



Kitsilano PAC | January 2021 Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Happy New Year!

The Fundraising Committee has received a response to our submission for a capital grant from BC Gaming. In the summer, Kits PAC, with enthusiastic support from the school and the VSB, submitted a capital grant application to renovate the third floor outdoor patio and purchase fitness equipment for the space. The application was not successful this round but the Committee is looking into ways to strengthen the application for a future submission. Thank you to Norma Biln and the Fundraising Committee for their work on this initiative.

Each December, PAC usually shows our appreciation for the efforts of the teachers and administrators with a Cookie Bash - providing dozens of homemade cookies for the Kits teachers and staff to enjoy and take home. It couldn't be done the same way this year. But thanks to the organization efforts of parent Patricia Thiel and her family, on behalf of PAC, the teachers and staff received personal gift bags of cookies from Notte's Bon Ton before the holiday break. Thank you Patricia and family!

All parents are welcome and encouraged to come to PAC meetings. You will learn more about what is happening at the school and hear from :

- invited speakers on topics of interest to parents
- updates from the Principal, Ms Bains
- updates from teacher representatives and student council

Agendas for the upcoming meeting are posted on the PAC website at [PAC Meetings - Meeting Dates](#). The minutes from previous PAC meetings are posted at [PAC Meetings - Minutes](#).

We look forward to you joining us at the next meeting and finding your way to get involved!

Please visit our [PAC website](#) for more information.

Ad Hoc Committee on COVID and Education

Kitsilano PAC has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to stay apprised of the evolving direct and indirect COVID risks to our children. This includes considerations of both physical and mental health outcomes.

The VSB is making decisions now for the next school year (2021-2022). This group of parents is exploring aspects of the current VSB teaching model and communicating with VSB and other authorities regarding the path forward for our children.

If you would like to find out more about the COVID and Education Ad Hoc Committee, please contact Lorie Srivastava, Chair, at lorie_srivastava@shaw.ca.

Next PAC Meeting - JOIN US!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Kitsilano PAC ONLINE meeting

When? Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Time? 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Where? [zoom link registration](#)

Minutes from the last PAC Meeting are available on the [PAC website](#).

- You will be sent an email with your own specific link to join the meeting.
- When you join, you will enter a waiting room until the host admits you.
- Registration will remain open until after the meeting starts.
- For questions about the meeting, please contact kitspac@hotmail.com.
- For questions about registration, please contact alan.patola.moosmann@vancouverdpac.com

Community Events and Resources

Kitsilano Neighbourhood House

- Youth Drop-ins run regularly using Zoom, and is a place for kids in grades 7 – 12 to drop-in and hang out with other teenagers their ages in a safe space right in their own community. Drop-Ins will often include activities and special events. Check their [website](#) or [Instagram](#) to find out more about upcoming online activities or subscribe to their [newsletter](#).

ESL/English Tutor - for your information

- Katherine Ferguson is an experienced ESL / English Tutor with a BA from Concordia University (Montreal) and a Diploma in Teaching ESL from George Brown College (Toronto). She has experience teaching all levels of ESL and up to Grade 12 University prep English. Katherine is creative, energetic, and loves to incorporate fun and games into her lessons. She is currently teaching via Zoom during COVID. She can be reached at 778-989-5283 or katherine.rm.ferguson@gmail.com

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