Central Kitsap
Community Council

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Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2026/ 5:00-6:30 PM

Members:	Absent:
Jay Christian	
David Emmons	
Kristen Fabry, **Vice Chair 2026**	
David Fergus	
Neal Gaulden	Neal Gaulden
Donna Hart, **Secy 2026**	
Wendy Kyle	
Sarah Philley Obert, **Chair 2026**	
Caleb Reese	
Gretchen Ritter-Lopatski	
Deputy Walner	
Paula Wildes	
Ryan Wixson	Ryan Wixson
Students:	
Garth Steedman III	

A. Call to Order – Chair, Sarah Philley Obert called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
    1. Council members introduced themselves
    2. And 3. Caleb Reese motioned to approve the agenda and the minutes of the September meeting. Seconded by Donna Hart. Unanimously approved.
    4. Commissioner Walters was not present due to attending a conference but Commissioner Rolfes was present in her place. Wendy Kyle stated that Commissioner Walters asked her to share information on Read, Roam, Rules and the partnership between Kitsap Regional Library and County. She stated that the Book Club discussion for Bowling Alone would be held on Monday, October 26th from 5 – 7 PM. Also the movie Join or Die will be shown at the Roxy theatre Saturday, October 10th at 2:00 PM and again at Vibe Co-works on October 17th at 5:00 PM. Join or Die" is a film about why you should join a club—and why the fate of America may depend on it. Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose

viral "Bowling Alone" research into the decline in American community lights a path out of our democracy's present crisis.

B. Presentations – Garth Steedman, our CKCC student representative presented a report on the PSRC summer planning academy. The Academy was held over 4 days. It teaches our youth about planning in the PNW and out of hundreds of applications only 30 are chosen to attend. Garth was one of the 30. The program took place mostly in Seattle with one day in Bremerton to study the ferry system. Garth now sees the community in a different light. He is noticing the things that need attention in the community like lights not working. This experience will make him a better citizen and CKCC member.

Erin Prince, Superintendent and Scott McDaniel, Executive Director of Business and Operations co-presented on the state of Central Kitsap Schools. They reported on their Strategic Plan in its third year of active engagement. The vision and the 4 goals of the of plan were presented. Several new opportunities for student training in career fields were presented such as adding a simulator for heavy equipment operation, the Boeing lab and the Navy aviation simulator. Scott stated that for the last 2 years the budget has been balanced. Money from the state makes up 80% of the budget, the Federal government makes up 10% and the local levy supports the remaining 10% of the budget. In February, the district will be putting Prop 1 before the voters. It is a replacement of the School Support Levy currently in existence. No new money will be asked for, citizens are already paying this and they will be asking for that to be continued. This measure has gone before the Budget Advisory Group, a group of about 50 members who advise the district on budgeting and this group has advised the district to put this levy before the community. With a student population of about 11,000 students, about 83% of the 226 million dollar budget is made up staff salaries with the rest accounting for all other costs.

CKCC members asked about traffic and electric buses and it was explained that the electric buses were grant funded and depreciated at a faster rate. Several more electric buses will be joining the fleet in the future. Traffic is always a concern during drop off and pick up times and interior circulation was accounted for in newer schools. The district is looking at how to retrofit more interior circulation in older schools and working with the county to improve traffic flow during those peak times.

It was also stated that the Jenne-Wright building is under contract for $3.2 million. Scott stated it would be a long time before the purchase is completed and any changes are seen there. At this time the allocation of money to be received by the district has not been determined.

C. Public Comments:

Rob Hartman spoke about the 20 under 40 nominations currently underway. There is still time to nominate someone.

Elizabeth Henry spoke about relocating Whaling Days because it has become so big it doesn't fit well in Old Town. She cited the traffic, parking and the negative effect on the businesses. She suggested that Whaling Days be held at the Mall.

Vince Lyman stated he attended the PS air quality control Agency meeting. There are many objections to the rural burn ban. He wants to know what improvement to air quality would come because of the ban. Commissioner Rolfes also spoke on this and said she thought the group was surprised by the amount of public comment.

Jack Longmate spoke about 3 strategic roadway improvement for Silverdale's future growth. At previous meetings he spoke about forming a citizen group to discuss traffic and roadway improvements. As a follow up to that comment, he stated he has reserved the large room at the library for a community discussion of this on Tuesday, December 1st from 5 to 6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

D. Committee Updates/Council Comments
Several committee members spoke – Paula about local events; Kristen about the Daffodil Committee; Donna about a Silverdale Senior breakfast and about Jane's Walk.

Commissioner Rolfes stated she had no further comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Hart, Secretary