

Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Rawnsley (Principal) Priya Binning (Vice Principle) Teresa Rossiello, (Chair) Siva Ramesh (Secretary) Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer) Jacquie Lane (Parent Ed) Trinity Bissett (DPAC) Connie Hosie (Member at large) Ruchika Gupta (DPAC) Lucas Fong (Student) Caitlin Craig (Student) Saloni Kumar Arvind Chowdhari Jessie Jie Zhas Amanda Kellavay Lindsay Hindle Lina Ran Wenke Zhu Catherine Monks Lisa Deines Denise Sellars Moriah Power Deepak Gupta Melanie Burgess Stephon (ki Min) Lee Lisa Ferguson Svtlana Viranovskayr Shelley Stevenson Gina Leong Ana Elisa Gebara

1. Welcome & Correspondence call to order at 7:00 pm

2. Minutes of June 2023 Council Meeting

Review, correct or adopt Motion: To approve the minutes for June 2023 as presented. Moved by Jay. Seconded by Ruchika. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Student Council Update (Lucas and Caitlin)

Grade 8 council applications coming out this week. Students interested in leadership should apply. Upcoming events: Clubs day; Grad barbeque, kick off week. Dates TBD Follow the student council on Instagram.

Information also posted on the school bulletin board, this is updated daily, contains useful information.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jay)

Main Operating Account

• Cash is Main account as at January 31, 2023 \rightarrow is \$2,351.

Gaming Account

- Cash in gaming account as of January 31, 2023, \rightarrow is 11,765.48.
- BMSS staff will shortly give the School Wish that will be funded by PAC.
- All the scholarships cheques have been cashed.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Moved by Siva. Seconded by Ruchika. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

School cash on-line will ask parent to donate \$15 to the PAC.

5. Old/New Business

BMSS PAC Constitution

This is overdue for revision. Start a committee to review this. Connie Hosie volunteered to head the committee, Shelley Stevenson and Siva Ramesh volunteered to be committee members.

6. Committee Reports DPAC

Membership fee due. Next meeting on September 18.

Parent Ed

Top three topic of interest for parent education:

- 1. Scholarship, the previous person is not able to come to BMSS
- 2. Communicating with your teen
- 3. Substance abuse, there is a district person who may be able to give a presentation

7. Principal's Report & Questions (Mr. Rawnsley)

Enrolments are continually increasing, BMSS is at full capacity.

Semester system at BMSS.

September 21st Meet the Teacher Night, students are encouraged to attend.

September 22nd Professional Development Day. There are no classes for students.

September 25th-29th - Truth & Reconciliation Week

September 27th Indigenous Family Gathering at 5:00pm, invitations have been sent to families. September 29th Orange Shirt Day

There is a change to the reporting system, Grade 8 and 9 will not receive letter grading, instead there will be strength based qualitative feedback. There will be mid term and final report cards sent each semester. Previous i – incomplete will be replaced with ie – insufficient evidence this gives learner the opportunity to show evidence of their comprehension of a subject.

Late call automated telephone message, if there is an error it can be rectified, one off late is Ok but if there is a pattern, it needs to be addressed.

Flex Time – non-instructional time where the students can go to the teacher to ask for help. Every month the students undergo different drills e.g. fire / lock down / earthquake.

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, October 30 2023 at 7 pm,- Zoom

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