



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Rawnsley (Principal)
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)
Lorette Zahar
Beth

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

2. Minutes of February 2024 and delayed October 2023 Council Meeting

Review, correct or adopt

Motion: To approve the minutes for February 2024 and October 2023 as presented.

Moved by Teresa. Via Zoom: All in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Student Council Update

No updates, the students are away helping with "Burnaby's Got Talent" at Michael J Fox theatre.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jay)

Main Operating Account

- Cash is Main account as of January 31, 2024 → is \$3,056

Gaming Account

- Cash in gaming account as of January 31, 2023, → is 11,765.48.
- Received the Gaming Grant on March 28th \$29, 560

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Moved by Siva. Via Zoom: All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

- BMSS staff gave the School Wish at the beginning of the year.

Examples of some of the items that are on the wish list are: uniform grant, tournament funding, basketball officials, maths contests, field trips fees, and dance competition.

Motion: To approve using the Gaming Grant to fund the school wish list.

Moved by Siva. Via Zoom: All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

Note receiving the Gaming Grant so late this year will not affect our application next year, the submission for next year has already been made.

5. Old/New Business

BMSS PAC Constitution (Connie Hosie)

This was last reviewed in 2013.

Connie Hosie and team have drawn up a draft with 13 resolutions which will be circulated to the executive and then this document will be sent to all parents for their input next week, with a reminder 2 weeks before the AGM. The amended constitution will be brought to the AGM for approval.

6. Committee Reports

DPAC (Trinity Bissett and Ruchika Gupta)

The new executives have been very busy.

February 20th - DPAC Meeting – we voted in three new Executives. One each from Alpha, Gilpin and 12th Avenue. Financials, PAC websites, BCCPAC, school visitations, Budget consultation/survey were discussed. All positions have now been filled. Minutes are available on the DPAC website. Richard Per (**Assistant Superintendent**) did a presentation on SOGI. There will be a district wide presentation and all parents will be invited to attend (spring). See the links:

SOGI - <https://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/february-sogi-district-presentation/>

MINUTES - <https://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/>

February 27th - BCCPAC held a virtual town hall to discuss training for parents in SD41. “The Inclusive Education and Anti-Racism Committees are planning the discussion to seek feedback from membership. Join us to brainstorm and help shape what parent advocacy training might look like! **We brainstormed and came up with 3 priorities for parent advocacy training.**” See the link for the results:

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-02-town-hall>

February 28th – SOGI Committee – we had discussion about the Diversity dance, flag flying, the Pride Parade and Student voice. The diversity dance was awesome!

March 14th – Equity Scan Committee – Indigenous Student Success. Our guidance pillars are: Learning Environment, Pedagogical Core, Learning Profiles and Policy and Governance. We will be looking at what is working, what isn't and how to increase success for Indigenous students. This is building on the SD 41 Enhancement Agreement that was last competed in 2019. See link..

<https://burnabyschools.ca/indigenouseducation>

March 27th 2024 - Superintendents Gina Niccoli-Moen resigned and Karim Hachlaf started as our new Superintendent.

Farewell to Gina: <https://www.burnabynow.com/local-news/do-what-sings-to-you-burnaby-superintendent-looks-back-on-50-years-in-the-school-district-8513904>

Introducing Karim: <https://burnabyschools.ca/new-superintendent-welcomed/>

April 10th – SD41 Budget Consultation Meeting (Parents) A public meeting will be held **at 7pm** at the [District Administration Office](#) with the option to attend either **in person or online**. Kindly note that this public meeting is in addition to the meeting specifically for parents and guardians hosted by the District Parent Advisory Council on Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at Burnaby Central Secondary, where the District will also make a presentation on budget proposals. If interested, you may choose to attend

either or both meetings. Please note – as of 3:30 this afternoon – the date on the SD website is wrong – they are correcting it...See link below...

<https://burnabyschools.ca/2023-24-operating-budget-board-invites-input>

April 15th - Next **DPAC Meeting (Budget Consultation)** – Executive report will be provided – this is based on the DPAC survey that was sent out before Spring Break and just after. More information will be collected to present to the School district on April 16th.

<https://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/>

April 16th – **Meet the BCCPAC Board candidates (Zoom)** – see link...

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-04-candidates>

April 23rd – BCCPAC is hosting a webinar for Updates to Community Gaming Grants 2024/25 – see link ...

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/2024-04-webinar>

May 3-4th - **BCCPAC Parent Education Conference and AGM** is happening in Richmond. I will be attending on behalf of our school and DPAC. Ruchika cannot attend this so if there is anyone else from the PAC who wants to go, they can. But if not, that money will be leftover. We can have as many parents attend as we can afford from our PAC. I will be in one spot so that leaves 1 voting spot open. The other spots would have speaking rights only. The AGM is on Saturday and Sunday and costs \$125.00. The form that authorizes me to vote on our PAC's behalf is in the email. **Time sensitive:** please digitally sign and return to the second signer and then send to me so I can forward it to BCCPAC by April 28th. Thank you! See link ...

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>

BCCPAC AGM Resolutions to be voted on - April 5th (1st iteration)... see link ...

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm/agm>

Trinity's other committees and responsibilities:

- **DPAC Constitution and Bylaws Committee** – we're revising it.
- **DPAC Operations Manual** – I am writing one, our Executive will edit.
- **Anti Oppression Workshop** – I will be attending.
- **May AGM** – I am standing for a new term as Vice Chair – DPAC for the 2024/2025 school year.

Parent Ed

Need another parent to help with the hosting of the Parent Ed sessions. If anyone is interested, please connect with the PAC executive. Jacquie will organise the event but she needs someone to support her to host the event on the day.

Dry Grad (Siva)

The Dry Grad will be held at the Rec Room in Brentwood.

Please support fund raising efforts:

50/50 Draw, Grand prize \$6000, currently just over \$2000 raffle tickets sold.

End on May 3rd with Draw on May 4th.

Samosa and cookies sales on now.

Return it Depo – please support the Dry Grad when you recycle

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

April 15th and 16th – there will be an altered schedule on the Monday, and Tuesday to facilitate Provincial Assessments. Instead of 4 blocks each day, we will have two longer blocks (Period 1/3 on Monday, Period 2/4 on Tuesday).

April 19th – CAP Stone presentation. Grade 12 students will present to Grade 11 students. Students from Grade 8 to 10 will have a late start at 10:30.

April 22nd-26th - Campaign Week for Student Government positions. Elections will be held on the 26th.

April 25th – Valedictorian selection, 3 candidates have applied, grads will vote.

May 1 to 4th and 8th to 11th - Spring Musical: Into the Woods

May 22 – Leaving ceremony

Enrollment projected to be 1550, this is the most number students that BMSS has enrolled.

There may be some changes to rooms such as the multi purpose room, and teacher prep room to accommodate the increase in the student population.

The number of international students will decrease from 160 (currently) to 100, this will have a significant financial impact.

The parents appreciate the regular communication that is sent from the school.

8. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6th 2024 at 7 pm – in Person at the Library

Find us at: [PAC Website | Burnaby Mountain Secondary School \(burnabyschools.ca\)](https://www.burnabyschools.ca)