



# Parent-to-Parent

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## Chair Report

We are nearing the end of the school year quickly and as always we are starting to plan for next year as well. Part of that planning involves electing our new PAC representatives. The elections will take place at the AGM on Wednesday June 16 in the staffroom at **6pm**. We will also have year end reports from the various pac committees. Below is a list of the current nominees for the positions. There is still time to nominate yourself or some else and we will finalize the list at the beginning of the AGM. Many jobs are best filled by a team so please consider joining one of those teams!

### Executive:

Chair – Brienna Greenaway  
Vice-Chair – Tonya Earle  
Secretary – Vicky Harris  
Treasurer – Athena Vulgaris  
Fundraising – Andrea Mitchell

### Committees/Reps:

Childcare – Linda Forsyth  
Class Rep Coordinator – Vicki Greenwood  
DPAC/BCCPAC Rep – Efro Drimoussis  
Education – Lynda Lawrence  
Pizza Days – Helen Reid, Patti Harris  
Play at Lunch – Vera Brandt  
Recycling – Helen Reid  
Safe Arrival – Patti Harris  
Website – Francisco Diaz  
Welcome Back BBQ – Terry Charuhas  
Welcome Back Coffee – Julie McGeer

Following the AGM will be the Volunteer/Staff Thank You reception where we can relax and socialize for a while as well as present retirement gifts to some staff who are leaving the school. This is a kid-free event!!

**Please join us at 7pm in the library!**

## Pizza Day

Our last Pizza Day is Friday June 18, 2010.

## Sports Day

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the parents who helped out with sports day. It's a wonderful sight to see so many parents actively participating to make the day a success for the kids. A special thank you to Patti Harris for taking on the food arrangements with such grace. It seems to get better and better each year!

## Education

It's time to plan for next year's parent education sessions. Is there a topic you would like to know more about? Have you, or your friends heard a presenter who you think Carnarvon parents would like to hear. Then, do let me know- these sessions are for you!

Thanks, Lynda Lawrence. [lyndalawrence@shaw.ca](mailto:lyndalawrence@shaw.ca).

## Fundraising

### Gift Cards

This is your last chance to order gift cards this year!

Gift cards are even better now: there are new cards for

Safeway, Superstore, and IGA (reloadable). Stock up for Father's Day, summer birthdays, and gas, home improvements and other shopping.

You can fill in the paper order form and return it to the PAC box in the office, or you can order online and pay with your credit card using the pizza orders system.

**Deadline for orders is Friday June 4.**

Questions? e-mail [carnarvon.giftcards@telus.net](mailto:carnarvon.giftcards@telus.net)

## School Budget update

There is still no news about the VSB budget for next school year. The VSB has not yet heard back from the special advisor or from the minister of Education and we are still facing a 16.32 million dollar shortfall. We, the parents, need to continue to advocate for proper funding of our children's education. Send a letter to your MLA (even if you already did. Handwritten is most effective!). For more information, please visit: Website:

[www.vppe.wordpress.com](http://www.vppe.wordpress.com), Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=118201294859293>.

On our website you will find a link to FAQ's provided by the Vancouver Parents for Public Education to help clarify the details of the funding shortfall.

## Kitsilano Secondary Seismic Upgrade

For many of you high school may seem a long way off but if you have a child who may be entering Kitsilano in the next few years you may wish to review the plans for seismic upgrades. Below is the current information.

An important meeting for seismic planning for Kitsilano school is being held on Tuesday June 22 at the VSB at which a choice will be made between three options: Option D2 (no portables while retaining heritage), Option A2 (portables for almost 4 years while retaining heritage) and Option F (no portables with no heritage retention as it's a brand new school). As the parent of a future Kitsilano student or a community member, please send comments to [gbombino@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:gbombino@vsb.bc.ca).

The Cityspaces consultant team hired by the VSB is recommending Option D2 which retains the heritage front or facade with minimal disruption (no portables). The consultants believe that strong parent support for D2 (no portables) would help in securing the extra funding required for the heritage retention. Currently the Province's guidelines limit capital funding to the construction cost of a new school (the cheapest option but also the smallest school). At this time support for Option F (a brand new school) is minimal as support is widespread in the community for heritage retention. Some on the Kitsilano PAC support Option A2 (34 portables) which retains classrooms in the existing heritage envelope keeping the building truer to its heritage. It should be noted, however, that only the front concrete wall (or facade) of the heritage building can be saved. A more detailed summary of the three options is available on the Carnarvon PAC website.

If you wish to read the full consultant's report and see the design drawings please go to the following link [http://www.cityspaces.ca/projects/KITS\\_PAC/](http://www.cityspaces.ca/projects/KITS_PAC/).