

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

Kitsilano Theatre

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:30 pm

PRESENT:

PAC EXECUTIVE (2019/2020 school year)

Chair:	Daniela Girard
Vice-Chair:	Wayde Hayley
Treasurer:	Kim Wilson-McCreath
Secretary:	Jennifer Brandon; Assistant Secretary Charlotte French
DPAC Representatives:	Alan Patola Moosmann
Past Chair:	Norma Biln
Fundraising Chair	Norma Biln
Art and Drama Liaison	Corrina Hammond

Members at Large:

Catering & Refreshments	Christina Morgan & Martina Mitterer
Fundraising Events	Brian Rohl & Aniko Kovacs
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Guests: Principal Ms. Ranjit Bains; Teacher representative Carol-Anne McMillan, Grad Council President, Anzara E., Student Council president Sydney Mardon

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm. Quorum was reached for this meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. **MOTION:** Approval of Agenda
Moved: Wayde Hayley
Seconded: Martina Mitterer
CARRIED by majority

2. Approval of the May 28, 2019 PAC minutes – send minutes to everyone

- a. **MOTION:** Approval of minutes
Moved:
Seconded:
CARRIED by majority

3. PAC Mission and Welcome Note – Daniela Girard

4. School Updates

- a. **Student Council:** Sydney Mardon
i. Grade 8 elections occurring now

- ii. Clubs Fair coming soon: Wednesday, October 2, 2019
 - 1. **PARENT QUESTION:** What is a club fair? A place for students to find out about all of the clubs available at the school; can sign up for them at the fair.
 - 2. **PARENT QUESTION:** Any discussion about the climate strike? Student council is not participating, VSB's position is students need a note from parents to be excused without penalty
 - 3. **PARENT QUESTION:** Grad council? Is separate but there is a grad council rep on student council
 - iii. Student Council will be applying for PAC funding
- b. **Teacher Update:** Ms. Carol McMillan
- i. Shared her experience with the first few weeks of school; multiple collaborations that are new (Career Life Course, Lunch visits from businesses and community groups, Kits Talks (similar to Ted Talks)).
 - ii. **Union Update:** Asking parents and community members to send letters to your MLAs regarding class composition language in contracts (districts could bump up the numbers of students in classrooms should they wish, no limit to special education students, no clear max set for class size). 613 non enrolling teachers are currently required, new contract could compromise the number of non-enrolling teachers. BC Teachers are 12 out of 13 for salary for starting teachers and 10 out of 13 for high end of salary range.
 - 1. **PARENT QUESTION:** Where can we find appropriate language to send to our MLAs? Ms. McMillan will send to Daniela Girard to forward to PAC list.
 - 2. **PARENT QUESTION:** How is this affecting our kids? Remedy – pooled funds to hire assistance for special education. If class composition language isn't kept, it affects how much time teachers can spend with students.
 - 3. **STUDENT QUESTION:** Should students also be contacting their MLAs to share their concern? Absolutely.
 - 4. **PARENT QUESTION:** Does the BCTF have a stance on private schools being subsidized? Ms. McMillan couldn't answer the question but will follow up with an answer.
- c. **Principal's Report:** Ms. Ranjit Bains
- i. **Grad Council Update:** Anzara E., Grad Council President
 - 1. Spirit Week this week
 - 2. October: Clothing Swap (encourage green living), Spirit Week (collaboration with Mr. Parker), Bake Sale
 - 3. **PARENT QUESTION:** Can you clarify what event the school may not be supporting? School has never been officially involved in the prom and there have been issues with codes of conduct. School and grad council are discussing if there is a possible partnership for an event to ensure inclusivity, accessible, and safe.
 - ii. Launched **We are KITS** (Kind Inclusive Thoughtful Successful); focusing on success this year. Revised curriculum for Grade 8 & 9's. We've focused on assessment practices previously and will now include instruction practices.

