

KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL 08/09

PAC MEETING MINUTES 05

14 January 2009

PRESENT:

- Alex Grant, Principal; Karen Coflin, teacher
- Executive members:** James Burton, Cathy Goodban, Lisa Herrera, Mary Chipman, Andrew Larigakis
- Linda Allen, CitySpaces; Elizabeth FitzZaland, CitySpaces.
- 15 PAC members total** (refer to sign-in book)

Location: 3rd Floor Staff Room - Kitsilano Secondary School, 7:30 pm

	Minutes	Action
5.01	-motion to move discussion of Visioning Day workshop to bottom of agenda. Motion seconded. Carried.	Info
5.02	-action items from previous Minutes reviewed. Mary Chipman still attempting to recruit students to sit on Seismic Renewal Committee.	Mary
5.03	-motion to adopt minutes from previous meeting. Seconded. Carried.	Info
5.04	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>-a virus has affected all VSB computers during the past week. Administration and Counseling computers now operational. All VSB computers need to be checked and fixed one by one.</p> <p>-it appears that no data has been lost or corrupted.</p> <p>-no e-bulletin was able to go out.</p> <p>-students have been engaged in an exercise on School Renewal and Seismic Upgrade. All classes spent block 'C' today doing an exercise and discussing the issues. One student from each class reported out the class's results during a lunch-hour event in the drama studio. Approximately 60 students took part in the lunch-hour event. Alex and Karen reported that there was enthusiastic uptake by students in the exercise.</p> <p>-Alex will compile the students input and notes into a report.</p> <p>-students have been invited to participate in Visioning Day.</p> <p>-the Ecology teacher, Madame Lebel is resigning. Strain of teaching while having a young family. Lianne Delage, the other Ecology teacher, can substitute if required until a new teacher is found for the position. The school is currently advertising and will be doing interviews.</p> <p>-teachers in Ecology, and in the French Immersion Program in general, are not being supplied with the support material for their courses that are available in English. As a consequence these teachers are having to spend many additional hours translating resources. For instance, there have been three new textbooks in Science 8, 9 and 10 introduced in the last three years. French translations of these texts have been late in coming and none of the supporting resources have been made available in French.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Alex</p>
5.05	-the PAC Executive will write a letter to the VSB to express the PAC's concern regarding the lack of support resources for classes taught in French.	Mary
5.06	<p>School Planning Council</p> <p>-the School Planning Council had its first meeting today. Andrew sits on the SPC and gave a report to PAC. The School Growth Plan for 2008-2009 was discussed at the SPC meeting. The Plan's first goal, [To improve the learning experiences of all students through a focus on teaching and assessment] was to be partially addressed through a teacher mentoring process. There has been little uptake on the idea of teacher mentoring ("teachers teaching teachers"), with only two teachers so far having requested time to attend their</p>	Info

