

Minutes of the Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting Kitsilano Secondary School Theatre Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with 4 participants and 3 guests

PRESENT:

PAC Executive:

Tina Pfeifer (Treasurer), Chris Abrams, Kerry Kenwood (Secretary)

Members:

Anna Friedlander

Guests:

Benita Kwon (School Principal), Carol-Anne McMillan (Teacher Rep), Aidan Chandler (Student Council President)

PAC Executive regrets: Jessica Qui (International Liaison), Jana Tesar (IT/website), Monika Marcovivi (Social & Events), Ishi Dinim (DPAC Rep), Maureen Campbell (Social Media), Patricia Ceron (Social & Events)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Welcome and Introduction

What is the purpose of the PAC?

The purpose of the PAC is to represent parents with the goal of enhancing the education and well-being of students in Kitsilano Secondary School.

Introduction of PAC Executive members in attendance.

3. School Updates

Student Council President - Aiden Chandler

- 1) Student council organizing two events this week for Halloween:
 - Mini games in the atrium – 5 games like cup pong, fruit roll-up challenge, etc. If you win, you get candy.
 - Costume contest on Friday
- 2) Have been working with Ms. Kwon to have new and more microwaves installed for use by the students.

- 3) The new student council website will be up soon – student council events and information posted there. Will be promoted and link posted in the WAAG.

Teacher report – Carol-Anne MacMillan

- 1) Science

Science is organising their annual field trip for ALL Grade 8s to the Britannia Mine Museum in December, and PAC always supports this memorable experience.

- 2) Halloween

Halloween activities for Link and Leo Club. Link hosted a haunted house escape room after school today for the Grade 8s, and Leo Club is having a “Claw Machine” fundraising event throughout the week and a face painting event on the 31st. Proceeds will benefit Brugada Syndrome research and support.

- 3) Counselling

Counselling's new "Crochet Centre" during lunch on Wednesdays in the counselling suite. Every other Tuesday we are bringing in a trained dog for Pet Therapy and kids can just drop in at lunch. The next pet therapy day is Tuesday October 28th and then every other week after that.

- 4) Drama

Jr. Production on November 5 and 6. Tix available now!

- 5) From Christabel Shaler, ENG Dept.

I want to offer digital safety resources to parents, but I don't understand how to go about doing that. I'm wondering if there is a parent on PAC that I could have tea with to better understand their needs so that I can offer relevant information. Digital safety is an interest of mine just as some people like knitting or pickle ball. I made a blog: <https://www.ampdigitalreset.com/>. My goal is to help keep kids safe in a rapidly changing digital world.

Principal's Report – Benita Kwon

- 1) Clubs 2025-26

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) November Graduation Assessment Session - CANCELLED

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has cancelled the November 2025 Graduation Assessment Session due to the BCGEU strike action. As a result, the Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GNA 10) session scheduled for November 3-7 at Kitsilano, is cancelled. A new session time for the GNA 10 will be communicated out once it has been rescheduled.

- 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 5.

- 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.

5) Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 20 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 14.

4. PAC Committee Reports

PAC Funding Requests

\$90,721 total teacher funding requests.

\$37,000 Gaming Funds available (rules on use of funds, primarily extracurricular).

\$9,409 Parent donations available

\$44,312 Shortfall

PAC was able to provide some funding towards most requests. These include:

- Grade 8 Britannia Mine field trip
- Amplifiers & guitars
- Track and field jersey's
- Francophone heritage field trip
- English 12 canoe tour
- Basketball jersey's
- Extracurricular books
- Safety glasses & helmets
- Weight room equipment
- Link crew shirts & snacks
- Graphite molds
- Gardening Club plants
- Speakers
- Arts Night
- Theatre equipment

Athletics

- 1) Some fall sports have finished up and some ongoing.
- 2) A lot of try outs happening for winter sports.
- 3) Cross-country team heading to Provincials this weekend in Nanoose Bay on the island.
- 4) Find out more about athletics:
 - See Mr. Lefsrud in eth PHE office
 - Contact Mr. Lefsrud wlefsrud@vsb.bc.ca
 - Look for posters around school for upcoming events and tryouts
 - Check the athletics board in the atrium by the Library
 - Listen for school announcements
 - Check the Athletics Channel of "All Students": Page on Teams

- Ask an Athletic Leadership student
- Follow @kitsathletics on Instagram

Arts

The band is preparing for performance at Remembrance Day assembly

5. Other Business

Social/Events

Patricia is organizing a parent social for next month – information to come

6. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 7:40 pm

Moved: Chris Abrams

Seconded: Kerry Kenwood

APPROVED

Thank you for coming.

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Our next meeting is on November 25th