

# Tutorial update

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### TUTORIALS UPDATE

Tutorials remain at same time, with 5 min. more

Morning tutorials are set to continue before the first block of school everyday, be expanded to 20 minutes and allow more opportunities for students to use the study time effectively.

After several months of discussions, a comprehensive survey and consultation with the principal and teachers, the PAC group recommended the following:

*"Given that additional tutorial activities such as peer tutoring and LINK Crew activities for students and additional communication about tutorials for parents and students can conclusively be arranged (with PAC help as permitted), the Kits PAC Tutorial Research Committee recommends retaining daily tutorials in the first block and expanding them to at least 20 minutes."*

Two key components of the recommendation were that:

- 1) addtional activities for students be organized during tutorial time, such as through peer tutoring, LINK crew and targeted skills sessions, such as writers' labs; and
- 2) there be more organized communication about tutorials for students parents, such as an information sheet, with the goal of having parents

and teachers seen as supporting the tutorials together and encouraging students to use them.

As the PAC chair, I would like to thank the whole school community for working together in the process of finding a supported resolution that helps all students. It's an endorsement of the positive community spirit at our school.

I would especially like to thank Past PAC President **Lisa Herrera** for skillfully leading the group and all group members for putting in the time, dedication and heart into the project: **Diana McHardy Schmidt; Lynnette Postman; Sara McGillivray; Nita Lightbody; Lesley Douglas and Veronica Pachecho-Sanfuentes.**

Your work will be appreciated for years to come.

I would encourage all parents to read the full report from the Committee: [Tutorial Committee Report](#).

Shelley Nicholl, PAC Chair

## VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET CUTS

### PAC voices concerns

In response to the budget cuts by the Vancouver School Board, the PAC agreed at the April PAC meeting to send two letters voicing its concerns.

The first letter went to the Vancouver School Board expressing our understanding of the difficult position it is in and our encouragement to find new and expand current methods of increasing revenue in the district.

The second letter went to Premier Christy Clark, encouraging the provincial government to fund education fully and find a structure so boards are not cutting crucial items.

School trustees Patti Bacchus (chair) and Mike Lombardi thanked us for

the correspondence and trustee Allan Wong gave us a written response (below). Kitsilano's MLA David Eby also responded (below).

Please see: [Letter to VSB](#)

[Letter to Premier](#)

[Response from MLA David Eby](#)

[Response from Trustee Allan Wong](#)

## TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON MAY 15

### Volunteers Needed!

The teacher appreciation luncheon is coming up on **Thursday, May 15** and we need volunteers to make it happen!

If you'd like to help, please contact Martina Mitterer at [mmitterer99@hotmail.com](mailto:mmitterer99@hotmail.com)

## PAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

### Come join the PAC executive for 2014/15

If you'd like to make a contribution to your child's school, we welcome all those interested in stepping up to take on an executive position.

It's a great learning experience and way to invest in your child's education.

Elections are at the May PAC meeting, May 22.

Anyone who is interested can contact Shelley Nicholl, PAC Chair, at [kitspac@hotmail.com](mailto:kitspac@hotmail.com) in advance or come to the May 22 meeting.

## SUPPORT FOR THE FAGNAN FAMILY

### In memory of Ryan Fagnan

Ryan Mathieu Fagnan, who attended Bayview Elementary and had many friends at Kitsilano Secondary, passed away April 24 at the age of 14 from leukemia.

The family requests donations to BC Children's Hospital Foundation or Pioneer Pacific Camp in lieu of flowers. An on-line memorial has been created to receive shared [Memories of Ryan](#).

Links to the Children's Hospital Foundation and Pioneer Pacific Camp

can be found on the website. All are encouraged visit the site to share stories and memories of Ryan.

As well, a fundraiser for the family has also been organized. Please see: [funderzr](#)

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