



**PAC Meeting
October 19, 5:30 pm**

Location:

Library @ Rockridge Secondary School and Online

Attending from Rockridge Admin:

Trevor Kolkea; Rockridge Secondary Principal

Attending from PAC Executive:

Julie Stewart: Chair

Heather Thompson: Vice Chair

Debra Hadden: Secretary

Teresa Corey: Treasurer

Lisa Mingo: Member at Large

Dana Renaud: Member at Large

Kim Whittall: Member at Large

Attending from Rockridge Parent Community:

Rachel Clearwater, Sara Gardner Jenny Hippel, Helen Hall, Kelly Kerklaan, Jae Im, Emilie Ireland, Emma Lipton, Emily Lu, Mary Grace Russell

Welcome & Call to Order:

5:30pm

PAC Business:

Acknowledgement of the "Land We Share"

Adoption of Agenda: Julie Stewart approved & Teresa Corey seconded

Adoption of Minutes from May 2022 PAC AGM: Julie Stewart approved & Teresa Corey seconded

Chair's Report (Julie Stewart):

5:35 pm

- JS mentioned that the PAC is recruiting speakers for meetings: In November, Ian Kennedy will be taking feedback on curriculum (semester vs. linear system) and presenting the feedback. The PAC is still looking for speakers to present on various topics (mental health, vaping, etc.)
- JS reviewed the PAC Executive for 2022/2023:
All roles are filled (succession chart completed) Julie Stewart will be Chair / Heather Carter will be Co-Chair;
Secretary; Debra Hadden (Lisa Mingo for 2024);
Treasurer – Teresa Corey (Sara Relling for 2024);
Communications Coordinator - Tatiana Krapotkina (Denise Nosella, minus graphics for 2024);

DPAC Rep - Kelly Richter – need to determine if anyone can take over this role. Kelly can help to replace herself; and,

- Scholarship Committee - Helen Hall – (Sylvia Butterworth will be Helen’s replacement for 2023/24)

Treasurers’ Report (Teresa Corey):

5:43 pm

- Teresa Corey provided a report. \$13,900 is in the General Account. \$56,000 is in the Gaming Account (every year, through the Gaming Commission, \$20 per student is granted. Strict guidelines on how to spend this money; it has to be for the students or for activities outside of the classroom). Need to spend \$30K this year. Teachers are working on their Wish List.
- TK will provide some information on the Gaming Account (vs. their budget) to the RR teacher community.
- TC said wish lists are due in Dec. 2022

Committee and Project Reports:

5:49 pm

Outdoor Classroom: (5:49 pm – 5:58 pm)

Lisa Mingo provided an update:

- Building permit has been granted. New name: “Outdoor Learning Area” – permit was not given for a classroom (which has walls).
- David Henning will share the plans with Greg Cormier (Train & Trades; WVSS) and outline the next steps. DH said that the students in that program would not be able to do the concrete benches/wood benches until April. Canadian Sail Company may be able to help with the concrete pouring.
- Budget is being determined for sail and the forms. Design has increased budget. Revised quote is required for the sails (Canadian Sail Company), which are now larger. Have to account for inflation, according to DH.
- Need to secure a general contractor – manage time/budget/sub-contractors.
- Plan to reach out to community to see if there is a general contractor willing to be involved. As well, there is a need for tree removal etc.
- Review budget once these are implemented to see if it has to be revised.
- TK said that he is working with facilities to see how the district can assist.
- Received a big banner but will have to wait until everything is in order to break ground, and promote the “Outdoor Learning Area”

DPAC Report: (5:58pm – 6:11pm)

Julie Stewart provided the DPAC update, on behalf of Kelly Richter:

- Bus 262: Proposal has been to change the route down to Marine. Should be finalized this year.
- BCTU at the table.
- West Vancouver Place for Sport (estimated completion is Sept. 2023).
- PAC Survey was sent out by PJ which was very useful in guiding PAC activities.
- At Sentinel there has been an initiative to help route traffic (within a 5-minute distance of the school). Rockridge is going to look at reviewing traffic through a committee at the school, and through the District. Rockridge (Sentinel rep; Jatinder) will create a traffic pattern map.
- Traffic Committee struck: Jenny Hippel / Kelly Richter / Teresa Corey

- Every year, DPAC has asked input from parents regarding funding (i.e./increased bus service, more EA's in school, etc.). Kelly Richter reported that the District has asked for input on budget; where is the district money going to be spent? There needs to be a discussion about what needs support?

