



**PAC AGM Meeting  
May 17, 2023**

**Location:**

Rockridge Secondary School Library (and virtual)

**Attending from Rockridge Admin:**

Trevor Kolkea; Rockridge Secondary Principal  
Ian Kennedy, WV Schools, Director of Instruction

**Attending from PAC Executive:**

Julie Stewart: Chair  
Teresa Corey: Treasurer  
Debra Hadden: Secretary  
Kelly Richter: DPAC  
Lisa Mingo: Member at Large  
Denise Nosella: Member at Large

**Attending from Rockridge Parent Community:**

Sara Gardner, Carrie Haver, Kelly Kerklaan, Sylvia Butterworth

**Welcome & Call to Order:**

**6:00 pm**

- 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 honour the Elders past, present and future as we bring this knowledge to the students of our community."*

**PAC Business:**

**6:05 pm**

- Adoption of Agenda: Sara approved & Lisa seconded.
- Adoption of Minutes from April 19, 2023 PAC Meeting: Sara approved & Lisa seconded.

**Chair's Report:**

**6:07 pm**

- Julie provided a summary of the activities of the Rockridge PAC in 2022/23.

Julie thanked everyone for all the hard work, enthusiasm and collaboration over the past year. There have been a number of PAC organized events to be proud of, including: the large and grateful attendance at the grade 8 pancake breakfast, welcome tea, teacher appreciation breakfasts, teacher appreciation luncheon, numerous speakers including the animation team presentation (Pivot) and the play about date rape (Dissolve), presentation on scholarship opportunities (Unlock your Future) the Blanket Ceremony for indigenous education, sponsorship of new uniforms etc. The PAC is organizing a fundraising event, Golf Tournament and Beer Garden, and continues to endeavor to get the Outdoor Gathering Area built with a successful cheque drive. Julie thanked Mr. Kolkea for his engagement, accessibility and support and mentioned how fantastic it was to work with him.

**Guest Speaker:**

**6:15 pm**

Ian Kennedy, Director of Instruction, WV Schools

“New BC Reporting Policy in Action”

Ian Kennedy provided an overview of the new BC reporting policy, how it aligned with the redesigned curriculum (Know, Do & Understand), which will create consistency across the province. Mr. Kennedy reviewed the use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale which views learning as ongoing, rather than signalling that learning is done. It also maintains high standards for students by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning.

An active discussion followed. Here are some key takeaways from the Q&A:

**Q.** Why are you still giving percentage grades?

**A.** The conversion to percentages is done later. Universities are looking at proficiency scales. Universities are working through this process. There isn't a disadvantage to this. Currently, grade 10, 11, 12 (grad program) will receive percentages, so nothing has changed much for Rockridge. Rather, this is more of a change on how we get to that letter grade (i.e./ the learning has changed.)

**Q.** Will universities in Ontario recognize this reporting system?

**A.** Yes. A lot of provinces are moving to this program. Depends on the university whether they will read the comments on report cards. More American and EU universities review the comments.

**Q.** Is there an IB Program offered at Rockridge?

**A.** The only IB program is offered at West Van High.

**Q.** Will Grade 10's receive percentages and letter grade as per the reporting order?

**A.** Yes, likely. This will be confirmed.

Ian Kennedy summed up the discussion with his view: “As educators, I believe this is a more equitable, more fair, learning-focused approach. This will enable you to understand where their learning is at – as opposed to a letter grade. Parents come from a different value of assessment given their experience. A lot of work is taking place at the Ministry of Education level.

