

**Minutes of the
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
Online with Zoom
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

Meeting held on Zoom. Zoom room opened at 7:00pm
Meeting opened at 7:05pm with 34 participants (30 parents; 4 guests).

PRESENT:

PAC Executive

Chair: Charlotte French
Vice-Chair: Erin Arnold
Secretary: Sheila Kirkby
Treasurer: Catherine Hicks

Members at Large: Ishi Dinim (DPAC Rep), Corrina Hammond (Arts Liaison/What's Next), Alan Patola Moosmann (Zoom Host/What's Next), Maureen Prentice (Member at Large/Newsletter Editor), Patricia Thiel (Grad Parent Liaison),

Guests: Benita Kwon (Principal), Danniell Lin (Teacher Rep/Counsellor), Carol-Anne McMillan (Teacher Rep), Maire-Jeanne Desage (Student Council Rep)

PAC Executive Regrets: Daniela Girard (Past-Chair), Ray Miya (Member at Large/Website Coordinator)

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

1. **Welcome from the Chair and overview of procedures for online meeting**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented
Moved: Catherine Hicks
Seconded: Patricia Thiel
Approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes from Kits PAC Meeting Tuesday, January 25th, 2022**
Motion: To approve the Minutes as presented.
Moved: Maureen Prentice
Seconded: Catherine Hicks
Approved

4. School Updates

4.1 Student Council Update - Marie-Jeanne Desage

Candy Grams and Cards in February sold out. February 23 is Pink Day. All are encouraged to wear pink to stand up against the injustice of harassment and bullying, especially against minorities and those of the LGBTQ community. A video prepared by the Student Council played in all the classes today. A Wellness Week or Wellness Wednesday is being planned before Spring Break.

Q: How did the Canley Cup go?

A: Kitsilano didn't win this city-wide competition to raise funds for the Food Bank but we did raise \$6085, the most money in our school's history. Collecting through School Cash Online helped with this.

4.1.1 Grad Council Update

Grad Sweatshirts have arrived. The Pants should arrive soon. An online Silent Auction is planned from March 6-9th, with a slide show of gift baskets. There will be a bidding link for each basket. All bids must be placed by those over 17 years of age.

7:17pm Live Transcription Enabled for the rest of the meeting.

Funds raised will be used to give each grad a gift if the ceremony is restricted by health restrictions, or a Dance and a Legacy Gift to the school.

4.2 Teacher Update - Ms. McMillan

- Kudos to the Student Council for the Pink Day video, including a beautiful poem by one of the students.
- The Leo Club raised \$500 for United Way Flood Relief by selling Candy Grams before the Winter Break.
- Track and Field will be starting soon. Jennifer Carrique is one of the coaches.
- Ms. McGuire is sponsoring a new Song Writing Club.
- There are six UBC Student Teachers at our school on a 10 week practicum. Two Phys Ed; One French; Two English; One Drama.
- Ms. P organized a Teacher's Spirit Week, including a "Dancing Queen" flash mob.
- Everyone is excited that parents will be allowed to watch Hockey Games as well as Drama & Theatre events again. The Music Department has live concerts coming up.

Q: How do students find out about sports tryouts?

A: Several ways: check the bulletin board near the library, the Athletics channel on Teams, and @kitsathletics on Instagram.

4.2.1 Counsellor Update - Mr. Lin

- Friday, February 25 students need to check their course confirmations on MyEd BC. Corrections are due March 4th. There is a form to use.
- Monday, February 28 is the last day to drop classes with a Withdrawal (W) on the student's transcript.
- March 11 - Second Semester Interim Marks will be posted to MyEd BC. Work habits and comments only. No marks.
- Summer School Course information will be available for viewing on April 22nd at vsb.bc.ca. Online Student Registration begins May 9, 8:00 a.m. and closes June 10, 11:59 p.m.

4.3 Principal's Report - Ms. Kwon

1. UPDATE: Graduation Assessment

The BC Ministry of Education has provided an update on this school year's graduation assessments. All graduation assessments will move forward this year with the exception of the Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF 12).

- The Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10) will be **rescheduled** for June 13-17.
- The Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 (GLA 12) will be **rescheduled** for April 25-29.
- Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF 12) is **cancelled** for the 2021-22.

