



2025-2026 KITCHENER PAC #1 (IN PERSON)
School Staff Room
Sept 22, 2025
6:30-8:00pm

Attendees: Dino K, Nicole M, Maya D, Roshni, Leila V, Sweta C, Paul K, Allison W, Jennifer W, Martin K, Andrew T, Lucila, Euler, Davi, Pessiula, Sally, Donna

Absent: Zelita, Shirin

6:30pm Welcome

Maya Dimapilis

- Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 pm
- Land Acknowledgement
- Introduction of all executives:
 - Maya Dimapilis, President (Returning Exec)
 - Roshni, Vice President (New)
 - Leila Vazirian, Treasurer (Returning Exec)
 - Sweta Chapadia, Secretary (New)
- Introduction of District PAC: Paul Kwon (Returning)
- Introduction of PAC at Large: Allison Woo, Jennifer Wu, Martin Kendell (Absent: Zelita, Shirin)

6:35pm Message from Principal

Dino Klarich

- Welcomed new Vice Principal, Nicole Macpherson.
- Welcomed new families attending the meeting.
- Apologies conveyed on behalf of Head Teacher Ms. Chung C. for not being able to attend
- Current enrollment: 25 divisions, 551 students.
- Epic Books project successful.
- Construction updates:
 - Foundation progressing quickly, elevator construction underway.
 - Completion projected for September 2026.
 - Safety remains top priority.
 - Alternative parking available near school (strictly not near the bus stop at Gilmore Ave).

- Programs will continue as usual despite construction (e.g., activities at Willingdon Park).
- Importance of September social learning/play emphasized.
- Encouraged parent involvement and open dialogue.
- FSA (Gr. 4–7) assessments upcoming (numeracy, literacy, writing). More to come.
- Funding update: Ministry “Affordability Fund” (various uses that support equal access to all school programs and services) discontinued for this year. PAC will be updated as more information comes available or if support is required from PAC

6:56pm DPAC Report

Paul Kwon

- Paul attended the first district PAC meeting held last week.
- Burnaby school district has prepared a 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- Open call for volunteers on district committees (to be elected on Oct 20) to represent the parent/guardian voice. All PAC members are eligible. Available committees are
 1. Sustainability
 2. SOGI (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity)
 3. Technology
 4. Community schools
 5. EDI (Equity Diversity & inclusion)
 6. Equity Scan
 7. Accessibility

For any questions, email Paul Kwon, Kitchener DPAC Rep at kitchenerdpac@gmail.com (attention:Committee Selection)

- The district seeks feedback from parents on budget cuts and impacts for an interview with the Media. Contact Paul Kwon at kitchenerdpac@gmail.com

7:00pm Year In Review (2024-25)

Maya Dimapilis

General Fundraising

- **Total: \$14,473** (\$6,468 raised + \$8,005 retained earnings; not including Earthquake or GIC)
- **Spent: \$7,016**
 - Classroom Funds (\$200 per FTE – used for extra holiday items and digital memberships that enhance learning) - 70%
 - Staff Appreciation & Goodbye Gifts for Staff – 16%
 - Admin (membership fee, software license, supplies) – 11%
 - School Community Events – 3%

BC Gaming Funds

- **Total: \$23,753** (\$10,180* granted + \$13,573 carry-over)
- **Spent: \$14,873**

- Field Trips (subsidies ie. swimming, skating)- 48%
- SafeTeen Education (every two years) – 15%
- Special Wishlist (every 5–10 yrs) – 13%
- Tennis Lessons – 11%
- Annual Pancake Breakfast – 6%
- School-Wide Activities (sports day, movie nights) – 4%
- Grade 7 Leaving – 4%

**3 years to spend*

7:12pm Budget (2025-2026)

Leila Varizian

- PAC has sufficient funds to cover all expenses this year with the projected revenue and with over \$7,000 carried forward from last year .
- Discussion: whether to reinvest GIC funds at maturity in November. Suggestion to split GIC funds (by Allison). This will be discussed by the Planning Committee with recommendations presented at the October PAC meeting.
- Motion to approve budget: Passed (moved by Maya, seconded by Andrew T.).

7:30pm Additional Business & New Ideas

Roshni

1. Calendar Of Events:

- Babysitting (25 spots) & Home Alone programs via First Aid Hero (Nov/Feb Pro-D days). Students can enroll with discounted rates.
- School movie nights, concessions, Pancake Breakfast coming up.
- PAC meetings will be held monthly
- Upcoming Pancake Breakfast will continue. Dec 17th. Andrew is providing butane tanks for Pancake Breakfast. (Roshni to connect) Dino confirmed the band, Santa's Helpers as well as Seniors from local Seniors Centre will also be attending

2. KPAC Creative:

- Instagram managed by Erica (who created the account last year), Roshni, Donna, Maya – grew to 140+ followers.

3. Fundraisers:

- Sun-Oka Farm Fresh Apple fundraiser (by Martin). Accepting new orders by October 6th -nearing target
- Family photoshoot by HT School Photography happening on October 20-21(by Donna). Few spots left.
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser in spring .
- New suggestions-
 - Andrew suggested exploring Vegas Donuts for a fundraiser.
 - inviting car dealers for test drives and document shredding services etc.

4. Parent Volunteer Database:

- So far, 11 parents have signed up to volunteer at the school whenever needed -thank you! We'd love to see more families join in and be part of this team effort.

7:50pm Housekeeping

Maya Dimapilis

- Motion to hold monthly PAC meetings on the 4th Monday each month alternating In person & Virtual. Motion passed (moved by Maya, seconded by Paul).
- PAC Communications:

Email:

- Every first Tuesday: PAC Monthly Newsletter
- Every following Tuesday: Weekly PAC Update and Reminder

Social Media: Stay connected on [*Instagram*](#) (@kitchenerpac.sd41)

Website: Page for parents online: <https://kitchener.burnabyschools.ca/parents/>

8:00pm Meeting Adjourned

Maya Dimapilis

SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS:

- Martin: monthly student cleanup program (to be discussed offline).
- Dino: share unused craft/stationery supplies with families.
- Maya: postpone student clubs (math, chess, technology) until after construction.
- Zelita (message passed along): proposed lending library with games/activities – to coordinate with the head teacher.