

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council
Third Floor Staff Room
November 22, 2011, 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; Secretaries Shelley Nicholl and Ian Chunn; DPAC rep Rachel Chen

Administration: Principal Chris Atkinson; Teacher Rep Kat Zeller.

Members: 34

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. MOTION: Adoption of November Agenda
3. MOTION: Adoption of October minutes as amended
Moved: Ian Chunn
Seconded: Anita Palepu
CARRIED
4. Principal's Report – Principal Chris Atkinson
 - Seismic upgrade: it will be at least a year before any shovels are in the ground, followed by several years of building. The plan is D2 at the VSB website: the school will keep its original architectural façade. The PAC will have a strong voice in the outcome; the existing site plan serves as a rough guide to what the results will look like.
 - Job Action – The two sides are before the Labour Relations Board, which is to render a decision this week. Teachers can provide grades for post-secondary purposes for grade 12s who self-identify . Meanwhile, no staff meetings are being held.
 - Adult volunteers are available in the Counselling Suite from 3:00 to 5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, offering extra help. Math-specific help is available in Room 314 at lunch on Days 1 and 1A, offered by senior students and staff.
 - The Grade 12 English test is being administered as an e-test by computer in January, and as a paper test in June.
5. Teacher's Report – Kat Zeller
 - The importance of tutorials was reiterated; regarding math, parents were advised to check their students' homework. It was noted that Mr. Martin sends quizzes and tests home, so parents should ask to see them. In addition, it was noted that some teachers are holding help sessions on Day 2's.
 - Teachers prefer e-mail as a mode of communicating with parents, and teachers will initiate the correspondence if they have concerns on behalf of a student.
 - Regarding ESL, during this period when there is no Ministry testing, teachers are conducting in-class writing assessments, and keeping complete files on each student's progress.
 - Slide presentation on job action: Slides and commentary provided some national, inter-provincial context for the nature of the BC teachers' demands. At issues are compensation and the right to local bargaining; class size is also a relevant concern. The PAC can show support for the teachers by not

standing by when negative expressions are uttered, and by coming out to support activities that the teachers continue to be involved with, including dramatic productions (such as “Aladdin”) and sports team games.

6. Other Reports

6.1 DPAC – Rachel Chen

- At the Oct. 27th meeting, DPAC Chair Colin Redfern introduced VSB superintendant Steve Cardwell, who used the occasion to review current issues (a proposed new Teachers’ Council; class size and composition legislation; the job action), the district’s strategic plan, and major elements of the year ahead (including a sectoral review, an aboriginal-focused school, hybrid semester system, emergency preparedness, and so on). A link that may be of interest: BCSSA/Superintendent’s vision: <http://vimeo.com/channels/yem#29737627>
- Several candidates for School Board Trustee also spoke in anticipation of the upcoming Nov. 19th municipal election.

6.2 School Planning Council – Wyeth Wasserman

- The SPC’s first meeting was to take place in two weeks’ time, to get a sense of what can be accomplished in the current situation. As ever, the overall aim is to raise graduation success rates.

6.3 Canadian Parents for French – Lesley Douglas

- Regarding funding, there is \$600 available for French learning support. CPF Kits is seeking advice about how to invest these funds.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Cathy Goodban; Raj Mathur; Maritza Insley

- The task was how to allocate the Administrative and Kits Now budgets. The treasurers met with Principal Chris Atkinson to set priorities; the PAC executive met with that information and detailed information from teachers and clubs; the Budget was distributed through the PAC newsletter.
- Following a review of the attached Gaming Account and Administration Account budgets, two motions were proposed:

MOTION: To approve the Gaming Budget as per attached, with an additional balance of \$7, 850.

Moved: Cathy Goodban

Seconded: Lynn Sackville

CARRIED

MOTION: To approve the Administration Account Budget as per attached, with a \$300 adjustment to Spanish.

Moved: Cathy Goodban

Seconded: Saeed Dyanatkar

CARRIED

8. Speaker: Romi Chandra Herbert, CitizenU

- CitizenU is a three-year anti-discrimination initiative taking place in select schools; in-school organizations; youth, settlement workers, and so forth get training and then offer programs to raise awareness and encourage egalitarian approaches
- There is some money in the budget to help organize events (\$3200)

- Participants are surveyed at the outset of their involvement, half-way through, and at the end, in an effort to measure ways in which the program proves itself useful.

9. Chair’s Wrap-up – Lisa Herrera

- The next PAC meeting will be a two-hour “Safe Teen” presentation on Monday, January 23, 2012. The next regular PAC meeting will be Tuesday, February 21.

10. New Business – Cathy Goodban

MOTION: That Raj Mathur, Maritza Insley, and Lisa Herrera be the new signatories on the PAC Gaming Account and Administration Account.

Moved: Cathy Goodban

Seconded: Saeed Dyanatkar

CARRIED

Adjournment at 9:00 pm

Next PAC general meeting: Monday, January 23, 2012.

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Attachments:

PROPOSED ADMIN ACCOUNT BUDGET FOR 2011 / 2012

EXPENSE	ACTUAL 2010/2011	Initial Budget BUDGET 11/12	Proposed Nov 11 BUDGET 11/12
	(rounded up)		
BCCPAC membership	75	75	75
PAC Expenses	300	400	400
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	500	500	500
Logo for Tent	00	140	move to gaming
Speakers	50	500	move to gaming

Misc	2,650	1,000	delete
Water Cooler	1,700	\$1,700	move to gaming
E News	300	300	300
Writing 12	200	200	200
French Immersion	4,100		
Drama	1,500		
Ceramics	1,700	\$4,850	3,000
Jewelry	560		
Fine Arts	2,200		
Art Classes	2,400	2,400	2,000
Applied Skills	350		
Music	1,500		
English		250	250
Spanish		500	500

Total 2010/2011 \$19,494.65

TOTAL PROPOSED \$12,815 \$7,225

GAMING BUDGET 2011/2012 PROPOSED 22nd NOV 2011

2nd draft – approved 22nd Nov PAC meeting.

ATHLETICS

Request

PROPOSED

2	Bus : 50% of costs with Byng	7,500	7,500
3	Girls Ice Hockey	500	500
3A	rubber flooring in weight room	3,600	2,000

ARTS

5	DRAMA -Edinburgh fringe fest.	10,000	Drama Production Exps. 4,000
	CERAMICS	4,850	1,500
9	HOME EC./Food Club	450	450
10	MUSIC - Bari Sax	2,300	1,000

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

17	MINI SCHOOL - Field Trips	3,000	2,000
			500
19	link crew	1,000	1,000
20	COUNSELLING - safe teen workshops	3,000	1,100
21	MATHS – contests for all grades	2,000	1,500
22	SOCIALS - Turnitin.com	3,700	3,700
22	- speaker Gr 11/12	900	500

CLUBS

24	GSA	700	300
28	Entrepreneurship club	700	200
30	Cheerleading Club	5,000	1,400

PAC

Water Cooler	1,700
Speakers	500
Pac - Student awards	1,060
Logo for tent	140

Approved Oct 2011. \$24,700

Proposed extra items \$7,850

Total **\$32,550**