- iii. **PARENT QUESTION:** What is the glitch with the lockers? Increased enrollment over the summer of catchment students was over the projections that we plan for. Had to send 5 students away (in catchment) because there was not enough space for them. There is a system in place for students to request their own locker as more becoming available.
- iv. Additional **PARENT COMMENT:** Reiterating that the Grade 12's haven't been treated fairly in their tenure here.

d. **Teacher Proposal:** Mr. Ryan Parker

- i. Prior to the official start of the meeting, Mr. Parker and 2 students presented their request for additional camera equipment. In exchange, they would film PAC meetings and upload to YouTube for our use. Mr. Parker also unveiled a new Kitsilano Secondary Theatre external website and community movie nights that will happen in the theatre throughout October to pilot the system.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Kim Wilson-McCreath

- a. Shared the closing finances from 2018/2019, available on the PAC website
- b. **PARENT QUESTION:** What was the \$17,000 spent on arts last year? Daniela explained that we would go line by line in October throughout the budget request process and then walked through the steps of the budget process.

6. **Budget Process:** Daniela Girard

- a. Receive submissions from Teachers
- b. Collate requests into spreadsheet
- c. Review with Ranjit: other budgets & use
- d. Compare to previous year requests
 - i. Longevity, # of kids impacted
 - ii. Academics versus other
- e. Account for new PAC funds collected
- f. Allocate what is available
- g. Aim to fund it all throughout the year

7. **Fundraising Chair-ity:** Wayde Hayley

- a. Installed just before school started, First 3 rows are Gold, \$1000 per chair, The rest of the rows are Silver, \$500 per chair.
- b. Watch for the forms coming out to purchase the chairs. This activity could potentially fund the entire weight room request (\$80,000) through a match program from the gaming grant.

8. **PAC Election & AGM:** Daniela Girard

NOMINATIONS:

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- a. **MOTION:** Approval of PAC Executive and Members at Large
Moved: John Chesko
Seconded: Lisa Pindera
CARRIED by majority

PARENT SUGGESTION: Fund-A-Need: Donations specific to items that are needed. Daniela explained that ideas are fantastic and welcomed, but we also need hands to implement the ideas.

PARENT SUGGESTION: Multicultural Fair

9. DPAC Update and Nomination: Alan Patola-Moosman –

- a. Alan explained the role of the District PAC (DPAC) - brings parent input on district-wide issues to the VSB, provides parent representation on VSB standing and advisory committees, assists PACs to improve governance and best practices. 12 member executive is elected from the PACs, currently 9 seats are filled; Alan is now a member-at-large of the executive. Major issues this coming year include: providing feedback to VSB's draft Long Range Facilities Plan, offering input to improve VSB public consultation practices, strengthening indigenous parent representation on DPAC.
- b. b. BCCPAC - independent, not for profit group - brings parent input on province wide issues to the Ministry of Education – all DPACs are members, individual PACs can also join - Kitsilano PAC has renewed membership for this year.
- c. c. Shared recent events that Kits PAC has hosted for Grade 10, 11, 12 students and parents for post-secondary resources available to them (BCCPAC connected us with Education Planner BC, one of the presenters).
- d. d. Upcoming DPAC event: Thursday, September 26 – Student Success, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Room 180, 1580 West Broadway (at Fir).
- e. e. First Canadian Parents for French Vancouver Chapter organization meeting last night – local chapter aids parents in supporting their children's learning in French Immersion. Membership drive will continue through October.
- f. f. VSB Monthly School Board meeting (also last night) – all parents will be receiving a letter in the next couple of days from the VSB regarding a new policy adopted by the elected trustees: the climate strike will be considered grounds for an excused absence from classes if the parents of any participating student provide a permission note.

10. Daniela shared the meeting dates, Fundraising Event (Pub Night dates) which are all on the kitsilanopac.ca website. Discussion ensued about the new app, the new school website and how and where to get information.

11. Adjourn

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

Moved: Martina Mitterer

Seconded: John Chesko

CARRIED by majority

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Brandon - Secretary**