· [Q&A: April and June 2022 Assessment Administration Session](#)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/exams/graduation-assessments.pdf>

· [Parents guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for 2021-22](#)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/exams/parents-guide-to-ltf12.pdf>

	GNA 10	GLA 10	GLA 12
Grade 10	November 1–5	June 13-17*	
Grade 11	November 1–5*	June 13-17*	
Grade 12	November 1–5*	June 13-17*	April 26–29

**Gr. 11 and 12 students who have not written the exam(s) will need to write to meet graduation requirements.*

2. PISA 2022

Kitsilano Secondary has been selected to participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022. PISA has been conducted every three years since 2000. Approximately 86 countries participate in PISA, including Canada. The PISA is an important international assessment that measures the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students in mathematics, science, and reading. Data collected will influence how mathematics, science, and reading are taught in the future. A sample group of approximately sixty grade 10 students will write this exam in May 2022.

3. Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

The Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey is for students in grade 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, staff, and administrators. The information collected in this survey provides planning data for districts and schools, and other agencies to improve learning and student services, and to support youth initiatives. Parents are invited to go online and complete the survey at: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>.

- Go to "Parents" and use the Direct Access login where no password is required.
- Under "District" select *39 Vancouver*
- Under "School" select *Kitsilano Secondary*.

The survey closes **Friday, April 29**.

4. Indigenous Weaving Project

This project began in 2008 when an initiative to have Indigenous art represented at Kitsilano by a contemporary Coast Salish artist was put into action. Art teacher, Karen Coflin, applied for and received the Betty Welburn grant. Debra Sparrow was recommended by Musqueam as the artist. She conducted student-artist-teacher sessions over a number of months to create a legacy floor installation. The project extended into the construction of the new building but a number of unexpected circumstances resulted in the atrium floor piece being cancelled. In 2021, using the Betty Welburn grant, Debra Sparrow was commissioned to create two 8 x 4 ft weavings that included the school colours, blue and gold, to hang in the atrium above the student government wall. PAC funding will support the signage.

5. UPDATE: School Gatherings and Events

- no specific capacity limit for school gatherings and events that bring together multiple classes or groupings of students, e.g., assemblies, multiple classes doing a single activity
- Spectators are permitted at theatre performances and athletic events at 50 people or 50% capacity, whichever is greater
- trauma-informed lens to planning; gradual transitions to larger gatherings

Q - Might Grads have an outdoor dance?

A - There are currently plans for multiple options, both indoor and outdoor, to allow for changes to health guidelines.

Q - Will Vaccine Passports be needed to attend school events or the graduation ceremony?

A - Schools are not checking vaccination status but outside venues, such as The Orpheum, may be.

Q - When is the last day of school for Grade 12's?

A - Wednesday, June 29th, 2022

5. Treasurer's Report - Catherine Hicks

The Treasurer presented a five year summary of funding requests and allocations for comparison as well as a current account summary, and the second round of funding requests for approximately \$11,000 in addition to the \$55,000 allocated in the fall for athletics, academics, services and clubs.

Kits PAC Account Summary, February 22, 2022:

			Cash Online Donations	
Opening Bank Balance @ Sep.1/21		1,580.55	\$10,090.00	2021-09-30
Opening KSS Account @ Sep.1/21	15,988.07		\$14,245.00	2021-10-31
Balance of Chair-ity Reimbursement above Gaming	(1,055.16)		\$2,875.00	2021-11-30
Stongs Market School Rebate Program 2020-2021		924.91	\$50.00	2021-12-31
			\$50.00	2022-01-31
			\$1,000.00	2022-01-31
Donation Proceeds	28,310.00			
Total Available Funds	43,242.91	2,505.46	\$28,310.00	
2021 Requests Approved	22,280.00	1,900.00		
2021-Jan22 Requests Approved	10,479.00			
	32,759.00	1,900.00		
Remaining Funds Available to be Allocated	10,483.91	605.46		

