



**Minutes of the
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council**

KSS Library

28 January 2016, 7:00 pm

PRESENT: **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Co-Secretary Helen Soulsbury; Co-Treasurer Maria Dabiri; Members-at-large Eva Antoniak, Frances Clarke; DPAC Representative Da'ad Dudin,
Administration: Principal Jim Burnham

REGRETS: Vice-Chairs Martina Mitterer, Arthur Corber; Co-Treasurer Susan Narvey; Co-Secretary Roger Kao;
Members: 29 for presentations, 22 for rest of meeting (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Norma opened meeting.

a. **MOTION:** Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Betty Jay

Seconded: Da'ad Dudin

CARRIED by majority

b. **MOTION:** Adoption of 26 November 2015 minutes

Moved: Maria Dabiri

Seconded: Patricia Thiel

CARRIED by majority

2. **CIBC Guest Speaker** - Corey Mastrangelo provided information on RRSP and RESPs.
Norma announced that CIBC donated \$250 towards the Math Contests which has allowed the PAC to fully fund the request from the Math department.
3. **Keynote Speaker** - Craig Brumwell
Winner of Canada's 2015 Governor General Award for Teaching Excellence
"Situation Learning with Mobile Media"
Mr. Brumwell gave an engaging and interactive presentation on using gaming techniques as learning tools.
4. **Principal's Update:** New Curriculum - Jim Burnham
Grade 7 parent night: 500 parents attended. Presentations by teachers, Student Council President and PAC chair were well received.
Student Survey: Students completed a survey "Tell them from me" this week about what they like, what they do, etc. Jim will check to see if results can be shared with the parents.

General: Basketball season well underway. Seismic schedule seems to be on target. Timeline is Sept 2017.

New curriculum: K-9 starting in Sept 2016. March 4 and April 18 (or 19) will be a pro-D days for staff to learn details. Teachers who designed these programs were vetted by peers and BCTF. Grade 10-12 curriculum is not completed and will not be rolled out until Sept 2017. Content no longer the driver, but will be competency-based, and key concepts. This will simplify learning outcomes and give teachers more autonomy. Assessment changes will come after but is not yet finalized.

5. **Chair's Report:** Norma Biln

The PAC's priorities are to 1) fundraise, 2) turn parent ideas into action and 3) build community spirit. An update of recent and upcoming activities was provided including the WE club collaboration to raise awareness of PAC fundraising efforts, the Arts Night Fundraiser and keep an eye out for a pub night for parents before spring break. A high level update on funds raised and still needed was provided with the following summary.

Program	Requested	Approved	Still Needed
Athletics	15,000	10,000	5,000
Arts	21,000	13,500	7,500
Academics	7,000	7,000	
Applied Skills	1,000	1,000	
Clubs	4,000	2,000	2,000
Student Services	7,000	4,000	3,000
PAC	3,000	3,000	
Total	58,000	39,000	16,500

For a more detailed treasurer's report, please attend the PAC meeting on February 25.

6. **PAC Attendance Prize Draw** – Barbara Peters won the draw.

7. **Adjourn**

- a. **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting
 Moved: Patricia Thiel
 Seconded: Maria Dabiri
 CARRIED by majority

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Next PAC meeting is February 25, 2016

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Helen Soulsbury – Co-Secretary