

**Minutes of the Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)  
General Meeting  
Kitsilano Secondary School  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm with 7 participants and 2 guests

**PRESENT:**

PAC Executive:

Tina Pfeifer (Treasurer), Ishi Dinim (DPAC Rep), Kerry Kenwood (Secretary), Jennifer Sanchez (Newsletter), Chris Abrams (Arts Liason), Jessica Qui (International Liason)

Members:

Barbara Arenson

Guests:

Benita Kwon (School Principal), Carol-Anne MacMillan (Teacher Rep)

PAC Executive regrets: Jana Tesar (IT/website), Monika Marcovivi (Social & Events), Maureen Campbell (Social Media)

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Kerry Kenwood

Seconded: Tina Pfeifer

**APPROVED**

**2. Approval of last meeting minutes (Feb 24, 2026)**

Moved: Chris Abrams

Seconded: Tina Pfeifer

**APPROVED**

**3. 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.

We volunteer to enhance the education for students by allocating funds to extracurricular activities, as well as hosting meetings and webinars to keep parents informed on post-secondary choices and other challenges.

Introduction of PAC Executive members:

- Tina - PAC Chair/ Treasurer
- Ishi - DPAC Rep

- Kerry - Secretary/ Athletics
- Maureen - Social Media
- Jessica - International Student Liaison
- Jana - IT Website
- Chris - Arts Liaison
- Jennifer - Newsletter

Openings on the PAC committee:

- Social and Events – Patricia has had to step down so if you are interested or know someone who is, please let them know of the vacancy
- Co-Chair
- Treasurer
- What's Next
- Athletics
- Special Events
- Member at Large

Interested in joining? Please email [kitspac@hotmail.com](mailto:kitspac@hotmail.com) (time commitment is about 3 hours a month, role depending).

Teacher luncheon – June 18

- Looking for volunteers
- Coming up soon – look for info on how to sign up to bring something
- Really good way to show our appreciation & teachers really enjoy it

Arts Night – June 11, 5-7pm

- Showcase of art student's work
- PAC will have table there

#### 4. School Updates

Student Council President - Aiden Chandler

Not present

Teacher report – Carol-Anne MacMillan

##### 1. French Immersion Science (Matilde Yang)

Again, a huge thank you to PAC for allowing all the Science 8s to go the Britannia Mine Museum with their contribution towards transportation fees! It was a great success in December and on April 8+9<sup>th</sup>!

##### 2. Drama (Ryan Parker)

- Filming is nearly complete for Path of Chaos II. Students have been filming in studio and across Vancouver the last five months to complete the film paired with the filming done in Ireland. It will air the second week of June at Kitsilano!
- The trailer will be released in under a month and the PAC will receive a link to share.
- KTC is also putting on the largest production since 'Chicago' with their play 'Shakespeare in Love' which will be performed the last week of May. A cast of over 60 paired with costumes from Kits, Magee, U.Hill and Byng all working to make it look amazing. Posters to come!

3. English First Peoples 12 (Carol-Anne McMillan & Mira Cross)

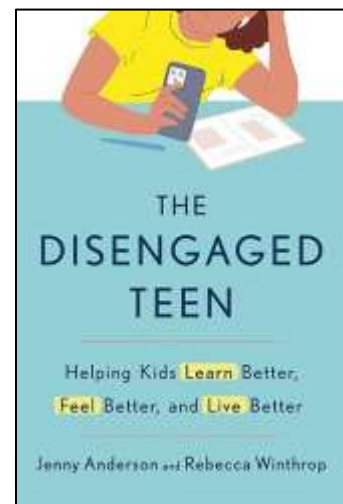
Thank you, PAC, for contributing to our English First Peoples 12 canoe trip with Takaya Tours, a canoe trip that leaves from Cates Park on the Northshore and travels along the Burrard Inlet for some land-based learning and story-telling from Indigenous guides.

4. Indigenous Focus ProD Day – April 20 (Carol-Anne McMillan)

This is a unique day in that ALL staff attend this day: admin, support staff, maintenance staff, and of course teachers. I facilitated a workshop on an art show called *Resilience*, which comprises 50 works of art from Indigenous women all across from what we call Canada, and which was also turned into a school resource in a set of art cards. I've been using this resource in my EFP 12 class to make further connections to our novel study, and if you wish, I'm happy to give the workshop to the PAC some time.

5. Learning Groups

There are learning groups at Kits that meet during Collab Time 3 or 4 times a year, and at the last meeting a book club was started based on the book, *The Disengaged Teen*, by Rebecca Winthrop and Jenny Anderson. I wasn't at the last meeting so don't have a copy of the book yet but believe it's timely. Anecdotally, an example comes from today: 10 EFP 10 students were either substantially late or absent. From my perspective attendance, turning work in on time, and overall accountability for one's own learning is definitely declining.



6. Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, May 7** from 3 to 7 PM. Families can sign up for time slots this coming **Friday, May 1 at 7 PM**. An email was sent home from Admin on how to sign up. Ms. McMillan reminded that families are welcome to e-mail teachers at any time

Principal's Report – Benita Kwon

1. VSB Summer School 2026

VSB Summer School will offer the following in-person secondary programs:

- Secondary Review/Preview/Remedial/ELL Program: July 7 – 31
- Secondary Completion Program: July 7 – August 7

The 2026 Summer Learning Program Brochure to view [online](#) now. Registration begins May 7 at noon. For more information visit [VSB Summer School](#).

## 2. Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

Grades 10, 11 and 12 students completed the Student Learning Survey in classes February 23-April 17. Parents of grades 10, 11 and 12 students and staff are invited to complete the Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey by **Friday, May 1**.

Survey Link: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

## 3. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on MS Teams on Thursday, May 7, 3:00 - 6:30 PM. The online booking system opens May 1 at 7:00 PM and closes at noon on May 7. There will be an early dismissal at 2:00 PM to allow teachers to prepare for conferences.

## 4. Enrollment 2026-27

- Kitsilano's projected enrollment for 2026-27 is ~1558. September 2025 enrollment was 1582.
- Enrollment data helps to determine school organization and staffing.

## 5. Planning for 2026-27 School Year

To assist families in planning for the 2026-27 school year, the school calendar and fee schedules will be shared with our school community at the end of May.

## 5. PAC Committee Reports

### Treasurer – Tina

PAC funding this year:

- BC Gaming Grant has been sent in – gives us \$31,000/year in funding and we are set to use almost all of it
- Donations received this year is about \$21,000 (thank you!)

### Grad Committee – Tina

- Happening June 8, 7-9pm at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- PAC will do 2 scholarships – will ask PAC member to hand these out at grad
- International students won't technically graduate from Kits so aren't allotted tickets
- Tickets on sale now for grad – given 2 then able to purchase up to 4 extra, then final stage families will have opportunity to buy more

### DPAC - Ishi

Previous DPAC Chair is currently on a leave. The DPAC was left in a bit of a scramble and it was a challenging year internally. However, with the new Chair things are getting back up and running. DPAC had their first meeting in a long time with the VSB which has prompted formal and informal dialogue with them again. Back in a place where DPAC can make some progress – will update!

### Athletics – Kerry

Spring sports are up and running:

- Track and Field
- Girls Softball
- Girls Soccer
- Grade 8/9 Boys Volleyball

- Badminton
- Ultimate
- Rugby 7's
- Golf
- Tennis

Check out the Kits Athletics Instagram for updates!

### Arts – Chris

#### 1. Theatre Department

- Shakespeare in Love Theatre production – May 25-28
- Kitsilano film screening – June 9-12

#### 2. Music Department

- Possible fundraiser: Music Night – May 13
- Performances during Fine Arts Night
- Spring Concert – June 17

#### 3. Fine Arts

- Ongoing art displays in the hallways – photography, Black History research, collage, drawing
- Arts Night fast approaching – June 11, 5-7pm
- Visual Art Scholarship
  - Kitsilano does not have an ongoing/ended art scholarship
  - For the first time, there will be a donation box available during Fine Arts Night to raise funds for a visual arts scholarship
  - Please help spread the word

### Newsletter - Jennifer

- Newsletter will be going out this Friday.
- Provides updates on PAC and student activities as well as stuff around the school, including in this issue:
  - link to PAC minutes
  - personal insights from Chris on why volunteering for PAC
  - upcoming events & dates
  - Cycling program
  - Prom ticket reminders
  - Addictive Brain section will include information about teen alcohol use with resources
  - And much more!

Anything you would like in the newsletter, please email Jennifer Sanchez at [jennifersalden@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersalden@gmail.com).

## **6. Other Business**

More discussion on the topic of the disengagement of students and lack of accountability that was mentioned by Carol-Anne McMillan in her Teacher's Report. We talked about possible causes (smart phone usage/social media), what to do and how to motivate kids to engage and take part in school life. Talked a bit about possible PAC sponsored events/resources.

**7. Adjournment**

Adjourn at 8:16 pm

Moved: Ishi Dinim

Seconded: Jennifer Sanchez

**APPROVED**

Thank you for coming.

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Our next meeting (last one for the year) is May 26<sup>th</sup> 2026