KITS-PAC TOTAL BUDGET - 2021 - 2022

DEPARTMENTS	Requested By	ADMIN/ ACADEMIC Granted
ATHLETICS		
Track & Field	Jennifer Carrique	
Additional funding request for added event dates on May 11/12 & May 18/19		800
ATHLETICS TOTAL		800
ACADEMICS		
Science Department	Caroline Witt	400
Guest Speaker from the Society for Humane Science		
English Department	Mira Cross	750
Honorariums for 3 Indigenous Guest Speakers - Grade 12 First Peoples		
Spanish	Silvia Ruiz Badilla	1,086
Variety of Spanish readers and teacher guides		
ACADEMICS TOTAL		2,236
CLUBS		
Plastic Model Club	Dave Sabourin	600
Model kits (\$25-\$60 each) and supplies		
Chemistry Club	Marya Asmani	1,000
Various chemical supplies		
Robotics Club	Doug Smith	110
Additional supplies (Electric speed controllers \$39, Batteries \$30, DC motors \$27)		
Kits Pride Club	Brendan Sangster	800
Pronoun buttons for the school community		
Kits Boys Hockey Club	Ryan Parker	2,034
17 jersey kits with updated school team name and colours		
CLUBS TOTAL		4,544
STUDENT SERVICES		
Peer Tutors	Christie Breakingbury	200
Bandanas and various supplies		
Best Buddie Club	Christie Breakingbury	200
Craft and art project supplies		
Indigenous Relationships, Representation & Reconciliation	Craig Brumwell	
6 plexiglass panels with insertable paper signs; 3 sized 16"x12" and 3 sized 8"x10"		2,499
Student Services TOTAL		2,899
TOTAL NEW REQUESTS		10,479

6. Committee & Liaison Reports

6.1 Safer Schools Together Parent Education Evening - Erin Arnold

The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st from 6:30-8:30pm on Zoom. There are 500 spaces available. Having given Kitsilano families the first option to register, we will now invite all the elementary schools that feed into Kits.

Motion

To allocate up to \$3000 in additional funds to be used for Parent Education presentations.

Moved: Erin Arnold

Seconded: Ishi Dinim

Approved

6.2 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) - Ishi Dinim

DPAC has been holding a series of “Omicron Monday” sessions to discuss Covid policies. 180 people have attended these sessions, including several trustees. There has been lots of opportunity to talk about what is or is not happening. Student journalists from Eric Hamber were also attending.

DPAC is also working on:

- Black Indigenous Working Group report
- Multi-age Cluster Classes (MACC), which is being replaced by a new gifted program, despite concerns about transparency in the process
- School Closures and process transparency

Please see <http://vancouverdpac.org/2021-2022-school-year> for upcoming meetings.

Please sign up for the DPAC mailing list at <http://vancouverdpac.org/>

6.2.1 DPAC Music Working Group - Rob Ford

A group of five or six parents is trying to help follow through with the School Board’s Music Plan Phase 2 by proposing a district wide choral program. All interested parents are invited to join.

6.3 What’s Next - Alan Patola Moosman for Corrina Hammond

What’s Next has been busy this February. We hosted an evening with BCIT program advisor Sukhey Platson. Kits students and parents are welcome to send any questions about BCIT programs and admissions to program_advising@bcit.ca. We had 10 in attendance and the discussion was informative as always. BCIT slides and contact information will be up on our PAC website soon, here: <http://kitsilanopac.ca/parents-post-secondary-education/>

Next up was Options Solutions Educational Consultants with founder Melinda Giampietro. 36 guests in attendance. Melinda provided information on Post Secondary options across Canada, including Maritime schools! We are unable to post Melinda’s talk on our PAC

website but Melinda and her staff are accessible and generous with their time and able to address any questions you have via email: <https://www.optionssolutionsed.com/>
Keep an eye on your email for upcoming What's Next events!

6.4 Grad Parents - Patricia

A group of parents will work alongside the school for the official school events (ceremony, reception to follow). Prom is a “non-sanctioned” event.

Parents from all grades, particularly grade 11, are welcome to be involved in Grad planning. Having a broader group of grades represented helps with continuity and information sharing.

Reminder that the Literacy 12 assessment must be written to graduate. The schedule will be posted by the office.

7. Other Business

7.1 Pub Night - Charlotte, Erin, Sheila

We are looking at a date after Spring Break. An online poll of meeting attendees was evenly split between holding the event fully in person with an option to take out or holding the event virtually at home.

7.2 Joke Competition

Logistics for a Joke Competition create levity and fun without making more work for the students or staff were discussed. There can be themes, ie. “worst joke”. All submissions would be vetted for appropriate content.

7.3 Grad Book Drive - Charlotte for Daniela

The Legacy project for the Grads of 2021 was a Book Drive which collected new and as-new books to be donated to BC Children's Hospital. A similar plan is underway by the Grads of 2022. Please watch the Week at a Glance (WAAG) for details.

7.4 Special thanks to PAC Executive Member Ray Miya for all of his work maintaining and updating the PAC website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

There is no meeting in March due to Spring Break.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by S. Kirkby, Kits PAC Secretary
Approved at April 26, 2022 Meeting*