



PAC Meeting
October 18th, 2023
8:45 am

Location:

Rockridge Secondary

Attending from Rockridge Admin:

Trevor Kolkea; Rockridge Secondary Principal

Attending from PAC Executive:

Heather Thompson: Co-Chair (Role of Chair and Secretary at meeting)

Denise Nosella: Communications

Kelly Kerklaan: Member at Large (Role of Treasurer at meeting)

Carrie Haver: Member at Large

Amit Gateno: Member at Large

Kim Taylor: Member at Large

Emilie Irelan: Member at Large

Sophie Ukani: Member at Large

Srabana Dasgupta: Member at Large

Attending from Rockridge Parent Community:

Wendy Human

Octavia Silva

Sachi Yamanaka

Sara Gardner

Patrick Law

Jonathon Reynolds

Heather Nelson

Erin Gardiner

Rachel Clearwater

Candice Montgomery

Peta Dirassar

[Welcome & Call to Order](#)

8:45 am

Heather Thompson (PAC Co-Chair) opened the meeting with a welcome and a land acknowledgment as follows:

“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.”

Introductions – Attendees around the table introduced themselves.

PAC Business (Heather T)

8:45 am

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda.

First: Amit Gatenyo

Second: Denise Nosella

All in favour, motion so moved.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 2023 AGM meeting minutes.

First: Denise Nosella

Second: Sara Gardner

All in favour, motion so moved.

Chair’s Report (Heather T)

8:50 am

- We appreciate the parents who came out to the first Rockridge P2P event last Friday evening at the Orchard. There was a great turnout!
- PAC Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of most months. We will be trying some morning meeting times to accommodate more parents, today for example. We have a great turnout – thanks for attending!
- Outdoor Gathering Space Update
 - Quick update as things have moved forward since our September meeting:
 - § We received a contract from – Kennedy Construction for the construction and project management. Our internal team is meeting on Monday with Trevor to review the contract and decide next steps to move forward.
 - § We will have a detailed update at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly K)

8:55 am

- Since our last PAC meeting, we have received our BC gaming grant of \$16,480 which is based on \$20 per student.
- We now have just over \$120,000 in cash between our general account, gaming account and trust accounts.
- We have spent \$975 on deposits for the November 25th parent social/fundraiser and close to \$2,400 on the Outdoor Gathering Space. We have also reimbursed costs of \$158 related to the Grade 8 Welcome Breakfast.

Committee Reports

9:00 am

Fundraising & Events (Teresa and Kelly R)

- November 25th (Saturday) – There is a parent holiday-themed celebration planned for the banquet room adjacent to The Orchard at Gleneagles Golf Clubhouse. [Buy your tickets!](#)
- Golf Tournament – This has been booked again at Gleneagles Golf Course for Thursday June 13, 2024.

Staff Appreciation (Sophie)

- Holiday Cookies date – Friday, Dec. 15

Rockridge P2P (Amit)

- The [P2P WhatsApp group](#) will be open to parents to invite each other to events or get together. Being two-way communication, parents are encouraged to invite others to meet-up.
- Pub Night was a success.

DPAC Report (Amit)

- The district PAC meeting was held on October 4th. Amit was there as the rep for Rockridge. It was 2 hours long.

- Generally, they had an update from the district that was about the WV enhanced learning.
- Discussion on secondary school dances. If parents or secondary school students want to work to set up at dance, contact Gleneagles community centre.
- Students can become lifeguard certified. There is a community centre course and they are looking for volunteers to get certified. The community centre wants students to know that they need more students to work as lifeguards.
- Students who participate in the FAST program – this leads to the possibility of other employment options.
- End of the meeting, there was a Q+A section. About 15 parents stood up and made it clear they did not agree with the West Vancouver School Districts approach to SOGI education. These parents were shouting and angry about the situation. As the DPAC rep for Rockridge, Amit wants to be very clear about Rockridge's stance on the SOGI topic. Sachi asked that PAC put out some sort of education on what SOGI is and the districts position. Chris Kennedy sent out an email to all parents on October 30th that provides clarification and resources to parents on this topic.

[Guest Speaker / Principal's Report \(Trevor Kolkea\)](#)

9:10 am

Principal Kolkea's PowerPoint slides are available [HERE](#).

1) Communications

- Raven Life – we have started to share pictures of the kids. The other thing we have done really well is adding that parent voice into it so that the PAC isn't just about 1 meeting per month.
- Social media – we have 4 accounts that are keeping parents up to date. Our X and Instagram accounts are managed by admin. Our athletic social media accounts are managed by the athletic teachers.

2) Google Classroom

- Google classroom serves as the students binder.
- It is a tool for students and parents. Parents support their kids by sitting down shoulder to shoulder with them to review what is due. Make the time to sit down with your kids and Google Classroom. A great place to look is their grad year for outside the timetable career information.

3) FIT

- FIT block is an improvement from Block 5.
- Grade 8 – 9 and 10 – stay in their classroom for FIT. Sometimes they have career life scheduled during FIT.
- Grade 11 and 12 can use any spaces in the school for FIT.

- The cafeteria is closed at 10:45 – 10 min before FIT starts so they don't grab a snack before fit.
- Grade 11 and 12 run clubs which take place at FIT sometimes.
- An interesting spot is the Library Learning Commons. The grades 11 and 12 like to go there at FIT and it is only open to this group.
- Talk to your student – what is your plan for FIT? So what did you do in FIT today?

4) ACTIVITIES

- 10 Fall Teams – great branding of what teams are up to and doing. Daily announcements keep up on what is happening.
- Learning highlights on the calendar
 - Field trips
 - Whole lot of places kids are going with different classes

Guest Speaker

9:20 am

Lisa McComb, BC CPA: How to Teach Your Kids About Money

Lisa provided a very informative presentation along with worksheets you can fill out with your kids.

Guest speaker's presentation and tools are posted on the PAC website under [PAC Resources / Guest Speakers](#).

Adjourn

The next PAC meeting will be Wed. Nov. 15th at 6 pm in the Rockridge Learning Commons.
Meeting adjourned at

10:15 am