



**PAC Meeting**  
**January 18, 6:30 pm**

**Location:**

The Orchard; Gleneagles Golf Course

**Attending from Rockridge Admin:**

Trevor Kolkea; Rockridge Secondary Principal

**Attending from PAC Executive:**

Julie Stewart: Chair

Heather Thompson: Vice-Chair

Teresa Corey: Treasurer

Debra Hadden: Secretary

Kelly Richter: DPAC Rep

Lisa Mingo: Member at Large

Dana Renaud: Member at Large (outdoor gathering space)

Denise Nosella: Member at Large

**Attending from Rockridge Parent Community:**

Anna Day, Sara Gardner, Jenny Hippel, Cora MacDonald, Casey White, Rachel Clearwater, Sophie Ukdni, Giorgio Riccardi, Yaaling Li, Elaine Lui

**Welcome & Call to Order:**

**6:30pm**

- Julie Stewart, 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.*
- Adoption of Agenda: Sara Gardner approved & Anna Day seconded.
- Adoption of Minutes from Nov. 16, 2022 PAC Meeting: Kelly Richter approved & Sophie U. seconded.
- Adoption of Minutes from Special Meeting Dec. 8: Lisa Mingo approved and Kelly Richter seconded

**Guest Speakers:****6:35pm****Michael Frankowski, Director, International Programs and Rebecca Rowley, Vice Principal delivered a presentation on international programs**

West Vancouver Schools has been a leader in international programs for 40 years. Students come from over 25 countries each year for top-class education, inclusivity, Canadian culture, and an unparalleled local experience. Frankowski and Rowley delivered an informal and informative presentation on the international student / homestay programs and opportunities for both international students and the homestay families. They shared details about their recruiting efforts, enrollment over the years and homestay programs.

- WVSD hosted approx. 400 students last year (spread out across the district): Note that K-7 students are hosted with a parent.
- When applications are received, students from China / South Korea / Germany are the first to apply. More funded students are coming into the district due to international instability.
- Rockridge has fewer homestays due to geography.
- There are two types of students: Gradicators and Non-Gradicators (mostly from Italy, Germany, Spain who are coming for a cultural experience). There are specific requirements for those students who want to graduate in Canada (i.e./ Grade 10-12, English). Students have to meet minimum achievement standards in order to stay enrolled.
- Often, international students help open up new courses and provide new opportunities.
- Orientation program is organized for international students – transportation, cultural opportunities, tours around the city, social opportunities; all contributing to a huge uptake in success. In 2022, 156 students participated in September / 53 in February are doing the orientation.
- Most kids are hosted. There is reimbursement for hosting through personal taxes, 2X @ \$1100/student (\$2200 x 10). Up to \$22,000/year.
- Opportunity to provide lifetime connections.
- Lisa Mingo, who hosted a student from Italy in 2021/2022 had a very positive experience and is happy to provide info.
- Teresa Corey has had a number of homestay students (she is now hosting her 10<sup>th</sup>).

*The following questions were asked:*

Q. How much can you request in your student preference? Gender / Language?

You can list your preferences. Matching is done in April & May. The family is told first which student they are getting. There is no obligation to take them wherever you go.

Q. How much does the district receive in revenue per student?

A. \$7,885.00/student. From K-9 it's a per student model, but from 10-12, it's a per program model.

**PAC Chair Report:****7:20 PM**

Julie Stewart provided the Chair Report:

Outdoor Gathering Space

- Cheque Drive: \$40K needs to be raised by May 2023
- Promotional Brochure in progress
- School Cash Online will be open
- Thermometers will be produced to track \$ raised from Contingency Funds & Golf Tournament can be contributed if required.
- Students will be asked to name the "Outdoor Gathering Space".

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Teacher Appreciation Lunch (TBD, possibly May 19): District & School based with Indigenous Theme

Spring Golf Tournament

- Teresa Corey and Kelly Richter are organizing this fundraising event. It will take place at Gleneagles Golf Course. There will be opportunities for sponsorship, silent auction, hole prizes, and of course a chance to mingle with other RRparents. There will be a social event after the golf tournament, so parents who don't golf can still attend.

**Treasurers' Report:**

**7:25pm**

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

There are a lot of funds in gaming; fortunate position to be able to support the Outdoor Gathering Space. Mr. Kolkea will support teachers with their Wish List requests, while the PAC will support the Outdoor Gathering Space.

- \$13,000 in general account
- \$30,000 in gaming (just wrote \$20,000 cheque for Gathering Space materials).
- \$140,000 is the total cost (\$55,000 is in trust from previous fundraising).
- Cheque fundraiser will assist with additional funds required to build the Outdoor Gathering Space.

**Committee & Project Reports:**

**7:30pm**

The following project reports were provided:

Outdoor Gathering Space (Diana Steele / Lisa Mingo):

- Brochure has been written with all the facts and it is ready to be printed. It will be sent to Grade 7 families as well, and could be sent to alumni too. Jenny Hippel suggested Social Media as a good channel to promote the fundraising opportunity to Facebook communities.

DPAC Report (Kelly Richter):

- DPAC participated in a "Blanket Exercise", guided by Brad Baker, which illustrated the need to be talking about indigenous education delivery in BC schools. (i.e./ there exists an impact of colonialism in BC. A lot of people have no understanding of the history). Parents want to have an opportunity to have the same education as their

children. First Peoples English is now a graduation requirement, and will be offered in Grade 10 and 11.

**Traffic & Safety (Kelly Richter):**

Every school did a safety assessment. When report back on traffic safety recommendations is returned, it will be reviewed. Jatinder is currently reviewing 17 reports.

A question was raised about whether it is possible to pay for a student to take the bus if they are not within the minimum distance away? *Mr. Kolkea will send the contact to follow up?*

**Student Snacks (Debra Hadden):**

Student led clubs have a teacher sponsor. Anything that is financially related has to be accessed through the teacher. Any requests can be channeled through Mr. Kolkea.

Community Outreach (Julie Stewart): RR community banded together to support various initiatives during the holiday season.

**Principals Report:**

**7:40pm**

Mr. Kolkea provided a report.

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Mr. Kolkea reported the following progress on action items:

- Thermometer construction is underway for fundraising campaign: Dave Henning has already completed. Ms. Lehman will finish.
- Traffic and safety meeting to occur once results are returned from Nov. assessment.
- Teacher Appreciation Day – Friday, May 19 (motion passed)
- Will confirm in-kind Playground Grant (\$5K) funding from the district

**New Business:**

**8:00pm**

Julie Stewart provided the following report.

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

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>) Evening event 100-150 guests, art & visual art exhibits. Looking for volunteers to help at the event. Contact is Emily Liu.  
Next meeting is on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at RR Library.

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.

**Meeting adjourned:**

**8:20pm**

Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm at Rockridge Library.

### **UPCOMING PAC MEETINGS**

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

- Wednesday February 15 @ 6:00 pm at Rockridge Library
- 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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