



**Minutes of the  
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council**  
KSS Library  
28 April 2016, 7:00 pm

**PRESENT:** **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Vice-Chairs Martina Mitterer; Treasurer Maria Dabiri;  
Members-at-large Eva Antoniak, Frances Clarke;  
**Administration:** Principal Jim Burnham; Teacher Rep Doug Smith  
**REGRETS:** Vice-Chair: Arthur Corber; Co-Sectary: Helen Soulsbury, Roger Kao; DPAC Representative  
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Members: *11* (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm

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1. Welcome and introductions
2. Jennifer Ruffelle, Engagement Coordinator Kitsilano Community Centre: 604-836-4586 email: [Jennifer.ruffelle@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jennifer.ruffelle@vancouver.ca) came to introduce current program and what is available for youths in our community; if anyone has any ideas please bring them to her.
3. **MOTION:** Adoption of Agenda  
Moved: Eva Antoniak  
Seconded: Martina Mitterer  
CARRIED by majority
4. **MOTION:** Adoption of 25 Feb 2016 minutes with  
Moved: Eva Antoniak  
Seconded: Frances Clark  
CARRIED
5. **Teachers Update:** Doug Smith  
Teachers worried about the budget and secondary schools – dropping support for ELL and other students that need support – voting is happening this evening at the VSB and they will need a lot of support from the parents. BC should be getting the same funding as every other province. On average we get \$1000 less per student than anywhere else in Canada.  
*How to support them:* Write, phone, and use social media to raise awareness of the real issues and why our schools need more funding and insist that the government truly put childrens' needs first.  
For more information visit [bctf.ca](http://bctf.ca) and [FundBCSchools.ca](http://FundBCSchools.ca)

**6. Principal's Update:** Jim Burnham

- Mr. Parker, who is overseeing our drama program, is producing a TV series with 10 episodes that will be shown at a real theatre and the money will be used to help the Drama Department.
- Pro-Day was held out at UBC – very enjoyable day with topics such as:
  - o Highest rate of depression among the wealthy children
  - o Taking care of yourself
  - o Moral compass
  - o Remember more when you are happy
  - o Need to teach stress coping skills with adolescence
  - o Anxiety disorder is 13% of all mental health disorders
  - o Kids like structure/need structure
  - o Kids get 20% less sleep than 10 years ago
  - o Adolescence need unstructured play but that needs to be taught
  - o Every child require someone in his/her life that is absolutely crazy about them
  - o 34% are not doing well socially or emotionally
  - o 50% of Grade 7 feel that they do not have someone important in their lives
- Events planned:
  - o June 9 Grade 7 visit
  - o June 15 FRIMM Graduation
  - o June 16 Year book distribution
  - o June 21 Last day of school
  - o June 22 – 28 Provincials
  - o June 29 Graduation ceremony at the Hyatt; and Dry Grad after
  - o June 29 report card pick up

**7. PAC Chair Update:** Norma Biln

a. An update on 2015/16 Goals and Activities to Date was provided. WE club has done two sets of phone calls to date to raise awareness of PAC fundraising and will submit a request for support back to WE from PAC. PT conference, Arts night and Pub night fundraisers together raised about \$1800 and hope to be repeated next year. Corporate sponsorships are a key part of building community collaboration to support the school. We have several local supporters who have contributed to fundraising and door prizes for events. The school has installed two new bike racks as requested at the beginning of the year by PAC. To support grade 8 integration, the AGM date is proposed to be moved to September to engage Grade 8 parents to join the PAC exec and a Fall BBQ is planned with grade 8 Families. The teacher appreciation cookie bash was a success and planning is underway for the staff luncheon

Fundraising	Ideas to Action	Community Spirit
WE Club Collaboration	More Bike Racks	Teacher appreciation Cookie Bash
PT Conference Fundraiser	Grade 8 needs for more orientation Kids & Parents	January and Fall New Grade 7 Orientation
Arts Night Fundraiser Feb 17	Streamline classroom online resources	PAC Guest Speakers
High-End Rummage Sale	PAC Scholarships	Kits Parent Pub Night
Corporate sponsorships	New Grade 8/9 Family BBQ	Teacher appreciation Lunch in Spring
Car wash	Change the AGM/PAC Election date – Gr. 8 Initiative	Student Positive Action

b. Upcoming Activities and suggestions covered in section below. The idea of doing larger fundraising efforts to maximize school funds was discussed and will be reviewed with administration for 2016/17.

**8. Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Martina Mitterer

- Will be held in the library this year.
- Thank you Mr. Lackmare for letting us use the library and for closing the library during the lunch hour as well as Ms. Holms for letting us use the school ovens.
- E-newsletter from the school and PAC will be sent out on a number of occasions.
- Dedicated email address will be used: pacluncheon@gmail.com

**9. PAC speaker’s update:** Frances Clarke

- Jesse Miller of Social Media Education and Awareness - look into pre-selling tickets for May 18.

**10. Treasurer’s Report:** Maria Dabiri

- Financial Reports handed out with a breakdown of money received and expenses claimed.
- Additional Gaming Grant funding received: \$2,777.00
- Ending Cash Balance per 28 Apr 2016:
  - Gaming \$16,125.58
  - Admin \$14,459.38
  - PayPal \$ 50.00

**11. Proposal to Change AGM Date from May to September made:**

**MOTION:** We hereby propose the following amendment for Section VI – Meetings. There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the purpose of the election of officers held in September of each year. In the event that the majority of officers are not expected to return in September of the new school year, the AGM will be held in May in the current school year.

**MOTION:** We hereby propose the following amendment for Quorum compliance to be 8 plus 2 Executives

These 2 motions will be presented at the next meeting for a vote.

**12. Meeting attendance prize draw winner**

13: Adjourn

**MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting

Moved: Eva Antoniak

Seconded: Frances Clarke

Carried by majority

Meeting adjourned at 20:50

**Next PAC meeting is Thursday, May 26th, 2016**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Martina Mitterer, Vice-Chair**