



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Rawnsley (Principal)	Brenda Lohrenz
Teresa Rossiello, (Chair)	Farahnaz Mohebbi
Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer)	Allen Ko
Siva Ramesh (Secretary)	Yuki Ko
Jacque Lane (Parent Ed)	Maryam Hajizadeh
Trinity Bissett (DPAC)	Alireza Ebazadeh
Ruchika Gupta (DPAC)	Nataliya Vorontsova-Alisevich
Priya Binning (VP)	Nadye Gluhovtovo
Dan Adrian (VP)	Kurt Bakker
	Andtii Kocherhin

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

2. Minutes of May 2024 Council Meeting

Review, correct or adopt

Motion: To approve the minutes for June 2024 as presented.

Moved by Trinity. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Student Council Update

Nil

4. Treasurer's Report (Jay)

Main Operating Account

- Cash is Main account as of August 31, 2024. → is \$1,629.
- We have got approval for the Canada Post for \$4500. We had applied for this grant, and we would spend it under the following activities. This includes \$1,500 for purchase of athletic equipment, \$2500 for purchase of team uniforms and equipment, \$500 for intramural tournaments.

Gaming Account

- Cash in gaming account as of August 31, 2024. → is 10,945
- We have not received the gaming grant; we followed up and the grant is in the final stage of review.

Motion: To approve above financial report.

Moved by Ruchika. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

5. Old/New Business

Need to elect a secretary- no one volunteered, Siva to continue.

6. Committee Reports

DPAC (Trinity Bissett and Ruchika Gupta)

The following was discussed:

- Forum on education October 1st
- Dr. MacNamara coming soon
- Worked together during the summer
- C and B's committee is working on updating ours
- Operations manual is almost complete
- Getting so organized with documents
- Website is underway
- Social media is up and running
- A quarterly newsletter is being penned
- Safety issue with Transmountain video release about tank farm fires

Parent Ed

Scholarship parent education on October 16th at 7 pm, will be virtual.

Working on a mental health education session for February, Dr. Watson, a clinical psychologist or Youth mental health program.

There are funds available to pay speakers.

Dry Grad (Ms. Binning)

The Dinner & Dance at the Fairmont in Vancouver will be followed by Dry Grad at the Rec Room in Brentwood on June 25, 2025

All Grade 12 students are invited.

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

See attached presentation given by Mr. Adrian



School &
Classroom Expectati

Especial welcome to the parents of Grade 8 students.

Student enrollment:

1585 students are enrolled at BMSS, this is the biggest the school has ever been. Three extra rooms have been converted into classrooms. BMSS is a well-designed school, does not feel crowded.

Teachers, Vice principles, counselors, school safety specialist (Phil) and administrators are available to support the students.

Incident at school today:

Shortly after dismissal today, a youth discharged what is believed to be pepper spray in the commons area. School staff responded swiftly to stop the behavior, cleared the area, and had any remaining students safely exit the building. Emergency services were contacted for a small number of students directly affected by the spray. The building was ventilated and cleaned.

Flex times:

Students are expected to be in school at flex times to do projects and connect with teachers.

Personal Digital Devices:

Clear information: Turn the device off and put it in backpack unless it is needed for education purpose. Students are allowed to access their devices during break and lunch time. BMSS is not a Bring Your Own Device school, there are lap tops available for students.

Classroom connections:

Most teachers use Teams in the classroom, parents can ask their student to log in if they are curious about what is happening in the classroom.

Extra curricular activities

All information on BMSS web page. Need to sign up for tryouts.

Travel to other schools for extra curricular activities – senior students tend to drive. Junior students take public transport.

Clubs Sign up day

October 3rd, students will have the opportunity to sign up to different clubs.

Daily Bulletin

Great place to get information, updated daily.

BMSS Instagram

There are different groups who have Instagram that you can follow at BMSS.

HVAC updated

Better air flow and air-cooling ability in the classrooms.

School fees

There is a fee for students to attend PE field trips, if the student does not pay, there will be alternate activities.

Reporting student absence

Parents and guardians can call the school or send an e-mail to mountain.info@burnabyschools.ca

8. Adjournment

Dates of PAC meetings:

Date	Time	On-line / In-person
Monday, October 07, 2024	7:00 PM	On-line
Monday, November 04, 2024	7:00 PM	In-person
Monday, February 03, 2025	7:00 PM	In-person
Monday, April 07, 2025	7:00 PM	On-line
Monday, May 05, 2025	7:00 PM	In-person AGM
Monday, June 02, 2025	7:00 PM	On-line

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