordinator working in the field of transgender health. Lucas’s background is in youth work and he has worked extensively with the Vancouver School Board and other school districts in the Greater Vancouver Area to support inclusive school policy and transition plans for students. More recently, Lucas has worked in numerous roles directly supporting trans, gender diverse and Two Spirit people of all ages, particularly in the context of gender affirming healthcare access. He is also an MPH (Master of Public Health)

candidate at Simon Fraser University and hopes to utilize his education in support of accessible and capable systems of care for underserved populations.

Supporting Trans, Gender-Diverse and Two Spirit Youth and Young Adults: When schools and communities are gender inclusive all youth benefit.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 16th at 5.30 pm - virtual in-person/virtual hybrid, as per current PHO orders