

KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MINUTES

PAC MEETING Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

PRESENT

Principal Chris Atkinson, Gr 8 Counselor Barb Mingo  
PAC Exec: Lisa Herrera, Lynn Sackville, Cathy Goodban  
Student Council rep: Ari  
21 PAC members in attendance

Location 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Staff Room

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions:
  - There were a large number of grade 8 parents.
2. Review of Agenda:
  - Seismic update, Safe After Grad, and PAC Communications to be included.
  - Amended agenda adopted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wyatt.
3. Corrections to minutes:
  - Principal's report - Exams start on 21<sup>st</sup> June, instead of 15<sup>th</sup> June which is right after grad. Motion by Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy, all in favour.
4. Principal's Report (Chris Atkinson):
  - There are 15 sports teams currently playing
  - Remembrance Day ceremony had speeches and performances
  - Drama Dept. hosted traveling Greek troupe
  - Yearbook in full swing
  - Student council very busy
  - Successful dance for all grades Wednesday before Halloween
  - Discussion on how to encourage gr 8's and gr 12's to attend the dance
  - Spirit week
  - Halloween fashion show
  - Parent Teacher conferences sign-up online (new this year):
    - 2,400 requests and 2,000 spots - more demand than spots.
    - 65 teachers doing 30 appointments.
    - Looking for options to resolve the demand issue.
    - Parents can opt for a call-back and meet or have a phone interview at another time.
    - Office staff is down to 4.
    - Discussion on alternative methods of booking. Looking at all the feedback but can not satisfy everyone.

(Principal's Report continued)

- Seismic Upgrade
  - Waiting for capital agreement to get the money.
  - The inside walls have not been determined. All kinds of ideas are on the table to develop a 21st century school.
  - No approval yet from the province
- There is a Gr 9 and Gr 11 math class a lot of students have pulled out of. This has been addressed.

5. Teachers' Report:

- No teacher available

6. Student's Report:

- Ari is the Gr 8 Student council rep.
- Winter dance planned. Wed before the Christmas holidays, because IPP day following.
- Cheerleading team has a lack of funds and very little gym time so is renting outside gym space.
- Discussed looking at club funding to raise money.
- It was suggested that PAC has not provided much funding over the years to clubs.
- Cathy (treasurer) pointed out that PAC did provide funding for Reach for the Top this year and other clubs in previous years including archery, GSA, Reach for the Top.
- Chris pointed out that \$7.50 of the school fee goes to the student council. Approx \$10,000
- Student Council would like to put on some events like a soccer event.
- The Student Council was encouraged to send any info relevant to parents to the PAC to put in the PAC e-news.

7. PAC Communications (Lynn Sackville):

- SACY. Partnership with Van Coastal Health and VSB.
  - They have a couple of workshops coming up at Kits Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec (Capacity Café where students are brought in from another school and sit on a panel answering parents' questions).
- Annual Christmas Cookie Bash. A thank you to the teachers.
  - Mary Laird organizing event for Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Bring cookies between 7 – 9.30am

8. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Goodban):

- Kits Now has raised \$8,400, with approximately \$1,000 through Paypal.
- Amendment made to the Admin account report presented in Sept. Line item of \$1,000 missing for families in need. Motion put forward to include this in the budget.
- Chris noted that there are 2 extra funds available for students who need money for music, sports, camps, etc but is limited to these activities.
- Motion tabled while Chris looked into the school accounts to see if money spent last year.

9. School Planning Council (Wyeth Wasserman):
  - We need to have elections for the SPC Wyatt, Lisa and Thomas currently on the SPC
  - Group meets with Principal a few times in the year to identify goals for the year.
  - This past year they worked on the Gr 12 graduation rate and worked to increase it.
  - Developed dept. goals
  - SPC requires 3 elected parents, one to be a PAC Exec member.
  - Hereby given one month's notice of elections.
  
10. DPAC
  - No report.
  
11. Canadian Parents for French (CPF)
  - No report, but there were handouts: French Immersion and Gr 10 Trek, and FI travel options
  
12. Safe Grad.
  - Grad is June 15 at the Orpheum Theatre.
  - After Grad committee to meet to discuss Safe After Grad.
  - Budget \$8,000: \$4,000 from liquor store donation; \$2,500 from PAC account (Safe After Grad account), balance from the school.
  - Next year extra money will be collected in the grad fees.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> priority for the After Grad is SAFETY
  - Initially a PAC event, it is now run by a professional company with PAC Safe After Grad committee overseeing.
  - Covered by VSB insurance.
  - Chris to provide copy of insurance to Sandra and Lesley (there is some concern with the insurance and the company organizing the After Grad )
  - Ask for volunteers for the committee.
  - Charlie (who is organizing the After Grad) would like to liaise with the school not the PAC.
  - Need more time for discussion – to be continued at the next PAC meeting.
  
13. Speaker – Barb Mingo, acting Head Counselor
  - Peer tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday
  - has a volunteer UBC student
  - looking at mandating peer tutoring for struggling students
  
14. Treasurer's Report addendum:
  - Chris reported that the PAC money for families in need from last year had not been spent, so the motion to include the \$1,000 for families in need was not put forward at this time.

15. Other Items
  - parent component of BCESIS (Ministry of Education student information computer system) will NOT be implemented as it is becoming too expensive.
  - Barb gave info on possible speakers for the PAC.
  - PAC Website
    - Quan Lee and Vanessa have kindly volunteered to redo and update the PAC website, taking over from Lesley.
    - Will cost about \$80 or \$90 for server for the site. Motion to be put at next meeting.
    - Quan will make mock-up site available for parents to comment on before going ahead.
  
16. Closing (Lisa Herrera, Chair)
  - Call for new speaker ideas.
  - Lisa informed parents that her husband is a math teacher at Kits. He was hired after she was elected PAC Chair. She wanted to let people know in case anyone felt this created a conflict of interest.
  
17. Meeting adjourned.