

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council
KSS staff room
February 21, 2012, 7:30 pm

PRESENT:

PAC executive: Chair Lisa Herrera; Vice-Chairs Lynn Sackville, Veronica Pacheco-Sanfuentes, Saeed Dyanatkar and Rafe Angell; Treasurers Raj Mathur and Maritza Insley; Secretary Shelley Nicholl; DPAC reps Shelly Moffat; Past Chair James Burton
Administration: Principal Chris Atkinson; Teacher Rep Kat Zeller.
Members: 17

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. MOTION: Adoption of February Agenda as amended
Moved: James Burton
Seconded: Veronica Pacheco-Sanfuentes
CARRIED
3. MOTION: Adoption of January minutes
Moved: Anne DeWolfe
Seconded: Lynn Sackville
CARRIED
4. Announcements:
 - a. Scholarship request letter for local businesses, as presented by Shelly Moffat
 - b. Fundraising for drama – manure sales
5. Principal's Report – Principal Chris Atkinson
Alumni scholarship fund update
Career program update to create awareness for Grades 9, 10 & 11
SPC update – more difficult with job action as there are not the regular meetings with administration and teachers as before
Job action update – no change, but back to work legislation expected
6. Report on Volunteers in the school - Principal
In reference to a Feb. 4 Vancouver Sun article about the impact of Pais Project volunteers in Vancouver high schools, it was noted that volunteers from Pais, a missionary organization, have been and are at Kits and their presence is being monitored so the religious message is not affecting the students. Chris has dealt with concerns from parents about volunteers in sports groups talking to students. Chris also noted that Young Life volunteers have been at Kits for about 30 years.
Volunteers are screened and can be involved as coaches, tutors or in the classroom. The School Board policy is that volunteers can not bring in religious messages to students and schools and the board are quick to follow up any concerns of a breach.

7. Teacher's Report – Teacher Kat Zeller
 - a. Reports from departments
 - b. Course planning is taking place now
 - c. Job action – phase I continues

8. Treasurer's Report – Raj Mathur
 - a. It was noted that only a bit more than half of the funds that the PAC allocated to different departments had been used so far and more than two-thirds of the administrative account has been used.
 - b. For the bus funding, the school is waiting for approval from the VSB
 - c. The second appeal for PAC donations from parents did bring in more funding

9. Other reports
 - a. DPAC – Shelly Moffat SPC – A town hall meeting is being called for the VSB budget
 - b. Canadian Parents for French – Veronica Pacheco-Sanfuentes

10. Student Planning Council Election

PAC executive position - Lisa Herrera, elected by acclamation

PAC members – 2 positions

Nominated: Anjum Khan
Francisco Luma
Marie Booth
Brenda Cameron
Joyce White

Elected: Anjum Khan
Brenda Cameron

MOTION: To accept the 2012 Planning council as elected

Moved: James

Second: Cathy

CARRIED

MOTION: To destroy the ballots

Moved: James

Second: Marta Marton

CARRIED

11. Seismic Update – James Burton

The PAC executive met with the facilitator of the Kits seismic upgrade project before the PAC meeting. Meetings with PACs and public will take place and information is available via the VSB website. The design-build project is scheduled to go to the bidding process for proposals in the fall, followed by

shortlisting the bids. The construction, to be completed in stages, is set to start in 2013, and take about four years.

12. Adjournment at 9 pm

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