



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Rawnsley (Principal)
Teresa Rossiello, (Chair)
Siva Ramesh (Secretary)
Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer)
Trinity Bissett (DPAC)
Connie Hosie (Member at large)
Ruchika Gupta (DPAC)
Caitlin Craig (Student)
Kristen
Farahnaz

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

2. Minutes of April 2024 Council Meeting

Review, correct or adopt

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

Moved by Teresa. Seconded by Ruchika. Approved by All. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Student Council Update (Caitlin)

Year end carnival on June 6th

Spirit week – there will be games in the commons area.

Co-presidents elected by acclamation Sol Park and Amadi Dominali

Caitlin to invite them to the next PAC meeting.

4. PAC Executive Elections, the following executive were elected by acclamation

Teresa Rossiello, (Chair)

Siva Ramesh (Secretary)

Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer)

Trinity Bissett (DPAC)

Ruchika Gupta (DPAC)

Connie Hosie (Member at large)

Jacque Lane (Parent Education)

Farahnaz Mohebbi was nominated by Connie, seconded by Siva and approved by All to be Parent Ed coordinator with Jacque.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jay)

Main Operating Account

- Cash is Main account as of April 8, 2024 → is \$35,121

\$20 per student → \$34,000

School wish list is \$9,900, given to PAC in early September by BMSS staff. Examples of some of the items that are on the School Wish list are: uniform grant, tournament funding, basketball officials, maths contests, field trips fees, and dance competition.

10 x \$500 scholarship
\$1,300 Teacher appreciation lunch

Gaming Account

- Cash in gaming account as of April 8, 2024, → is 11,765.48.
- Received the Gaming Grant on March 28th \$29,560

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

Moved by Connie. Seconded by Siva. Approved by All. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Old/New Business

BMSS PAC Constitution (Connie Hosie)

This was last reviewed in 2013.

Connie went through the 13 proposed amendments to the PAC Constitution and Bylaws.

This was sent out to all parents for comments, one comment was received regarding a grammar error that was amended.

The parents present had the opportunity to discuss each amendment and all the proposed amendments were accepted except resolution 12 that was defeated. It was rewritten from the floor and this new amendment will be circulated to the executive and then sent to all parents.

The amendment will be discussed at the next meeting and the approved BMSS PAC Constitution will be sent to SD41 and DPAC, it will be kept on file in the BMSS School Office and posted on our website.

6. Committee Reports

DPAC (Trinity Bissett and Ruchika Gupta)

April 12 and 15th – School District and DPAC Meeting (Budget Consultation) –

- Parent Budget Survey – we received over a thousand responses from parents around the district. This information was collated and shared with the School Board and Senior Admin. Many, many different ideas were shared. But three themes that rose to the top were: support for and additional teachers and EAs, funds and additional resources towards specific curricular subjects/topics, before and afterschool care and programs. The SD wanted to let us know what might happen because they didn't have enough money for next year, etc., and then they made their decisions after they met with us. We haven't received a written update yet.

- School District links to the 2023/2024 budget and the 2024/2025 budget are below.
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- chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglcfindmkaj/https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/23-24_amended_annual_budget_SD41-web.pdf

April 24 th DPAC MINUTES –are not yet available.

May 3 – 5, 2024 BCCPAC Conference and AGM. The conference was amazing. I attended three presentations:

1. The Minister of Education and Childcare presented an overview of their activities over the last year. She talked about the current system realities, rapid growth and the challenges of building space, the problems that are affecting our students and how they show up, i.e., cost of living, polarized political contexts, climate change, pandemic, opioid epidemic, mental health, screen time on social media. Then she briefly touched on how the Ministry is responding to the context, FSA results, Indigenous students grad rates have dropped again, digital device restrictions update and how schools codes of

conduct will need to be updated by July 1 2024 and submitted to the Ministry by August 15 th . They're excited about Feeding Futures for Parents because they want to help the 23% of BC children who live in food insecure households. Bill 22 has gone through it's 3 rd reading, it is on the Safe Access to Schools Act. This will ensure protection of students, staff and families from harmful protests on school grounds or within 20 metres... Mental Health and substance abuse...#1 killer of 0-18 year olds has been from drug related deaths in BC *but it's trending downward. One response.. Erase = expect respect and a safe education <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase> Integrated child and youth teams were introduced in 12 districts and 8 more will be added soon.

2. It Can Happen to Anyone (ITCHA) 60-minute prevention-based workshop included a comprehensive overview of youth sexual exploitation in British Columbia, case studies and trends affecting youth, online exploitation, an overview of legal issues surrounding sexual exploitation, and family support.

