

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: April 18th, 2023, 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title): Annie Low-Beer, Veronica Solimano, Jesse, Leslie Shoji, Maria McClean, Kevin Day, Sarah Lacombe, Maria G, Nassim, Michelle Wiens, Tony

PAC Executive:

- Claire Wilson, Chair
- Kemp Edmonds, Vice Chair
- Leslie Hoolaeff, Treasurer
- Lynn Gosselin, Secretary
- Maddy Kipling, Member at Large / DPAC
- Sameena Nahal, Member at Large

Administration/Teachers: Susan Dent, Principal

- **Welcome – Claire Wilson**
- **Call to Order – Claire Wilson**
- **Approval of January 2023 minutes**

Moved	Annie Low-Beer	Seconded	Leslie Shoji	Carried

- **Land Acknowledgement** - Maddy Kipling
 - Land Acknowledgment: showed the history of the boundaries of the Kitsilano Reserve “6” assigned to the Squamish Nation. The areas we know as Kits Beach, Vanier Park and False Creek South up to Granville Island were all know as Snauq (numerous spellings of the sound of the Squamish village).
 - Included below are some images and the photo from the Burrard Bridge. Maddy got these iages from the Archives.
- **Walk-a-thon Update** - Leslie Shoji and Sarah Lacombe
 - Thanks to Leslie and Sarah for all their hard work to make this a great event.
 - Date is April 28th – the weather is looking good
 - Posters are up and flyers have gone out. Thanks to Carmen for the wonderful graphics.
 - Fundraising goal is \$18,000
 - This event is always a huge hit and the largest fundraiser of the year

- The committee is looking for volunteers. Please tell your friends! There are about 30 volunteer spots to fill. Shifts are about 1.5 hrs each.
- Bringing back lots of fun stuff from previous years – facepainting, coffee, music and more
- Two shift both at the school to accommodate families with both younger and older kids
 - i. Primaries – 9:15am – 10:15am and Intermediate 11am – 12pm
- Donations can go through School Cash Online and you can get a tax receipt
- <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=E-General%20Wolfe%20PAC>
 - Sarah and Leslie are also looking for volunteers to take over their leadership roles for 2023/2024 and beyond. They have worked hard to set everything up to make it easy to take over.
 - Please come and cheer on the kids even if you don't want to volunteer,

Administration Report - Susan Dent:

- Staffing update – Ms Jamal is back full time. Tony, regular engineer is on leave for a few weeks.
- Outdoor Classroom – Work has started, benches sometime in May, plaques have been made for Ms Cameron and Ms Nichols and are ready to go when the benches arrive
- Events – Feels like a normal school year again, lots going on
 - Ultimate
 - Badminton
 - Track starting soon
 - Earth week this week + assembly on Friday
 - Walk-a-thon on April 28th
 - Preschool literacy event
 - Welcome to kindy at the end of May
 - May 4 Spring Concert
 - Plus lots of assemblies, field trips and more
- Universal Affordability Fund – has been used to cover ultimate for the whole school and continues to help support school families
- Looking into the White Hatter – Susan has been in touch about dates but has not heard back yet
- Big thanks to the PAC for all the generous funds that can be used by teachers and staff and a big thanks for the two parent information nights, they were fabulous
- Questions
 - Band – not sure. Discussion as to whether this is part of the regular curriculum or an extra. If an extra, is up to the discretion of the teachers.
 - Will friend requests be going out? No, likely not. Teachers know their students very well and work hard to ensure classrooms are balanced and supportive for all.
 - Is there a diversity/cultural calendar that can be used/referenced to avoid scheduling conflicts? Yes. Teachers are using one to reference in an effort to avoid conflicts.
 - Ms. Mochrie also has an abundance of resources and amazing things in the library for most/many different things

Chair Report – Claire Wilson

- Walk-a-thon – April 28th, see above info
- Thank you to Maddy and the SEL/JEDI/TRC talks – they were awesome, so glad we could have these for our community
- Thank you to Hope Walker for organizing the Spring Purdys fundraiser. Raised \$334.95
- PAC has set up a team for the RBC Race for Kid – encouraging families to join the GW team – walk is June 11
- For May meeting, Kemp Edmonds will lead the meeting as Claire will be away.
- The May meeting is important as we discuss the draft budget. Please bring your fundraising ideas. Claire and Leslie have been meeting with Susan about fund spending.

- Claire will be stepping down as chair after 4 years. We are looking for someone to replace Claire. This could be a co-chair position. It's a great opportunity to engage with the school and community. If anyone has questions, Claire will be at the coffee station at the Walk-a-thon if anyone has any questions. There may be a info session coming up to ask Claire any questions about the role. Maddy reminded everyone that you don't have to have any experience. There is lots of support!

Treasurer's Report – Leslie Hoolaeff

- Leslie shared the budget spreadsheet for attendees.
- General update
 - Year to date – still missing fundraising dollars. Will have a good update in May after the Walk-a-thon. This will tell us if we've met out fundraising goals,
 - Expenditures – we are on track to use all the funds we were expecting for this year. Some are still to come.
 - Probably won't spend all the funds for the parent talks for this year
 - All expenses on track

- **Community Events – Maddy Kipling & Kemp Edmonds**

- Clothing Swap – 2022 had lots of feedback. Coming back again for 2023 big and splashy! Including sporting goods, puzzles, books (great form), NO TOYS.
 - First week of June
- Movie Night – new this year. In the gym. Email will go out soon to survey community to find the right day, time and movie! Looking for volunteers to help with this event.
 - Gym has a larger capacity if people are seated on the floor. Hoping that when families complete the survey, we will get a good sense of capacity. This will determine whether we one showing or two.
- Parent Social – looking into a parent event. We are now looking at more casual event for parents to drop in with the PAC Exec, possible new Exec members. More info to come.

