

**Minutes of the Kitsilano Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
General Meeting
Kitsilano Secondary School & online
Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm with 7 participants and 2 guests in person & 7 participants online.

PRESENT:

PAC Executive:

In person: Tina Pfeifer (Treasurer), Ishi Dinim (DPAC Rep), Kerry Kenwood (Secretary), Jennifer Sanchez (Newsletter)

Online: Jessica Qui (International Liason), Jana Tesar (IT/website)

Members:

In person: Kari Rust, Allie Nam, Jody Finlay

Online: Gaya Murthy, Jennifer Rogers, Kristina, Stephanie, Kannis, Caroline Lai, Nguoi Dung

Guests:

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

PAC Executive regrets: Monika Marcovivi (Social & Events), Maureen Campbell (Social Media), Chris Abrams (Arts Liason)

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

Moved: Kerry Kenwood

Seconded: Tina Pfeifer

APPROVED

2. Approval of last meeting minutes (April 28, 2026)

Moved: Jennifer Sanchez

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 Pfeifer - PAC Chair/ Treasurer
- Ishi Dinim - DPAC Rep
- Kerry Kenwood - Secretary/ Athletics
- Maureen Campbell - Social Media
- Jessica Qiu - International Students Liaison
- Jana Tesar - IT Website
- Chris Abrams - Arts Liaison
- Jennifer Sanchez - Newsletter

Openings on the PAC committee:

- Co-Chair
- Treasurer
- What's Next
- Athletics
- Social and Events
- Member at Large

Interested in joining? Please email kitspac@hotmail.com (time commitment is about 4 hours a month, role depending) to express your interest.

PAC meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month (excluding December, March, and June)

4. School Updates

Student Council President - Aiden Chandler

Not present

Teacher report – Carol-Anne MacMillan

1. Social Studies

Jonah Eckert, Social Studies, brought Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 students to the Bill Reid gallery a few weeks back, and we are heading to the UBC Botanical Gardens on Friday for ethnobotanical explorations.



2. English Department

Mira Cross, English Department, took an EFP 10 class to the Camosun Bog and Endowment Land trails to do plant identification and emergency shelter building to prepare for the creation of the Marrow Thieves survival guide.



Mira Cross and Carol-Anne McMillan, English Department, took 50 English First Peoples 12 and Contemporary Indigenous Studies on a half-day canoe trip along the north shore with Takaya Tours on Friday, May 22. The weather was AMAZING for the best of all outside learning, led by Seth George of Tsleil-Waututh Nation, who gifted us with stories and songs.



3. Drama & Fine Arts

Ryan Parker, Drama & Fine Arts: the ensemble production of 'Shakespeare in Love' premieres Tuesday and runs four nights until Friday night closing night! Then, June 9-12 we have the feature film 'Path of Chaos II: Bad Guys' where we filmed in Ireland!

From Ms. Fritz: Fine Arts Night will be on Thursday June 11th from 5-7pm. Come enjoy art, film, music, live art, edible art, everyone is welcome! Please consider bringing a cash donation for our first ever Kitsilano Visual Art Scholarship for a very deserving graduate.

4. Economics 12

From Alicia Kersten, Economics 12: I'd love to share that a student of mine, Chandran Whitegill, was a winner in the Junior Achievement Oratory Competition! He was in my Economics 12 class, as well as part of the Junior Achievement Company Program club I sponsor. He has been invited to deliver a one-minute speech at the Business Laureates of British Columbia Gala on June 8th and won \$2500! I am really proud of and excited for him!

5. Student Council and Link Crew

Student Council and Link Crew hosted the 3rd annual Grade 8 Carnival after school on May 20. Much fun was had by all!

This coming Thursday, May 28, Ms. Dhadwal and Student Council will host another "Culture Day" where, during Period 2 and throughout lunch, students will enjoy a cornucopia of edible treats from around the world!

Principal's Report – Benita Kwon

1. Kitsilano Administration Update

Effective August 1, Vice Principal George Kanavos will be leaving Kitsilano. He will be joining the Gladstone Secondary admin. team. Vice Principal Janet Thompson, currently at

Vancouver Technical Secondary, will join the Kitsilano Secondary admin. team for the next school year.

2. School Calendar 2026-27

Kitsilano's school calendar for 2026-27 will be published on the [school website](#) on May 29.

3. School Fees 2026-27

Kitsilano's school fee schedule for 2026-27 will be published on the [school website](#) on May 29.

4. June Year End

- June 23 Last Day of Regularly Scheduled Classes
- June 24, 25 "I" Days
There are no classes scheduled and students may be at school to see teachers and/or complete work, quiz, test, re-test at a teacher's request.
- June 25 Semester 2 Final Reports Published
- June 26 Administrative Day

5. Notice of Late Return

Students who will be returning later for the start of the new school year are required to complete the "2026 Notice of Late Return Form" and return it to the school office. The form must be completed and submitted for students expecting to return **LATER THAN noon on Friday, September 11, 2026, but prior to Tuesday, September 29, 2026.** [Click here](#) for a copy of the form.

