

**KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL 09/10**  
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING MINUTES 05

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

13 January 2010

**PRESENT:**

- Chris Atkinson, Principal; Rainer Mehl, Teacher
- Executive members:** James Burton, Lisa Herrera, Mary Chipman, Cathy Goodban, Anne DeWolfe, Andrew Larigakis
- 15 PAC members total** (refer to sign-in book)

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Staff Room, 7:30 pm

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>
5.01	Agenda tabled and adopted.	Info
5.02	Minutes of last meeting adopted. Item 4.03 from last minutes carried forward – “Cathy Sommerville and Lisa Hererra will investigate PayPal for KitsNow”	Info  Lisa/Cathy
5.03	<b>Principal’s Report</b> – Chris Atkinson -first term Report Cards have gone home. -all students grades were reviewed by Grade Administrator and Grade Counsellor. For students considered to be at risk of not succeeding, letters were sent home to parents. Appointments are being made with these parents and action plans are being developed for students. -Staff have been discussing the pros and cons of splitting the current Planning 10 course into a half year in Grade 10 and a half year in Grade 11. -School proposing to have all teachers participate in Transition Plan Presentations this year.  -Discussions ongoing amongst staff regarding how to improve Special Ed. Achieve program may be modified. The Principal’s preference is to not mix “adapted” and “modified” programs. -Mr. Atkinson will provide further report on progress with strategies to support students not achieving at next PAC meeting.	Info
5.04	<b>Teacher’s Report</b> – Rainer Mehl -Grad Transition Presentations are a highlight at the school. Transition Presentations will be February 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. -about 40 parent volunteers in total are needed to participate in Presentations. Volunteers still needed. -volunteering recommended especially to parents of Grade 10 and 11 students. Grade 12 parent volunteers do not have to be at their kid’s presentation. -parent Lynn Sackville and Mr. Mehl spoke very positively regarding student Transition Plan Presentations from past years. -School has sent a letter to VSB expressin concern regarding class size and composition. Language relating to class size and composition has been dropped from contract language thus leading more problems with these issues. -the late hiring of teachers has been a significant problem at the school this year and there has been a lot of juggling of staff and classes.	Info
5.05	<b>Student Report</b> – no student present -Mary Chipman will recruit a student representative to present Student Reports at future PAC meetings.	Mary
5.06	<b>DPAC Report</b> – Anne DeWolfe -DPAC meeting for February was cancelled. Rescheduled for March. -DPAC has an information sheet on FSA testing which would be of interest to	Info

	parents with children in elementary school.	
5.07	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> – Cathy Goodban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-KitsNow has raised a total of \$14,300. Of that amount \$5,800 in donations was earmarked by donors to specific items or programs including \$5,000 donated towards basketball.</li> </ul>	Info
5.08	<b>CPF Report</b> – no CPF representative present.	Info
5.09	<p><b>Vancouver Children's Choir</b> – Pam Brewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Representative from Choir made presentation to PAC promoting the choir.</li> <li>-choir is open to kids 7-17 years of age.</li> <li>-lots of fun and a tremendous learning experience.</li> <li>-kids often make lifelong friends.</li> <li>-Rupert Lang, the Choir Director, is excellent with the kids and internationally renowned.</li> </ul>	Info
5.10	<p><b>Crossroads Conference Presentation</b> – Chan Woo Kim, Andrew Mark, Raisley Mah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2<sup>nd</sup> year of student organized and led conference at UBC. Provides interaction and dialogue between youth and adult leaders in the community. Keynote speaker this year is Paolo Aquilini. Other prominent people involved include Kevin Millsip and William Reese.</li> <li>-takes place Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>-born of students desire to change the city, have an impact.</li> <li>-three areas of focus – economic , social and environmental.</li> <li>-expecting about 600 delegates this year.</li> <li>-www.crossroadsconference.ca</li> <li>-PAC will hear at next meeting if there is Kits student involvement and discuss whether to provide financial support.</li> </ul>	Info
	-Mr. Atkinson is forming a Unity Committee as a communications hub for school groups since there is a lot of overlap between groups.	Info
5.11	<p><b>School Renewal / Seismic Upgrade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a revised plan has been put forward by the committees which is a development of the earlier proposed Option D (one of six conceptual options developed). This Option includes the retention of the 1927 block façade with a new gym behind it. Other than that façade, everything else is new.</li> <li>-Option D was viewed to be less disruptive to teaching and learning than the other options incorporating some heritage retention.</li> <li>-the proposal will be distributed to parents for viewing and comment through a link in a KitsPac e-news mail out.</li> <li>-the link will also be made available to those on the current email database of interested parties.</li> <li>-Gwyneth offered to distribute hard copies of the Proposal to Feeder Schools and the Community Groups.</li> <li>-there will be a meeting of the KSPT with the Facilitators, VSB representatives and others on Monday to discuss the Proposal.</li> <li>-the PAC representatives on the committee would like feedback on the proposal as soon as possible.</li> <li>-a public Open House has been scheduled by the VSB to present the proposal to the public on Tuesday, March 2nd from 3-7pm.</li> <li>-currently there is still no non-school related Community member on the KSPT Committee despite repeated requests from the PAC representatives and the PAC.</li> <li>-Four motions put forward by the PAC:</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 1</b> – the Kitsilano PAC calls for two Community Members to be put on the KSPT planning committee immediately. Motion Seconded. Passed.</p>	<p>Mary</p> <p>Gwyneth</p> <p>Info</p>

	<p><b>Motion 2</b> - the PAC requests 50 hard copies of the Proposal be provided to the PAC for distribution to Feeder Schools, Community Groups and Community members within five working days. The PAC also requests that a plan to publicize the Open House be provided to the PAC as soon as possible. Motion Seconded. Passed.</p> <p><b>Motion 3</b> – the PAC requests that the KSPT planning Committee have adequate time before the Open House to review the Questionnaire. Motion Seconded. Passed.</p> <p><b>Motion 4</b> – the Kitsilano PAC requests that there be the following two Open House dates and times:  Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, from 3pm to 7pm and  Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 5pm to 9pm  Motion Seconded. Passed.</p>	
	<p><b>School Planning Council</b>  -Lisa Herrera (Executive member), Thomas Winkler and Wyeth Wasserman nominated to School Planning Council. Positions to be formally confirmed at next PAC meeting to which a full quorum is present.</p>	

**End of Minutes to meeting of 13 January 2010**