Communications Committee (6:11pm – 6:14pm)

Julie Stewart provided an update:

- PAC section is under parents (insert link)
- Rockridge on Facebook / Instagram

Principals Report

6:15pm

Trevor Kolkea provided an update:

- “Students at the Centre” – motto illustrating how students are at the forefront of decision making. Families are also at the centre.
- Esse Quam Videri – “To be, rather than to seem”: becoming great citizens of a world IB school.
- Beyond the E-Bulletin: What you need; Where you need it; When you need it.
Created a Raven Life section: the concept being that you can get a deeper idea. TK said that he is a big believer in Twitter for communication. Google Classroom, is a good way to find out what's happening with your student.
Acknowledging the Raven Community / Celebrating the Raven Community / Growing the Raven Community: A number of teachers involved: Dave Dickinson / Ms. Kashani / Garth Thompson developing some Raven Wear.
The Announcements button has been well used. These are the announcements that happen in the school, “for the day”.

Guest Speaker: Trevor Kolkea

6:26pm

Mr. Kolkea gave a Guest Speaker presentation on Block 5, Grade 8-12:

- At West Van/Sentinel, they call it “X block”. Rockridge rebranded it to Block 5 because it's not a “crossed out” block.
- X Block was originally developed out a need to build a structure to accommodate health & safety requirements.
- Originally labeled FIT (Flexible Instruction Time); There were a number of good elements. Our goal is that During Block 5, the same characteristics as our motto are happening: The MYP Learner Profile .
- There is a strategic scheduling of events:
CLE 10, CLC 11/12
Careers blocks for Gr. 8&9
Gr. 8: Taking attendance every Tues and Thursday
Careers blocks
Advisory blocks: Grade 10 mentors will help with leading initiatives such as “team building” etc. (Rewriting tests / finishing assignments)
- Rockridge Secondary (@RockridgeSS): Block 5 in Action: Good idea to follow to see what's going on.
- Lots of activities are happening within Block 5 (schedule will be posted on the E.Bulletin). Will get feedback from teachers on the student participation and attendance.

- There is a list of where each teacher will be during BLOCK 5. Link for future reference on bit.ly/rrFITlocations22
- What can you do?: Discuss a plan for your student; Follow up with your student; Check in with a teacher; Follow up with your student's counsellor. Mr. Pander/ Mr. Kolkea are managing the Grade 8's/9's.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony will be the first time that everyone will be together in two years.

New Business

6:52pm

JS highlighted the following initiatives:

- Spring Golf Tournament Fundraiser
- Speakers Requested (Nov., Jan., Feb. April)
- Initiatives:
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Breakfasts, Cookie Exchange, Gratitude Cards
 - RR Community Building
 - Multi-Cultural Luncheon
 - Wine and Cheese after the PAC meeting
 - Student Culture
 - Support clubs with snacks
 - Support clubs with uniforms
 - Support clubs with field trips / bussing
 - Community Outreach
 - Backpack Buddies
 - Sandwich Program
 - Sponsor a Family
 - Warm Clothing Drive

Other (from questions):

- Jenny Hippel said that Mr. Parker was very excited to receive uniforms for Drum Line
- Discussed promoting activities at Rockridge as the Feature of the week: DrumLine/ across Social Media. Each club is sponsored by a teacher (50 clubs and 35 teachers that make that happen) i.e./ Jazz Band played at Pumpkin Fest, Sunday, Oct. 15.
- Sports Schedules will be put on the e.bulletin – TK will see what he can do for the winter one so that parents can attend the games. i.e./ Senior Boys Shoot-out / Drumming / Field Hockey / Robotics Competitions: Need to increase school spirit. Suggested that there should be a way to promote it more. Liaison could be assigned to coordinate with the clubs.
- Emily (Bowen resident); 25 per cent of students are from Bowen. Requesting to change PAC meeting time to later because of the dangerous cargo sailing schedule on BC Ferries on Wednesday evenings. JS said they could form a committee to organize carpooling. Emily mentioned that the Breakfast / BBQ was excellent. Emily enquired about dances? TK mentioned that dances are fun, but complicated, need staff supervision, not as keen.

Meeting Adjourned:

7:15pm

(Next PAC meeting, November 16 @ 5:30pm at the Rockridge Library)

