



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

Thursday, 19 January 2017, 7:00 pm

- PRESENT:** **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Co-Treasurers Maria Dabiri and Da'ad Dudin; Secretary Helen Soulsbury; Members-at-large Eva Antoniak; Teri Charuhas; Karen Shaw; Shana Cherry
Administration: Principal Ranjit Bains; **Vice-Principal** Shannon Sorochan; **Teacher:** John Stubbs
Special Guest: **VPO Project Manager** Kent Grier
- REGRETS:** Co-Chair Mahshid Karimi; Vice-Chair Martina Mitterer; Members-at-Large Frances Clarke, Buket Donnelly, Rebecca Jennings; DPAC Representatives Rebecca Jennings and Roberta Stuart

Members Present: 26 (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. **MOTION:** Adoption of Agenda
Moved: Da'ad Dudin
Seconded: Eva Antoniak
CARRIED by majority

2. Approval of the November 17 2016 PAC minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Approve the November 17 minutes
Moved: Eva Antoniak
Seconded: Barbara Peters
CARRIED by majority

3. School Building Update: Mr. Kent Grier

- a. Kent took over in October. Currently at Phase 3. Kent's role is to coordinate between Admin and contractors. Works for VSB. VPO created to get seismic upgrade projects going, such as Kitsilano.

- b. Currently finished Phase 1 (new building). Phase 2 is temporary space (portables and converted IE wing). Phase 3 is ongoing and deals with the “historic part”. Target date is fall 2017 to have open. Once Phase 3 is done then building is complete, temporary buildings come down and sports field will be put in.
 - i. Questions around size of soccer field – full size or not?
 - ii. How can PAC/parents be proactive to ensure Phase 3 is complete in September 2017. Discussion around balancing meeting deadlines and addressing deficiencies before moving students.
 - iii. PAC members would like full size drawings posted at some point so parents can take a look.

4. Senior Band Program: Mr. John Stubbs, concerned parent

- a. Looking for guidance as to how to establish a senior band for next year for short term and longer term, how to establish a vibrant band program across the board.
 - i. Discussion around what needs to happen to get this program going. Some issues include construction, cuts to elementary school programs and lower enrollment which are now being felt at the senior level. One suggestion is to reach out to elementary schools to build a feeder system. PAC’s role can include donations and outreach. Can the band program be run as a club? John is looking for direction how to communicate out to parents, whether it is through PAC or through the administration.

5. Principal’s Report: Ranjit Bains

- a. Introduced new VP Shannon Sorochan who gave a bio on her background.
- b. Very pleased to see this level of engagement from parent community.
- c. **Principal Update:** Parent –teacher conference took place; Grade 7 parent info night took place, very well received. In process of articulation (transition of grade 7 to grade 8) and meeting with feeder elementary schools. Field trips over Spring break include basketball trip to Serbia/Croatia; French Immersion to France/Italy; trip to Japan. Course planning is taking place to reflect the new curriculum. Looking to wait after Spring break to do course planning (after term 2 report cards). Some discussion around Parent-Teacher conferences and what are reasonable outcomes for 5 minute discussions and communicate that parents can arrange to meet with teachers for in-depth dialogue individually. How will the “new money” from the Supreme Court decision impact the school? For Vancouver, approx. 38 “new” teachers at the secondary level will be hired. Not sure how this will impact Kitsilano. Discussion around having Course planning evenings for parents to explain options for future years. Ranjit will check with Counsellors to see if course planning evening(s) can be held for parents. In terms of communications, E-bulletin has been restarted, looking at a phone App for parents to help keep communications more open. Kits will be part of a pilot for having Term 2 report cards sent electronically via MyEdBC website.
- d. **Centennial Update:** First date is October 2017, back up date is May 2018 depending on construction. Events may include gala, carnival, there will be fundraising events including a fashion show through the ages and a game show trivial night.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. **Parent Ed/Speakers:** Isabeau Iqbal

- i. Seeking input on if there is interest to bring Marnie Goldberg from “Sexplainer” to help parents communicate with their children around sex and values. Workshops that could include consent, sexual intelligence around social media, pornography and hypersexualization. Cost is \$475 to \$500 and small group is \$425. One parent kindly offered a donation to cover the costs of the session. Parent target audience; possible fund raiser; may be able to get corporate sponsorship to cover cost of workshop. PAC attendees are interested. Topics of interest are consent, substances and emotions and how to talk to our children concerning these. Future topics proposed are dealing with suicide and death, mental health and cyber bullying.

b. Fundraising Committee: Norma Biln

- i. Have been successful to get 10 to 20K by asking parents. Looking at having a Donor Wall as we are not allowed to have named parts of a public school. Some Alumni donors are interested in matching direct donations.

7. Chair Update including PAC Mission and Events: Norma Biln

- a. Our purpose is to fundraise to support our students. Goals including building parent community such as parent-teacher night, pub nights (next one tentative in March)

8. Treasurer’s Report: Maria Dabiri and Da’ad Dudin

- a. Parent Donations haven’t changed much, much of the focus was for Lily Hall. \$14,300 was raised for Lily Hall and was presented to the family before Christmas. 2K was raised at last pub night (targeted for hockey program) and \$600 at parent-teacher conference night.
- b. Dispersion side, approx. 50% has been distributed including for 3D printer, art supplies, rest still to be distributed. Currently there is \$1200 over budgeted amount that can be used.
- c. All donation receipts submitted to VSB. Tax receipts for 2016 should be in the mail in a couple of weeks.
- d. Dry Grad fundraising ongoing. Eva Antoniak is the chair and looking for volunteers in Grades 8 to 11 to help out with Dry Grad as well as supporting the fundraising events such as Pub Night.

9. Adjourn

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

Moved: Eva Antoniak

Seconded: Patricia

CARRIED by majority

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday February 28, 2017, in the Kitsilano Secondary Library

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Helen Soulsbury - Secretary**