



**PAC Meeting**  
**February 15, 6:00 pm**

**Location:**

Rockridge Secondary School Library (and virtual)

**Attending from Rockridge Admin:**

Trevor Kolkea; Rockridge Secondary Principal

**Attending from PAC Executive:**

Heather Thompson: Vice-Chair

Teresa Corey: Treasurer

Debra Hadden: Secretary

Dana Renaud: Member-at-Large

Sylvia Butterworth: Member-at-Large

Anna Day: Member-at-Large

**Attending from Rockridge Parent Community:**

Sara Gardner, Emilie Kaplun, Yuchen's Mum, Ro'bin, Wendy Human, Merry

**Welcome & Call to Order:**

**6:00pm**

- Heather Thompson, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting with a Welcome and Acknowledgement of the "Land We Share". *"We would like to recognize that we are gathered together on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation and want to thank our friends and colleagues in the Nation who are working with us to guide our understanding of the history of this land and its people. We respect and honor the Elders past, present and future as we bring this knowledge to the students of our community."*

**PAC Business:**

**6:02pm**

- Adoption of Agenda: Teresa approved & Sara seconded.
- Adoption of Minutes from Jan. 18, 2023 PAC Meeting: Teresa approved & Sara seconded.

**Guest Speakers:**

**6:05pm**

"Beat the Vape Club" at Rockridge supporting students and families with smoking cessation

- Corrine Kinnon, District Principal - Inclusive Education and VCH Representative; Anna Lee (Public Health Nurse) delivered an informative presentation on how to support your child if they are choosing to vape/use substances; and how RR can help. A number of valuable resources were shared within the presentation. Slides from the presentation can be viewed [here](#).
  - Sylvia Butterworth mentioned the need to have a speaker brought in to address the issues of alcohol and drinking, and responsible use of alcohol. As well, the responsibility of parties and parent liability. Heather Carter said it would be tabled for discussion during the next PAC meeting.

#### **SD45 Update:**

**6:42pm**

- *Carolyn Broady, Board of Trustees, Chair*
- *Lynne Block, Board of Trustees, Trustee*  
*Carolyn and Lynne gave an informative presentation on their background (both from West Vancouver) and what a school trustee does. Lynne listed the responsibilities:*
  - *Responsible to the community that voted us in.*
  - *Responsible to the government for the budget, to spend it wisely.*
  - *Specifically, we are responsible to those that voted us in, to the Ministry of Education, to activate for all students and learners in the district, to promote confidence and excellence in education.*
  - *Responsible for Strategic Goals & Direction (policies & procedure). FESL: provincial government examined what was needed for all students to do well in the school district. Liz Hill and Ian Kennedy looked at what FESL meant for our district – then each school did the FESL for their own school community. Two things came out as really important: care & sense of belonging; relief of stress came out on top for Rockridge.*
  - *Science Fair and Personal Projects held a lot bragging power for the trustees.*

*Carolyn Broady (Chair of the Board): previous PAC chair, DPAC rep. VP of the Canadian School Trustees Association gave an overview of the goals:*

- *Underlying goal (oath of office) is to pursue outcomes: ensure that we are meeting expectations, students are transitioning well from post-secondary onwards. Graduation rates in WV are the highest in the province; we are the highest achieving school districts in BC, if not Canada. Excellent teachers and support staff. We will continue to ensure that each one of our students have someone that supports them; helps them feel safe, for the friendships. Said she is grateful because of the supportive parents.*

#### **PAC Chair Report:**

**6:53pm**

Heather Carter provided an update:

- Outdoor Gathering Space Cheque Drive

- Raising another \$40,000 to complete the project. Signs have been placed around the school.
- Use QR Code on signs to donate.
- Students are going name it
- Diana Steele (absent) still does not have final sign off on the seismic loads, which is delaying getting us the structural drawings for the posts which we need to begin excavation. Bauhaus Construction is being super accommodating. DS is managing Shade Sails to ensure there is pressure on the engineers; but worried that the back/forth may increase the price. Trevor is working with Mary Lee to promote and get the word out (added to the RR bulletin this week, as well as PAC e.Bulletin, and feeder schools). There has been outreach to Dave Henning to reach out to Greg Cormier's students about building the bench. \$5,700 has been raised to date through the online fundraiser. \$600 was just donated from the graduating class of Gleneagles from last year.
- Spring Golf Tournament - Teresa Corey and Kelly Richter are organizing
  - Will take place at the Orchard, Possibly on May 11, 2023 (TBC)
  - Sponsorship, Prizes per Hole will be featured.
- Teacher Appreciation (Teacher lunch) - Volunteers will be needed
  - Date - Friday, MAY 19th
  - Will need parent support in making lunch items

**Treasurers' Report:****6:58pm**

Teresa Corey, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report:

The focus has been on raising funds for the Outdoor Classroom. Recently wrote a cheque to cover the deposit on the sail, and for the tree removal. \$5,800 now exists in the general account due to the tree removal expense. Gaming balance is at \$29,000.

**Committee & Project Reports:****7:00pm**

The following project reports were provided:

- Scholarship – *Sylvia Butterworth* (\$600 donation was provided)

**Principals Report:****7:05pm**

Mr. Kolkea provided a report. A link to Mr. Kolkea's presentation can be referenced [here](#).

- Question regarding International Luncheon (March 8<sup>th</sup>) – was it intended to be a Fundraiser?

**New Business:****7:20pm**

Heather Carter provided the following report.

- Upcoming Speakers
  - Ian Kennedy - SD45 Updates
  - Chris Kennedy or Sean Nosek - OpenAI and Chat GPT
- [Parents as Education and Career Coaches](#) presentation March 8 @ 6:30pm  
[Registration](#) is required (see below details)
- [Jazz Cafe](#) - at RR on March 2nd - (see below details)

There is a need for speakers for the April meetings. Please [email](#) the PAC if you have any suggestions.

Next Mtg: Wed, April 19th @ 6:00 pm at Rockridge Library

**Adjournment****7:25pm****Next Presentation: Parents as Education and Career Coaches; March 8<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm. Registration is required.**

EducationPlannerBC and SD 45 West Vancouver invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop: Learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. All parents and supporters of high school students are welcome, but the presentation is especially helpful for those with students in Grades 10-12.

The session is engaging and informative, and includes a Q&A.

Topics include:

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions & credentials
- Program and admission requirements & key dates
- Financial assistance options & scholarships

· Navigating resources and the application process through our website  
<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca>

Hosted on MS Teams webinar. Registration is required. Register here. For more information:  
[support@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca)

Contact: Leesa Alldred [LAlldred@wvschools.ca](mailto:LAlldred@wvschools.ca)

### **Jazz Café at RR (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Rockridge will be hosting a "Jazz Cafe" in the evening on March 2nd. It will take place in Players Hall and we are looking at about 100 to 150 guests. This event will feature Rockridge Jazz Ensembles, Visual Art department and Drama department. Additionally, the Caulfield gr. 6-7 band and one professional group will be attending to perform.

We will work as a team but delegate tasks including decorations, food and drink, sponsorships, and maybe after-event duties.

Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out or have any questions and I will go over the event details with you.

### **UPCOMING PAC MEETINGS**

2022-2023 PAC Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month

- Wednesday April 19 @ 6:00 pm at Rockridge Library
- AGM - Wednesday May 17 @ 6:00 pm at Rockridge Library

### **Rockridge Website:**

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/pac-events/>

### **Facebook:**

[Rockridge Secondary PAC - RSPAC](#)

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