



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

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7:00 pm

PRESENT: **PAC executive:** Chair Norma Biln; Co-Treasurer Da'ad Dudin; Secretary Helen Soulsbury; Members-at-large Eva Antoniak; Teri Charuhas; Buket Donnelly; Karen Shaw;
Administration: Principal Ranjit Bains; **Teacher Representative:** Doug Smith

REGRETS: Co-Chair Mahshid Karimi; Vice-Chair Martina Mitterer; Co-Treasurer Maria Dabiri; Members-at-Large Frances Clarke, Rebecca Jennings; Shana Cherry; DPAC Representatives Rebecca Jennings and Roberta Stuart

Members Present: 15 (including Executive)

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the January 19 PAC minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Approve the January 19 PAC Minutes
Moved: Da'ad Dudin
Seconded: Eva Antoniak
CARRIED by majority

3. Principal's Report: Ranjit Bains

- a. **Construction Update:** Weather related delays, so no move in dates yet. No update on the size of the turf field. VSB is actively looking to replace the vacant district principal position which will help.
- b. **Band Program Update:** Pauline Lo is the band teacher and will provide a write-up to help invigorate the program overall. Another option is to include music as a rotation option in Grade 8 arts. Challenges; she is part time at Kitsilano. Interested parents are encouraged to offer assistance directly to Pauline.
- c. **Course Planning:** Grade 8 and 9s starting next week, the senior grades after spring break

- d. **MyEdBC Portal:** Term 2 report cards published on the portal as well as on paper. Term 3 report cards will only be through the portal
- e. **Engagement:** Teachers have faced a number of issues over the last years, new curriculum, new reporting, and with Kits, new construction. A lot of constraints and pressures on engagement of teachers, but the completion of the construction will help build collegiality, and reinvigorate sense of community at present during construction (current barriers to this include no staff room, diminished sports/PE, fragmented staff, fragmented departments and students due to classrooms spread out). Looking to have parents as partners in building this community.
- f. **Course booklet:** Treating it as a live document, and working on updating the electronic version.
- g. **Sexual Health Education provided to Grade 10 students.** Taught during Planning.
- h. **Questions:**
 - i. Rotating principals. Will you be staying next year? Will we have stability? A lot of turnover both at the administrative and teacher levels.
 - ii. How can PAC help with helping build community for staff? Daytime events would be more successful. PAC already does cookie bash and staff appreciation lunch.
 - iii. Question on IPP days. Groups working on committees on things such as self-assessment by students on the core competencies and a code of conduct committee to revise our code for next year that will better share expectation for students. They are looking for parent volunteers to assist.

4. Teachers Update: Doug Smith

- a. **Engagement:** Looking at how to communicate with parents on changes to reporting student progress so that we are all on the same page. School Act has changed for Vancouver District has to make a decision on how reporting to parents is done, and there may be some decisions made at the school level.
- b. **May Provincial Election:** For a stronger public education system, NDP is seen as the party is the most supportive. Doug was asked to bring this up to the PAC, not to the children.
- c. **Question on cell phone use in classroom:** Is there a consistent policy? At present, it is up to each teacher.

5. Committee Updates:

- a. **Dry Grad Committee:** Eva Antoniak, Chair
 - i. Pub night was a great success, and made \$3,500.
 - ii. Another \$4,000 is still required. Hoping to have a silent auction at the Fine Arts Night, and car washes over three Saturdays from 10am to 4pm at the Garage by donation. Dates planned are April 29, May 6 and May 7.
- b. **Centennial Committee :** Buket Donnelly, Chair
 - i. Celebration date has been decided.
 - ii. Fundraising event on February 19 was canceled due to lack of ticket sales. Would like to have more events.
 - iii. There is interest by sponsors, looking at developing sponsorship packages and what they provide.
 - iv. Looking for donations for stage, sound system, lights, etc.
 - v. Celebration will be a 2 day event.

- c. Fundraising Committee:** Roger Kao, Chair
- i. Working to put together something that is not event-based to raise funds. There are needs around the school including needs for the drama program, computer lab and technology for math and socials, in addition to athletics and smaller requests.
 - ii. Looking to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. Assumptions include 15% participation rate. Looking at certain high-net worth families. There is a family that may be interested in matching donations.
 - iii. Looking at Ryan Reynolds who is an alumnus of Kitsilano. A solicitation letter has been sent.
 - iv. We are at the quiet phase – want to secure the Segel family’s support, looking at Ryan Reynold’s support.
 - v. Need to have 100% participation from the PAC Exec for a financial donation.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Da’ad Dudin

- a. High level report presented.
- b. Need 30K for current asks, and another 100,000 in additional wishlist.
- c. Looking at a donor walls (temporary/permanent)
- d. Kits Events
- e. Matching donations by an Alumnus family.

7. Chair Update including School Engagement Ideas and Upcoming Events: Norma Biln

- a. Sexplainer is taking place tomorrow at 7 pm in the gym. Cost is \$10. 34 people have gone through event brite. Last year one event had 16 people go through Eventbrite and 60 people showed up. Acknowledge JP and Denise Holecka for covering the cost of the speaker, Marnie Goldenberg.
- b. Not everything should be about Fundraising, but to listen and move idea forwards to fruition.
- c. Building parent – community spirit with events
- d. Teacher Appreciation luncheon on May 31.

8. Adjourn

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

Moved: Teri Charuhas
Seconded: Eva Antoniak
CARRIED by majority

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday April 25, 2017 in the Kitsilano Secondary Library

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