



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

PRESENT: **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Vice-Chairs Martina Mitterer, Co-Secretary Roger Kao; Co-Treasurer Maria Dabiri; DPAC Representative Da'ad Dudin; Members-at-large Eva Antoniak, Frances Clarke;
Administration: Teacher Rep Doug Smith

REGRETS: Principal Jim Burnham; Arthur Corber; Co-Secretary Helen Soulsbury
Members: 17 (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Norma opened meeting introducing Ericsson Sing and Jennifer Ruffele.

Student Council Update by Ericsson Sing, Gr 12 Student Council President – He set a goal of encouraging more school spirit throughout Kits student body. Success. Students are more engaged this year and as many as 35 individuals volunteered for elected positions on next year's Student Council. Elections for student council's executive members will be in the first week of June.

City of Vancouver has an official Kits School Day which celebrates the School's establishment in 1921.

June 17th, 2016 is Summer Fest. There will be games and a live concert featuring school bands and alumni (2 hrs). Upcoming events: Pride Week and BC Provincials.

Norma will send a note to parents about FOCUS - Kits Theatre program.

At 7:28pm **Kits Community Centre Update** by Jennifer Ruffele, Engagement Coordinator at Kits Community Centre. A reminder to parents that Kits Community Centre is open during lunch hours and after school. They have a youth lounge and welcome students to use it. Exploring possibility of extending their usual hours. There is also extra space available for use during School construction. Just contact Jennifer. Upcoming Special Events: Greek Day, Khatsalano, Kits Fest, Picnic in the Park.

Kits students with a spare can possibly play basketball in the gym or use the fitness centre during school hours. The Community Centre's management is discussing details now.

At 7:41pm - Norma notes we have quorum and reviewed the Agenda

- a. **MOTION:** Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Martina Mitterer
Seconded: Eva Antoniak
CARRIED by majority

- b. **MOTION:** Adoption of 28 April 2016 minutes
Moved: Frances Clarke
Seconded: Eva Antoniak
CARRIED by majority

Norma led discussion on by-law amendments specifically relating to meeting dates and quorum number.

- c. **MOTION:** By-law amendment - PAC elections moved to month of September.
Moved: Karen Shaw
Seconded: Frances Clarke
CARRIED 16 in favour. 1 abstained.

By-law amendment – Reduce number for quorum from 15 to 8.
Moved: Da'ad Dudin
Seconded: Karen Shaw
CARRIED 16 in favour. 1 opposed.

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

a. PAC 2015/16 Results

At 8:25pm Norma reviewed the past year's results

- We Club raised money to build a school in Africa
- New bike racks installed
- Arts Night fundraiser
- Teacher appreciation cookie bash
- Guest speakers - 67 tickets sold for Jesse Miller's talk about SOCIAL MEDIA on May 18
- Student Positive Action
- Others on the list

- b. Acknowledged commitment and dedication of Jim Burnham, Principal on the job this year. Both to students and collaborating with PAC.
- c. Summer Fundraising
 - New summer fundraising projects with corporations may allow us to increase our \$56,000 budget to a larger \$300,000 budget. Early stages. PAC Executive will do some planning in the next few months with Principal Burnham.
 - Calendar of events and PAC meetings. Probably last Thursday of each month.
 - PAC executive open to new ideas for PAC activities and priorities

3. Teacher's Update by Doug Smith

At 8:40pm Doug talked about results of the recent VSB cutbacks. Hand timetable classes or smaller cohorts in science and socials were originally made for those who have difficulties transitioning to high school classes and the increased workload. Eliminated because smaller budget for next academic year. Some classes will inevitably have more students per teacher. Kits has not tried team teaching as a solution for larger classes. Doug said teachers appreciate support from parents.

- In 2017 BC schools will have dropped 8 provincial exams including all Provincial 10 and 11 exams.
- In 2018 there will only be two Provincial 12 exams; one for literacy and numeracy. Doug mentioned that post secondary institutions no longer look at standard exam results and so the BC Education Ministry is phasing them out.

4. Staff Appreciation Lunch update by Martina Mitterer

5. Speaker Update by Frances Clarke

6. Treasurer's Report by Maria Dabiri

At 900pm Maria reported on this year's highlights

- Gaming Revenue total \$30,428
- Parent Donations total \$16,444
- Film School donated \$5,800
- New professional-grade outdoor bbq purchased for student bbqs
- New colour laser printer purchased for library
- Funds to purchase Fine art supplies
- PAC able to fully fund all Athletics Dept requests

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting (9:08pm).

Moved: Martina Mitterer

Seconded: Eva Antoniak

CARRIED by majority

Next PAC meeting is TBD

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Roger Kao – Co-Secretary**