## Treasurer's Report:

7:00 pm

- Teresa Corey provided a report and presented the [2023 Preliminary PAC Budget](#). A discussion followed and the budget was modified during the meeting.
- Here is a summary of some of the changes:
  - \$8,500 was collected for the Outdoor Gathering Space through donations made on CashOnline and donations from the golf tourney.
  - Increased the \$ allocation for the teachers wish list to benefit students within the school (i.e./ uniforms, learning support, student requests (clubs)...
  - The PAC can utilize gaming funds for Field trips & Transportation which takes away some of the hard costs. In the permission letter, ensure that the PAC is acknowledged as supporting the field trip. Teachers can make this request. One way to approach this is to allocate a \$ amount per division which can be used at the teacher's discretion.
  - Feedback has been to equitably support more teams. Make fees for teams lower – We need to be strategic on where those areas need to be funded. It was suggested that the PAC should make a wish list for team support (i.e./ buses for rugby and Model UN trips)
  - Need to support Teachers' Wish List, Athletics/Uniforms, Transportation to student games (i.e./Field Trips)
  - Student Food Support: Took the money out and put it in Student Requests / Miscellaneous. Item reallocated because there is a Food Fund. \$700 Boy's Club could be funded by the District Food Fund? Student Requests was increased to \$1200
  - Funding can be made available to Clubs to buy supplies (clubs are teacher-directed and sponsored). Suggested that memo is sent to teachers to inform them of the opportunity to get funding
  - Funding for Student Speakers such as Unlock your Future / Pivot: TK will provide a list. A speaker on anti-gang/substance abuse was just booked. Move \$200 from Speakers for PAC Meetings into Student Speakers.
  - Safe Teen: TK really likes this one – expense was moved to Student Speakers
  - Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast / Grad Flowers & related expenses moved to PAC Expenses. Other PAC expenses are Staff Appreciation & Teacher Luncheon.
- Budget was approved: Lisa Mingo made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget: Julie approved / Sara seconded.
- The ExecPAC will meet during the summer to modify budget as there are still outstanding bills for the Outdoor Gathering Area, and It's not determined how much funds will be raised through fundraising efforts and the golf tournament.

## Committee Reports:

7:55 pm

Outdoor Gathering Area (Lisa Mingo provided an update):

- Still collecting \$50 donation to create a space for our teens to connect with nature and each other - see further detail[here](#). Parents encouraged to [donate here](#)
- Engineering Design will be completed in two weeks, at which time they will put the project in the work schedule, for mid-June. Babahaus will provide (\$36,000 including GST).
  - o \$8,500 was collected for the Outdoor Gathering Space through donations made on CashOnline and donations from the golf tourney – we are on our way to the \$140,000 budget to build.

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Rockridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser(Kelly Richter provided an update):

- Texas Scramble or just enjoy the beer garden! [Register for the golf tournament](#) - includes access to the Beer Garden - or[buy a ticket](#) to join us at the Beer Garden Social at The Orchard that evening.
- 30 golfers booked, 9 tickets to the beer garden sold
- Volunteers needed to sell 50/50 tickets
- Trevor Kolkea has a foursome:
- Great team on this project: Big Thanks to Kim Whittall for getting the Orchard to donate chicken wings and sell wine at cost
- Still two holes left for sponsorship. Sponsors receive one free ticket.
- Still looking for prizes.

Scholarship Committee (Julie Stewart on behalf of Sylvia Butterworth):

Traffic & Safety (Kelly Richter provided an update)

- The District is creating a map.
- New line painting is planned for the parking lot – this has to be done during the dry months.

DPAC Report (Kelly Richter provided an update)

- Summer Learning: DPAC reported there are a record number of students enrolled (registration is still open, and it's free).
- Food Program: DPAC will be launching a Food Program (\$662,000 grant) - trying to figure out how that will be implemented at the elementary and high school levels
- Traffic & safety: It has been determined there are actions the municipality has to do, and some that are the responsibility of the WVSD (line painting on the school property). For example, Jatinder received an email that road painting can only happen at certain times. An email has been forwarded to WVSD to see how they want to deal with the work that needs to be done.
- Financial Literacy: There are free seminars on financial literacy. DPAC is examining promoting and making these accessible to students.
- Next DPAC Meeting: Trevor and Julie will attend with Kelly on May 23. There will be a speaker on AI. School PACs will be talking to District about ideas for parent education and how they can collaborate to bring in speakers: i.e./ group of Iranian women that have pulled resources together to prepare an informational presentation about women/life/freedom; resources on financial literacy for teens; Barbara Coloroso.

**Principal's Reports:**

**8:05 pm**

Trevor Kolkea provided a report on the 2023/24 Calendar / Scheduling.  
The 2023-24 school calendar was presented for approval.  
Details about daily period rotation schedule will be included in future E-Bulletins.  
A link to this new report can be found [here](#).

**Election of 2023 PAC Executive:**

The new [2023 PAC Executive](#) was reviewed, approved and elected.

**8:20 pm**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**8:30 pm**