

**Minutes of the
Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) in
the School Theatre
Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm with 19 participants (16 parents; 3 guests).

PRESENT: PAC Executive Vice-Chair: Philip Coldrey, Treasurer: Tina Pfeifer,
DPAC Rep: Ishi Dinim

Maureen Prentice, Kerry Kenwood, Jessica Qiu, Arlene Picard

Guests: Benita Kwon (School Principal), Carol-Anne McMillan (Teacher),
(Student Council President) Shareen

PAC Executive Regrets: Maureen Campbell, Gaya Murthy, Monika Marcovici,
Serena Pires

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

1. Welcome from the Vice Chair

Funding Requests, examples are Arts Night, Vertical Gardening, Math practice games, Athletic uniforms

Priorities for Funding

The PAC receives money primarily from the Provincial Government Gaming Grants and Direct Drive donations from parents as well as some funds from fundraising activities during the year. The money from the Gaming Grant and direct donations is allocated in accordance with the regulations with the focus being on support to student extra-curricular and academic activities such as: clubs, teams, and enhancements to curriculum through speakers, field trips, and equipment/supplies.

Priorities for funding are:

- Academic impact
- Number of students affected
- Longevity
- No other sources of funding

BC Gaming funds may only be used for extracurricular activities and cannot be used to supplement the curriculum. We may use direct donations for the latter.

**30 request @ \$89,748.54
Available Funds \$42,515**

Approval of PAC Exec to allocate funds

**Moved:Anna Friedlander
Seconded: Arlene Picard
APPROVED**

**2. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION To approve the Agenda as presented,**

**Moved:Tina Pfeifer
Seconded:Maureen Prentice
APPROVED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes from Kits PAC Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Moved:Tanya Fisher
Seconded:Kerry Kenwood
APPROVED**

**4. School Updates
4.1 Student Council Update - Student Council President - Shareen**

**Successful and fun clubs day, can still join clubs throughout the year. She runs the model UN
Clubs posted on Instagram and never too late to join
Spook a lano - costume contest, costume runway, candy, photo booth, games, lots of chances to show your school spirit.**

Canley Cup coming up, canned food drive, now monetary donations Nov 1st to end of month, funds go to Food Bank, want to raise more than last year, \$4,000.

4.2 Teachers Update - Carol-Anne McMillan

Marilyn Perret - Model UN off to great start, Education and Equity and French Music Club

Invitation from Adam Lipsky wants to give a tour of the shops and show the tool boards donated from the PAC

Drama just finished 4 night run of production

District FIT how school is being inclusive and welcoming - would love to teach Disinformation

Parent Teacher Night is coming up on Thursday November 21st.

There are parents with desire for in person meetings, school tours etc. Most teachers & parents prefer virtual. Arts night a great way to see and tour the school, if you haven't seen it.

Phones used in classroom, any difference? Yes, during classtime, however, breaks & lunch the same with phone usage, seems to be healthy amount of social interaction at Kits.

4.3 ADMINISTRATION REPORT - Benita Kwon

1. Clubs 2024-25

There are over forty-five clubs running this year. A complete list of clubs and their meeting dates/times are on the school website at <https://vsb.bc.ca/kitsilano/page/2656/clubs>.

2. GNA 10: October 28 - November 1

Grade 10 students will be writing the [Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 \(GNA 10\)](#) during the week of October 28 – November 1.

3. Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to begin to explore their possible career paths and experience and learn about the world of work by spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer on Wednesday, November 6.

4. Fall Reporting

· Mid-Semester reports will be published on MyEducation BC on November

14. Students will

receive descriptive feedback that will accompany scale or letter grade and percentage.

- Grades 8 + 9 courses – provincial proficiency scale
- Grades 10-12 courses – letter grade and percentage

· All students will complete self-assessment of core competencies and goal setting in homeroom class during FIT on November 18. Families will be able to view on [Spaces.edu](https://spaces.edu).

5. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 21 from 3:00 – 6:30 PM.

There will be an early dismissal at 2:00 PM to allow teachers to prepare for conferences.

The online booking system will be open to parents starting November 15.

Numeracy Assessment - measures literacy and how our students do compared to other kids

Grade 9 take you kid to work day coming up

Mid semester reports published on Nov 14th with descriptive feedback 10-12 get a letter grade and percentage

Parent teacher conferences coming up

Opportunities for families to come into the school - Grade 8 welcome, Arts Night, maybe new opportunities

Self reflection and goal setting for students

Questions

Ways to donate to PAC

5. Committee and Liaison Reports

Athletic Liaison - Kerry Kenwood

1. Volleyball season has been in full force with Senior Girls winning the Magee tournament, Juvenile Girls winning the PW Cake Tournament
2. We are hosting Senior Girls Volleyball City Championships November 4, 6,7
3. Cross Country just had its zone championships with several athletes qualifying for provincials - Delphine Gosselin won her race for Senior Girls, Kate Rourke 2nd for Junior Girls
4. Senior Boys Soccer won city championships 2-1 over Churchill! On to zones October 31st
5. Aquatics had zone championships last Friday with several provincial qualifiers individually and for relays
6. We have run 2 juvenile boys soccer teams this year, with Juvenile Gold starting playoffs next week
7. Girls Field Hockey are playing in City Semi-finals today against Hamber
8. Juvenile Boys Rugby are finishing their season on Wednesday
9. Basketball tryouts are starting this week and into next
10. For any information about athletics check the athletics board in the atrium, on the All Students page on MS Teams, on @kitsathletics on Instagram or @kitsilanoathleticleadership on Instagram as well (new student run page) or to come see Mr Lefsrud in the PE office

Q Sometimes at evening home games parents don't have access into the school, can we fix this issue? Yes, Ms. Kwon to address and ensure doors remain unlocked during school events.

Q Who coaches the sports teams? - A coaches are teachers, volunteers parents, students (under supervision) etc, Kits Athletics also has an Athletic WAGG and intagram page

6. Prom Planning committee - if you are rthe guardian of a rade 12 student, please join our group to plan Prom- Denise Hansen, Michlele Porter and Tanya Fisher and Maureen Prentice

7. DPAC meeting Wednesday night, everyone encouraged to log in and join. Webinar will be from Project Shema, battling antisemitism.

Adjournment

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:03pm

Moved:Anna Friedlander

Seconded:Kim Werker

APPROVED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024