



December 2022 Special PAC Newsletter

Notice of SPECIAL PAC VIRTUAL Meeting: Changes to Annual PAC Budget

All are encouraged to attend

Thursday, December 8th at 11am via ZOOM*

Note: this Virtual Meeting will be recorded.

Rockridge PAC has received a petition requesting a Special Meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Annual PAC Budget. This amendment contemplates changes to the budget expenditures allowing for the purchase of the tensile structure (sail) from PAC gaming funds to support the Rockridge Outdoor Student Gathering Area, formerly envisioned as an Outdoor Classroom Space. **This meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 8th, 11:00 am over Zoom. *[Link](#)***

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Where we started: The outdoor "Learning Centre" concept and related PAC fundraising were first started in 2019. The anticipated design contemplated an outdoor classroom.

Where we are now: Through subsequent communications with our municipality regarding this space, we have realized that building an outdoor classroom is beyond our abilities from a financial and building permit standpoint. The focus of the project has shifted to an outdoor "Student Gathering Area", which has been designed to be an accessible area with a waterproof tensile removable structure over it for students to gather outside. We anticipate the space will be used by clubs, student groups, and as an outdoor meeting place for students to gather. As such, our building permit from the District of West Vancouver has changed from an outdoor classroom to an outdoor gathering area. Please see the attached rendering.

Total Proposed Expense of Rockridge Outdoor Student Gathering Space: \$135,000

Sources of Funding:

- \$62,000 from generous donations of RR families held in the RR PACs trust account. (Thank you for your support!!)
- \$47,500 from RR PACs Gaming account (**NEW** allocation being proposed)
- \$25,500 to be fundraised (via cheque drive, starting in January 2023)
- \$135,000 total (Project complete by May 1, 2023)

What the budget amendment proposes: As we are now ready to move forward with the construction, we need to formally allocate the costs of the Student Gathering Area into our annual PAC Budget and re-allocate some of the Gaming Grant funds to specifically pay for the purchase of the sail portion of the project.

As the intended use of the outdoor space has shifted from a classroom to a student gathering area, the amendment is proposing the use of the Rockridge PAC Gaming Funds (\$47,500) for the removable waterproof sail which provides sun and rain protection over the outdoor Student Gathering Area. This is an eligible cost as per BC's Gaming Grant PAC Guidelines.

Further Details to know:

- The gaming grant is replenishable annually from the BC Govt Gaming Fund
- Gaming Grant Funds are meant to be fully used on an annual basis. In other words, the account balance should be zero by June 2023.

- Rockridge PAC has a surplus in its Gaming account because of Covid (\$48,000)
- For additional clarity, based on our student population, we expect \$16,000-18,000 will be deposited into the Rockridge Gaming acct from the BC government in Sept 2023

Why you should attend:

You are a part of the Parent Advisory Council, and your voice should be heard. In order for the PAC to allocate the funds to this project, 50% plus one person must approve. No proxy voting is allowed. You must be present (via a recorded Zoom meeting) to vote.

We appreciate you considering attending this SPECIAL PAC meeting. We anticipate it will only take a few minutes to review the material herein and vote.

Sincerely,
Julie Stewart
PAC Chair

*Zoom Details for Thursday, December 8th at 11am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84717368101?pwd=MDVZNHgrdnIWZONwRGIMNEg2QjIEQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1736 8101

Passcode: 587253

PIVOT - THE MAKING OF AN ANIMATION SHORT (VIEW THE TRAILER HERE)

You're invited (parents and siblings too) to a private screening of the award-winning short film, Pivot, which was made here in Vancouver. It won BEST CANADIAN ANIMATION SHORT FILM AWARD!!!

The creatives (writer, director, animation director, art director, composer and producer) will talk about the making of the film as well as the importance of collaboration and vision. The presentation will touch upon many disciplines: Writing, drawing, music, digital art, animation, marketing, even math.

The women are happy to have break out groups for questions and discussions afterwards - they know you might ask them to do this on the fly.

Please attend! The film is very relevant to the lives of your students:

It's about a young girl whose mom has been oppressive and has not let her be who she wants to be. The mom gives her a dress to wear to an event today, and the dress becomes the girl's resentment and anger, personified. It comes to life as a monster, and much like our own emotions, this monster consumes the girl herself, threatening her very existence. The film is about her getting control of her inner monster and finding the courage to confront her mother so she can lead an honest and authentic life, even though this is so hard to do. It's quite beautiful and there's a lot of symbolism to unpack. Plus the design, animation and music are outstanding!

Thursday, Dec 8th

Block 5 - Learning commons in the library

DON'T MISS IT!!

Please note: It verges on scary - the dress comes to life and actually consumes her - she has to fight her way out. It's not a kiddie film, so if anyone is thinking it's going to be babyish, it's not. I wouldn't recommend that children under 10 years old watch it.

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Julie Stewart PAC CHAIR



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