Please note, if the school cannot verify a student's attendance at school by noon on September 11, 2026, the student will be withdrawn and will be required to re-register upon their return and depending on space, may or may not be accepted back to Kitsilano.

5. PAC Committee Reports

Treasurer – Tina

PAC funding this year:

- BC Gaming Grant was received – \$32,000 in funding (about \$20 per student)
- Donations received totals just over \$15,000
- Funding goes towards the school and supplemental activities from teacher's wish list

DPAC - Ishi

DPAC AGM is Thursday June 18, at 6:30pm, rm 30 at VSB office – in person only.

Will be voting to tweak some of the bylaws plus other business.

Everyone welcome – need more engagement!

Athletics – Kerry

Spring sports are finishing up with the end of the school year coming to a close:

- Track and Field
 - Grade 8 girls won zone championships
 - Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys each won zone championships as well as the combined title
 - The team will compete in Provincials next weekend
- Girls Softball
 - Girls team is the 4-time City Champions.
- Girls Soccer
 - Jr. Girls won City Championships
 - Sr. Girls head to Provincials tomorrow in Kamloops
- Grade 8/9 Boys Volleyball
- Rugby 7's
 - The team placed 2nd in zones
 - heading to Provincials
- Golf
 - City playoffs last week
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Ultimate

Athletic Banquet happening June 10th after school. Awards and recognition in the theatre and then there will be a BBQ afterwards outside. Tickets (for BBQ) now on SchoolCashOnline until June 3.

Check out the Kits Athletics Instagram for updates!

Arts – Chris

1. Theatre Department
 - Shakespeare in Love Theatre production – happening now until May 28th
 - Kitsilano film screening – June 9-12
2. Music Department
 - Performances during Fine Arts Night
 - Spring Concert – June 17
3. Fine Arts
 - Arts Night fast approaching – June 11, 5-7pm
 - Showcase of art student's work

Newsletter - Jennifer

- Newsletter will be going out this Sunday.
- Provides updates on PAC and student activities as well as stuff around the school.
- Anything you would like in the newsletter, please email Jennifer Sanchez at jennifersalden@gmail.com.

6. Upcoming Events

Graduation – Tina

- Happening June 8, 7-9pm at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- PAC will provide 2 scholarships which will be presented by Tina
- Question was asked as to why the ceremony moved from the Orpheum to the QE.
 - more space was needed on stage & the more open layout in the lobby works best for the reception afterwards in the lobby.
 - The theatre only offers 2 time slots – 11am or 7pm - the morning doesn't allow teachers to attend and many parents have to work which is why it is in the evening.

Fine Arts Night – June 11

- PAC will have an info table at the event
- Volunteers and donations needed

Teacher luncheon – June 18

- Looking for volunteers to help work the event & to make food and other non-perishable items
- Follow this [link](#) to sign up to bring something or help
 - Food
 - Flowers from your garden
 - Take-away containers, etc
 - Donate money to support the event
 - Donate gift cards for the raffle
 - Sign up to help at the event
- Really good way to show our appreciation & teachers really enjoy it

7. Other Business

Bike locker

There has been some bike and scooter thefts from the bike locker. Even when locked to a post inside the locker - the posts have been pried up out of the ground.

- As a response, the administration now locks the bike locker during the school day so that it is only open in the morning before school and then after school.
- An idea was suggested: to install cameras outside around the school. This would be a VSB initiative.
- Administration was asked to send out separate information/notification via email about thefts happening so people are aware (and not just part of newsletter as theft issues/warnings have been done previously because sometimes these messages are missed).
 - Administration agreed that more direct communication about things like this will be implemented more going forward.

Library access during FIT

Students other than grades 11 and 12 are not allowed to go into the library during FIT. Gr 11 and 12 are allowed to choose common learning spaces for FIT – this includes the library, lunch tables, open area in atrium, etc. or they can go into a classroom. Other grades are required to go to classrooms.

- This was brought up by some members who feel that the library should be open to all.
- The administration said that they have tried to have all grades in library and other shared learning spaces in the past, but that it did not work well, it was chaotic.
 - Younger grades in general didn't have executive functioning to be serious and focus on work.
 - The senior students require quiet places to be able to focus on serious work.
 - These are some of the reasons why library access was restricted during FIT.
- The administration said that they will look at opening it up in future.

FIT Attendance Notifications

If a student does not sign up for a classroom during FIT periods, an attendance notification goes out to parents.

- These notifications are automatic, set up in the attendance system.
- The administration will look at trying to turn these off.

8. Adjournment

Adjourn at 8:03 pm

Moved: Ishi Dinim

Seconded: Jennifer Sanchez

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Thank you for coming.

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Our next meeting will be in September next year.