3. Back to Basics The topics covered were Making space for everyone, Reimagining PACS, Breaking down barriers, Frameworks for collaborative engagement, Tough conversations, Respectful meeting guidelines, Leadership and conflicts.

4. Advocacy Support Volunteer Training The topics discussed were what are the qualities of an effective partnership? How do we support the parent/caregiver? What are our boundaries as supporters?

The election results are:

- President (2024-2026): Bonnie McBride (Kamloops District)
- 1 st VP (2024-2025): Laura Ward (Burnaby School District)
- 2 nd VP (2024-2026): Resha Sabti (Langley School District)
- Indigenous Director (2024-2025): Victoria Brekkaas (Peace River South)
- Director (2024-2026): Kendra Mann (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Director: (2024-2026): Kendra Mann (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Director (2024-2026): Simon Adams (Central Okanagan)
- Director (2024-2026): Kiersten Tymko (Cowichan Valley)
- Director: (2024-2025): Trish Croft (Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows)
- Director (2024-2025): Alex Mullaly (Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows)

Resolutions results to be added.

May 27 th DPAC Meeting and AGM – Deborah MacNamara will be presenting.

Building Attachment Communities to Raise Children In

Who is to raise our children? The only answer compatible with nature is for parents and adults entrusted with their care to serve as their mentors, guides, nurturers, and role models. Today's culture lacks rituals and customs to foster attachment villages for kids/teens to be raised in. We can create a sense of home for them by providing a sense of rootedness, belonging and connection - wherever they are. If parents and other adults are to share the task of raising our children/teens, then we must actively cultivate the village they need.

About Dr. MacNamara

Dr. Deborah MacNamara presents to parents, educators, and helping professionals on child, preteen, teen development. The focus is on making sense of what is happening behind

behaviours. The goal is to make headway based on developmental science. Best practices in the home, classroom, and clinical setting are offered based on insight, research, and experience.

April 24, 2024– SOGI Committee – The district parent night will be on Zoom May 23 rd from 7-8 PM. Parents can send in their questions beforehand.

A family picnic for elementary schools will be on June 4 th at Maywood Elementary. It is an inclusive events for elementary students, families and allies of the 2SLGBTQ+ community where they will have an opportunity to connect with other families and community organizations. Preparation for the PRIDE parade was reviewed. Transphobia against staff was discussed. Gender neutral bathrooms for students was presented. Students don't feel safe.

May 1 2024 – Equity Scan Committee – Indigenous Student Success. We prepared for our May 31 st partner group meeting In Vancouver. "What do we need to do to improve Indigenous kids success? How do you ensure that equity for all learners is maintained in our district? What do they need and deserve to thrive?" Essentially better consultation is being embedded into this Bill so that money allocated is spent on Indigenous kids and that we have more say in what is being done with our kids in schools. The 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.

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<https://burnabyschools.ca/indigenouseducation>

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.
- May 2024 AGM – I am standing for a new term as Vice Chair – DPAC for the 2024/2025

school year.

Parent Ed

Jacquie will organise the events and Farahnaz will support to host the event on the day. First Parent education even in September will be on Scholarships.

Dry Grad (Siva)

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

Please support fund rising efforts:

50/50 Draw, just over \$8000 raffle tickets sold.

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

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

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

The school calendar for next year was presented.

School fees document was shared, of note are:

Student activity fees has reduced.

Dinner dance and dry grad fees have increased.

Report cards are now called Learning Updates

Grade 12 students are getting excited as they head toward graduation.

School Leaving Ceremony is on May 22nd at SFU.

Grad Dinner Dance and Dry Grad are on June 26th.

A reminder as we head into 'grad season' that classes are in session until June 21st

Our Spring Musical: Into The Woods is on now. Tickets are still available!

The year -end Dance Showcase is on May 16th

The Spring Concert is on May 30th.

staff have been having many discussions with students in relation to bathroom behaviour at the

school. While most students are using the facilities properly, we have a small number of students who are choosing to hang out, visit and gather to eat (!) in bathrooms. Aside from being an inappropriate place to gather, this behaviour makes many students feel unsafe or uncomfortable using the bathrooms. This feeling is exacerbated when students have phones out.

AP Exams start on May 6th, 3 exams are scheduled.

Last week the annual Red Dress Walk through the community was held. Red Dress week raises awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People.

Waiting for the District Digital Device Guideline will look to implement at BMSS.

93% of free time is spent on a digital device.

Student recognition will be held on June 11th.

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, June 3rd at 7 pm On Zoom.

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

Dates Next Year's PAC meeting:

Date	Time	On-line / In-person
Monday, September 09, 2024	7:00 PM	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