- **SEL/JEDI/TRC + DPAC – Maddy Kipling**

- Working on plan for next year. Looking into a few different things. Different talks, newsletters and more. If anyone is interested in contributing, please reach out to Maddy.
- DPAC – Maddy hasn't been attending so not much to report

- **New Business –**

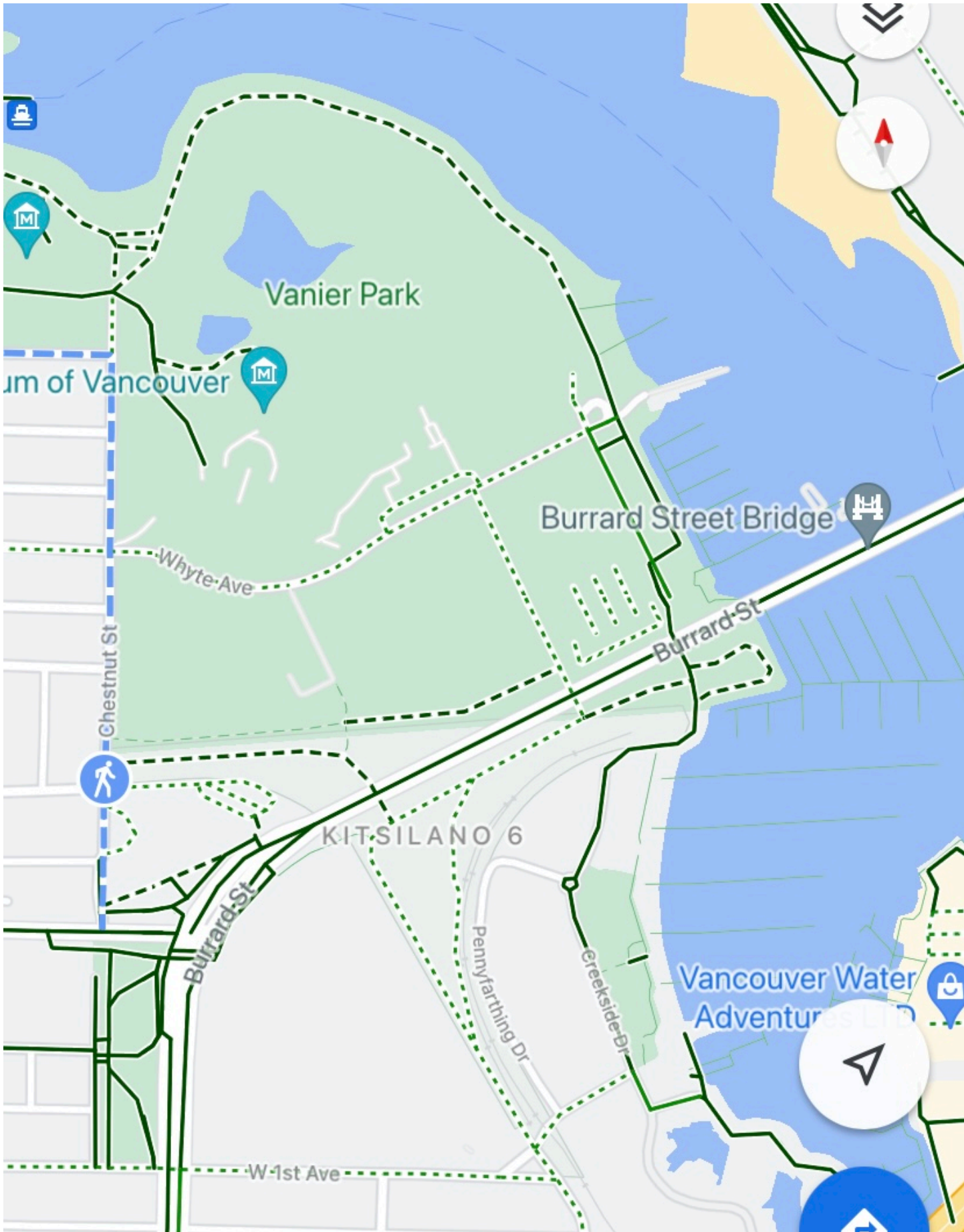
- Suggestion to have an electronic lice brush that families could have access to. Susan did not think it was the best idea as everyone has different ideas about lice.

- **Adjournment**

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Next PAC Meeting is May 16th, 2023 at 6:30pm





Vanier Park

Museum of Vancouver

Burrard Street Bridge

Whyte Ave

Chestnut St

Burrard St

KITSILANO 6

Pennyfarthing Dr

Greekside Dr

Vancouver Water Adventures Ltd

W 1st Ave

Bob Joseph, in his book **21 Things You May Not Know About The Indian Act** (2018, Page Two Books), references the Kitsilano Reserve to illustrate what happened to reserves under the Indian Act.

1869 37 acres are set aside at the south of False Creek for Indian people

1877 The reserve is expanded to 80 acres, allotted solely to the Squamish Nation people.

1901 A seven acre right of way is obtained by Canadian Pacific Railway.

1904 Squamish Nation people surrender 11 acres for lease to a lumber company: agreement terms include jobs, lumber for houses, a protective fence around the cemetery and compensation for loss of an orchard; some jobs in the mill are provided.

April 1911 It is discussed in Parliament that a reserve near a town is a hindrance to development.

May 1911 The Indian Act is amended...it gave the government the right to relocate any reserve situated near a town of eight thousand or more residents without having to obtain the prior approval of the reserve's residents.

1913 Provincial representatives bypass the Indian Act and convince Squamish leaders to sell the land and leave; male heads of each family are given \$11,250; their belongings are barged elsewhere and their houses are burnt; the land remains under the control of the Indian Act.