



2025-2026 KITCHENER PAC#6 - Online

April 20, 2026

6:33-7:40pm

Attendees: Allison W, Daisy, Donna L, Jennifer W, Leila V, Martin K, Maya D, Pavan D, Sahar A, Shirin A, Sweta C, Tracey O (Tee), Tracy T, Zelita R, Staff: Claudia C, Dino K

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes – Maya Dimapilis (6:33 PM)

- Meeting called to order by Maya Dimapilis, followed by Land Acknowledgement.
- Attendees were warmly welcomed and brief round-table introductions made.
- February minutes approved (Moved: Maya; Seconded: Zelita; Passed unanimously).

Community Updates:

- Maya shared that Leila will be stepping down as Treasurer next year as her daughter is transferring to another school.. She kindly offered to remain available for support and guidance.
 - Tracy T. and Tracey O., are currently nominated for 2026/27 Treasurer role
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2. Principal's Report – Dino Klarich (6:45 PM)

- Enrollment remains stable at approximately 560 students (25 divisions, 26 staff).
- With warmer weather approaching, students are encouraged to bring water bottles (two refill stations available in the school).

Student Life & Learning:

- The recent track meet was a great success, supported by staff and parent volunteers (special thanks to Mr. Ching). More meets are coming up, including one at Swangard Stadium. Volunteers are always welcome to share their expertise and contribute their skills.
- Continued strong participation in sports and the arts.

- Literacy initiatives led by Ms. MacPherson continued, LSS aligned with Ministry standards; ongoing into next year.
- Additional support continues for ELL learners, reflecting the school's diverse community.
- Professional Development (Pro-D) Day focused on literacy development.

Facilities & Growth:

- Increased Kindergarten enrollment; preparations underway for incoming students. New school building project expected completion: Fall 2026.
 - Current challenges include underground utility lines beneath the basketball court.
 - New building to include 4 Kindergarten classrooms with attached washrooms. Each floor will include a blend of primary and intermediate (combination of grades).
 - Annex and select divisions will relocate to the new building.
- Main building to be retained as a heritage site and connected to new structure including gym.
- Two portables to be relocated off-site, creating more outdoor space. Date of move undetermined at this time.

Programs & Community Use:

- Students are actively using Willingdon Park for activities (soccer, volleyball, basketball), with Ms. MacPherson and staff accompanying classes and Grade 6–7 students using the new basketball court.
- Childcare portable work is complete and awaiting licensing.
- Ministry funded StrongStart program (Ms. Huang) continues to support families with young children (0–5 years).

3. DPAC Report (7:03 PM)

- Update shared by Maya on behalf of Paul regarding the April 15 DPAC budget meeting. In addition to regular budget pressures, the district is facing a potential financial impact from a province-level salary arbitration issue.
- The last DPAC meeting discussion among parents shifted toward advocacy, coordination across schools, and strengthening communication.
- Parents with experience in media, communications, labour or union organizing, or political advocacy are encouraged to get involved.
- A follow-up DPAC working meeting (April 20- focused on next steps, communication strategy and what DPAC should carry forward) ahead of the May 6 feedback stage.
- Kitchener parents with district-wide concerns or relevant experience are encouraged to connect with DPAC at this time. Contact Paul, DPAC Rep and Burnaby DPAC Chair at kitchenerdpac@gmail.com.

4. Treasurer's Report – Leila (7:06 PM)

- BCCPAC annual fees have been paid, enabling Kitchener (SD41) parents to participate in BCCPAC events until next summer.
- The PAC newsletter will continue to share upcoming events.
- Budget goals have been reached as of March 31, 2026. Thanks to the PAC Planning Committee work and the entire Kitchener community. Special note of thanks to the Hot Lunch program. Extra lunches have been a major contributor to strong financial standing.
- Fundraising efforts are going well, with a positive outlook Grade 7 fundraising continues through Munch-a-Lunch.
- Financial reports are available upon request sd41kitchenertreasurer@gmail.com .

5. PAC Nominations Update (7:14 PM)

Executive (2026–2027):

- President: Vacant
- Vice President: Roshni S.
- Secretary: Sweta C.
- Treasurer: Tracy T. & Tracey O.
- DPAC Representative: Vacant

Members-at-Large:

- Allison W., Jennifer W., Martin K., Shirin A., Zelita R.

Notes:

- Maya will be stepping down as President as her child moves to secondary school.
 - As Paul is also serving as Burnaby DPAC Chair, we are now seeking a DPAC representative who generally attends approximately five meetings per year.
 - Suggestion raised by Allison to include primary and intermediate parent representatives in future.
 - Shirin will continue to lead the hot lunch program.
 - Opportunities for Social Media support open.
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6. General Business (7:18 PM)

Earth Day Cleanup (April 22):

- Martin is organizing an Earth Day cleanup at Willingdon Park with Dino's coordination. Five divisions will participate, using pickers and garbage bags (tools borrowed from City of Burnaby) The cleanup route includes William St., Carleton Ave., near the dog park, and playground, returning to school. Students will gather at the front entrance. Parent volunteers are welcome around 1:00 & 1:30 PM (2x 30 minute shifts). Interested parents can contact Martin via email martin.kendell@gmail.com.

Teacher Appreciation Week (Week of June 8-12):

- Jennifer is leading Teacher Appreciation Week, with plans to provide breakfast and/or lunch over several days to recognize all staff. Volunteers are welcome to join the planning team or assist with food pickup and supplies.
- Volunteer opportunities are based on parent availability and do not have to be present for the whole week.
- Support is also appreciated from anyone with business connections willing to offer discounts or donate food, flowers, or gift cards. Interested individuals can contact Jennifer via email jenwu14@hotmail.com or PAC email.

Creative Team:

- Daisy and a friend have expressed interest in joining the team.
- Thanks shared for Donna's and Erica's ongoing contributions.

School 100-Year Celebration:

- Dino informed us that the planning for the celebration has been postponed to consider the completion of the new building (expected Fall 2026). The event date will be confirmed closer to completion. Opportunities to parents will be offered or the PAC can start their own working group if desired.
 - Given scheduling constraints in September and October, November 2026 is being considered.
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7. Calendar of Events (7:36 PM)

- White Spot hot lunch order closed with strong participation (180+ orders).
- **May 15:** Concession (volunteers needed)
- **May 21:** Multicultural Night (school-led; opportunity to enhance community engagement)
- **May 25:** PAC AGM & Elections (2026–2027)
- **Sports Day:** PAC will provide donation of some sort; approval given for on-site/field PAC concession

8. Adjournment (7:40 PM)

- Meeting adjourned by Maya Dimapilis.