



**Minutes of the  
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council**  
KSS Library  
26 November, 2015, 7:00 pm

**PRESENT:** **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Vice-Chairs Martina Mitterer, Arthur Corber; Co-Secretary Roger Kao; Co-Treasurer Susan Narvey, Maria Dabiri; Members-at-large Eva Antoniak, Frances Clarke;  
**Administration:** Principal Jim Burnham; Teacher Rep Doug Smith  
**REGRETS:** DPAC Representative Da'ad Dudin, Co-Secretary Helen Soulsbury  
Members: 26 (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Norma opened meeting.

- a. **MOTION:** Adoption of Agenda  
Moved: Arthur Corber  
Seconded: J. Singh  
CARRIED by majority
  
- b. **MOTION:** Adoption of 27 October 2015 minutes  
Moved: Susan Narvey  
Seconded: Martina Mitterer  
CARRIED by majority

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

a. PAC 2015/16 Goals

Fundraise to benefit our kids, listen to ideas from all parents and build community spirit. Norma has received many great ideas from other parents who cannot attend meetings via email. That's excellent and she encouraged others to continue doing that. It's good to receive regular feedback and suggestions from a broad range of parents.

b. Fundraising Initiative: Kits PAC and WE Club collaborative

On Dec 2 WE Club students will make fundraising phone calls to parents to solicit donations. WE Club requested 50% of funds raised as an incentive bonus. Norma brought that request forward for discussion and there was some debate on whether this would be acceptable. One parent suggested it was too high of a percentage. Another suggested it would be a good incentive and novel way to improve their club's funding. Other parents thought this incentive bonus would overshadow the philanthropic objectives and discourage our young people to work for the greater good of the whole Kits community. It would be better to have our kids learning to volunteer their efforts and give back to the Kits community. Also this bonus would mean the WE Club would circumvent the usual process of having Clubs apply to / reviewed by the PAC. Best to have WE Club make an application to PAC via the usual channel.

c. Community Spirit – Teacher Appreciation Cookie Bash.

Yes. Moving forward with that activity.

d. Proposed and Planned Activities – Solicited volunteers to assist with upcoming events.

## Proposed and Planned Activities

<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Ideas to Action</b>	<b>Community Spirit</b>
<b>WE Club – Dec 2 Teacher projects</b>	<b>✓ Regulation Soccer Field</b>	<b>Teacher appreciation Cookie Bash</b>
<b>January 12 PT Night Fundraising</b>	<b>More Bike Racks</b>	<b>January and Spring New Grade 8 Orientation</b>
<b>High-End Rummage/Trunk Sale</b>	<b>Grade 8 needs for more orientation Kids &amp; Parents</b>	<b>Guest Speakers</b>
<b>Corporate sponsorships CIBC, VFS, Lululemon</b>	<b>Streamline classroom online resources</b>	<b>Dances – Grade Based</b>
<b>Car wash</b>	<b>PAC Scholarships</b>	<b>Teacher appreciation Lunch in Spring</b>
<b>Kits Parent Pub Night</b>		<b>Student Positive Action</b>

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3. **Treasurer's Report** - Maria Dabiri and Susan Narvey

Started school year with total balance of \$3,814 in our Gaming and Administration bank accounts. Parent donations are directed to the Administration account and so far this year we've raised \$9,675. BC Gaming granted \$26,980 to Kits this year. Funds have been fully allocated to teachers but will not show as actual deductions from the relevant accounts until the teachers spend the money. Over 150 donation envelopes received. Excellent response in comparison to last year. Susan wrote individual thank you notes, printed tax receipts and addressed paper envelopes to each family. Many hours of work required to complete that job. Applause and recognition for Susan's hard work. One parent suggested that PAC explore emailing PDF tax receipts like local charities for cost efficiencies.

#### **4. Student Council Update - Ericsson Sing**

Reported their Halloween event was a huge success with over 500 students in attendance. November is a month focused on philanthropy. Student council is introducing a food drive until Dec 11<sup>th</sup> called the "Canley Cup Food Drive" - collecting cans, non-perishable foods, and cash donations from the Kits community to benefit underprivileged local families. They've been doing this activity since 2005. A friendly competition vs. Prince of Wales Secondary School started this year. The losing school must have a student council member wear the other school's jersey for one entire week. The Vancouver Food Bank said they prefer cash donations whenever possible since they can stretch that type of donation further. Also in an effort to assist the Syrian refugees arriving in Canada, they've contacted the non-profit group MOSAIC. They'll keep us updated. Drama class will increase awareness activities for their upcoming performance. The Staff basketball match should raise awareness for basketball teams. Kits basketball teams are pushing hard to win their respective Provincial championships. An annual ICE event will involve students vs teachers games. Jan/Feb focus on school dances and talent shows. Follow the student council on Facebook and Instagram for more updates. More information will be distributed by e-newsletters. One parent mentioned to access daily student bulletins on the Kits web site (top right hand corner).

Mr. Parker, Drama teacher dropped into the library to say thanks to PAC/parents for the ongoing financial support of his drama productions and filming equipment. Since construction demolished the school theatre stage and seats, there will not be any live performances. However, using recently purchased video equipment, the 50-60 students who are not typically involved in school sports are enthusiastically filming their play production. Really inspiring to see the kids work. In a few weeks they will show their filmed production in an outside theatre sometime in 2016.

#### **5. Principal's Report and Q&A - Jim Burnham**

Into basketball season now. Richmond / Steveston visiting next week and they're ranked number 3 in their division. Indoor track meet done. This year green team advanced to 3rd place which is a historical achievement. All kids had a good time.

Revised BC curriculum - in January 4 Kits teachers will go to Ministry of Education for workshops and information gathering. Later March 4 and April 15 are two professional-development days spending more time reviewing new curriculum guidelines. Still planning to install new bike racks for student use.

Upcoming Event Dec 2 - The SACY Adult Toolkit and Aboriginal Inclusive Foster Care group is looking for additional foster parents/families. Rewarding and potentially life changing experience. If you are interested, please contact Norma for additional details.

- a. **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Martina Mitterer

Seconded: Arthur Corber

CARRIED by majority

6. Adjournment 8:15pm
7. Guest Speaker: Dr. Christian Guenette – “Conscious Parenting to Raise Successful Teens”

**Next PAC meeting is January 28, 2016 at 7:00pm**

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