	<p>colleague's classes.</p> <p>-VSB Superintendents have given a workshop during a professional day on assessment (refer to minutes of 21 October 2008). The SPC is scheduled to meet again on February 18th, 2009.</p>	
5.07	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>-\$1,000 more has been received now though KitsNow bringing the total to approximately \$7,000.</p> <p>-the Jazz Club has requested \$225 for the Envision Jazz Competition.</p> <p>-\$900 (\$3 per student) has been requested for students to attend "Coup de Coeur", a musical presentation in French.</p> <p>-the Athletics Department were able to find a deal on the workstation for which funding had been approved, and so did not spend the entire \$2600 that had been allocated to them. They requested permission to use the balance not spent for new volleyballs and basketball which the PAC had previously been unable to fund.</p> <p>-motion moved to approve spending requests. Seconded. Carried.</p>	Info
5.08	<p>Teacher's Report – Karen Coflin</p> <p>-next Professional Development Day will be on January 26th. There will be presentations by the Canadian Federation of Sustainable Learning Alliance. They will introduce ideas about how to incorporate environmental curriculum into all classes. The focus will be on "Water".</p> <p>-February 19th is Parent-Teacher night. There will be an Open House for the Arts on the same night. Parents will be able to wander into classrooms and see what students are doing. Other arts events are also being planned.</p> <p>Note: a Grade 12 Ski Trip to Big White being planned by students is not a school trip! It is not sanctioned or sponsored by the school. Student are expected to be in school on the Friday on which the trip is scheduled to start.</p>	Info
5.09	<p>-PAC will post a notice on the e-bulletin regarding this ski trip.</p>	Mary
5.10	<p>Re-Visioning Workshop (Visioning Day)</p> <p>-Linda Allen and Elizabeth FitzZaland from CitySpaces, the Facilitators, introduced themselves and Linda Allen gave some background on their company.</p> <p>-Linda Allen described the event as it has developed thus far in their work with the school's Visioning Day Sub-Committee (see Minutes of School Renewal / Seismic Upgrade Committee meeting of January 14th, 2009)</p> <p>-the event will be on the evening of February 13th from 7 to 9pm, and on Saturday, February 14th from 9:30-3:30.</p> <p>-the event involves the entire school community.</p> <p>-the event has two formats:</p> <p>1) Open House Format –drop in, drop out. This will occur both on Friday night, and all day on Saturday concurrently with format 2).</p> <p>2) Collaborative Visioning Format. For all-day attendees on Saturday. Basic format as follows:</p> <p>a) Welcoming</p> <p>b) Plenary Session. Speakers on Optimal Learning Environments, Networks of Learning, Heritage.</p> <p>c) Morning Break-Out</p> <p>d) Lunch</p> <p>e) Plenary Session. Bricks and mortar issues, and Exemplary schools</p> <p>f) Afternoon Break-Out Groups</p> <p>g) Wrap-up Plenary</p> <p>-Facilitators will not make recommendations.</p> <p>-they will draw out themes and threads.</p> <p>-public notification is scheduled to go out next Thursday.</p> <p>-pre-registration will be dealt with by CitySpaces.</p>	Info

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	-feeder schools are a key group, for instance. -There will be media releases.	
5.11	-ideas on communications can go to Mary	Info
5.12	-Lisa feels we need to explain why the time frame is so short. (Kits a high risk school in a seismic event, funding currently available for infrastructure, etc.)	Info
5.13	-Mary provided an overview of who will be contacted and how regarding the event. Groups and methods include: KitsPAC Enews, Kits enews Bulletin, Friends of Kits, Graduates List, 11 Feeder Schools to Kits, School Renewal Committees of Feeder Schools, Kits-related FaceBook groups, Classmates.com, Kits 1967, Kits1966, Kits 4 th Avenue, Kits West Broadway, Hellenic Community Centre, Residents Associations, Kitsilano Farmer's Market, Joyce Murray, Gordon Campbell, VSB Trustees, Parks Board Trustees, Suzuki Foundation, Musqueam Nation, Kits Community Centre, MeraLomas Club, Heritage Vancouver, DPAC, S.W.I.S., Success, and more.	
5.14	-the following have so far volunteered to help on the day: Karen Coflin, James Burton, Mary Chipman, Diane Montgomery, Andrew Larigakis.	Info
5.15	-Gwyneth felt we should have examples of other schools, for instance, Van Tech, Lord Byng, Magee.	Info
5.16	Olympics -Alex informed us that the VSB has made no decisions yet regarding school closures during the Olympics. -the decision may be made on a school by school basis. -Gwyneth felt there was a lack of leadership. -Karen noted that the VSTA has voted for taking the time off during the Olympics. Spring Break would move to the Olympic Period. A few days off would be added to the Easter break. -Motion moved to "request the VSB make an immediate decision on policy for school closure during the Olympics. Motion seconded. Carried. -Mary will draft a letter to the VSB.	Info Mary

End of Minutes to meeting of 14 January 2009

Minutes by Andrew Larigakis