



**2025-2026 KITCHENER PAC #5 (Online)**  
**FEB 23, 2026**  
**6:30-7:31pm**

**Attendees:** Maya D, Roshni, Leila V, Sweta C, Shirin A, Erica C, Carol L, Martin K, Donna L, Paul K, Staff: Dino K, Nicole M, Claudia C.

**6:30pm - Welcome - Maya Dimapilis**

- Land Acknowledgement delivered.
- Approval of Minutes
- January Minutes: Motion by Roshni; seconded by Martin; passed unanimously.
- November Minutes: Motion by Martin; seconded by Roshni; passed unanimously.

[Link to Minutes HERE](#)

**6:34pm – Principal’s Update – Mr. Klarich**

**General Updates**

- February has been a busy month.
- Kind Mind Parent Evening new and well received by parents.
- Appreciation extended to Ms. Lum for her support with presentation and setup.

**Movie Night**

- Ms. Chung has updated that 19 families (52 people total) have RSVP'd; responses remain open.
- Appreciation expressed to PAC for concession support.
- Movie: *Dog Man*.
- Request made for 4 additional volunteers for PAC Concession(via Roshni).
- Ms. Chung has asked teachers to promote the event in classrooms.
- Support requested for A/V setup on movie night.

## **Cultural Event**

- Local drummer (Daniel) will lead rhythmic and reflective drumming sessions Grade K-7.
- Students will participate in mixed groups.
- The presentation will take place at the end of the week.
- Focus this year on Arts/Music (last year was Tennis).

## **Sports Updates**

### **Basketball**

- Boys' and girls' teams participated in the tournament at South Burnaby. The girls team played at Burnaby Mountain secondary school. The students played very well.
- Appreciation expressed to parents for driving students and Mr. Ho, Gym teacher.

### **Track & Field (Grades 4–7)**

- Ms. Chung informed practices begin next week.

### **New Baseball Program – “Girls at Bat”**

- Launched in February; runs Wednesdays after school.
- Facilitated by a young female baseball player.
- Designed for Grades 1–3 girls.
- Regular updates provided by Ms. Bulos and Ms. Yaremko.

## **Other**

- A school parent is offering paid art classes on Mondays in the staffroom (for younger students).
- Administration remains open to similar enrichment ideas.
- Approximately 30–35 students are going to Willingdon Heights Park at lunch recess.
- Grade 3 students now have access to the soccer field.
- Exploring additional outdoor activity options (basketball, park, soccer field) at the park.
- Mixed-grade and straight-grade classes will continue next year to balance enrollment (aligned with 70% of Burnaby schools).
- New custodian, Ash Ram, hired (6:00 AM - 2:30 PM shift).

## **Building Project update**

- Project progressing well; main office nearing final phase.
- The second floor will connect directly to the main building, providing library access.
- The main building will remain unchanged due to heritage designation.
- Two portables will be removed to reclaim playground space eventually.
- Portable for daycare not open yet.

- Three all-weather outdoor play areas will be available, including the current playground.

#### **7:00 pm - DPAC Report – Paul Kwon**

- The District Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2025–26 Amended Budget, which reviews the current year’s financial position.
- Enrollment growth following the pandemic (1,000 students per year over the past three years) has now flattened, with projections showing possible slight declines over the next few years.
- The district currently projects a structural surplus of approximately \$966K, an improvement from last year’s deficit.
- Unrestricted operating reserves are projected to reach \$3.2M by June 2026, still below the Board policy target of 1–2% of the operating budget.
- Substitute costs have decreased due to the Attendance Management Program, which aims to reduce absences and disruptions.
- A Grade 7 Band program was discussed using a cost-recovery model (\$350 per student, parent-funded) with initial rollout at several sites.
- The 2026–27 proposed budget will be presented at the April 15 DPAC meeting, where parents can ask program-level questions. Paul will share further details for all the interested parents to join the meeting.

#### **7:08 pm -Treasurer’s Report – Leila Varizian**

- 90% revenue commitment met by January.
- Feedback welcomed on new e-transfer reimbursement process via Ms. Chung.
- Teachers reminded to submit expenses promptly.
- Financial reports available upon request [sd41kitchenertreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sd41kitchenertreasurer@gmail.com)

#### **7:14 pm- Ongoing and New - Various (Roshni)**

##### **Stay Safe Program (Carol)**

- Program cancelled as we didn’t meet minimum enrollment.
- Refund options offered:
  - Credit via MunchALunch
  - Carry forward to next year
  - Donation to PAC

##### **Gr 7 Fundraisers (Carol)**

- **Candygram:** 952 sold; minor delivery delays due to high demand.
- **Krispy Kreme:** Upcoming.
- **Purdy’s :** Upcoming

- **FroYo:** Scheduled for April. Future improvements include earlier setup and more Grade 7 involvement.

### **Hot Lunch (Shirin)**

- The Hot Lunch survey was conducted and received 66 responses; parents prefer twice-monthly hot lunch.
- High priority on food quality and nutrition.
- Strong interest in pizza; positive feedback on Subway.
- Maya thanked the hot lunch team for survey execution and data compilation.

### **Communications & Volunteers (Roshni)**

- Importance of early Instagram promotion emphasized.
- Event leads are encouraged to provide detailed information in advance to facilitate timely marketing and maximize participation.
- Instagram following has reached 180+.

### **Additional Updates (Maya)**

- No PAC meeting in March due to spring break.
- Put forward an idea regarding possible Earth Day (April 22) school-wide clean-up as follow up to Martin's previous request for community day clean up. Principal open to small-group or community-based neighborhood clean-up; tools may be borrowed from City of Burnaby.
- Nicole awaiting earthquake supply list; Erica lead and Aron offering support on the project.
- Roshni to request additional movie night volunteers via Instagram.

### **7:31 pm- Adjournment- Maya**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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### **Special notes:**

**Next Meeting:** April 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM