

Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting BMSS Library

Monday February 3, 2025, at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Rawnsley (Principal)
Teresa Rossiello (Chair)
Trinity Bissett (DPAC)
Ruchika Gupta (DPAC)
Kurt Bakker (Member at Large)
Jackie (Parent Ed Rep)
Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer)
Hussain
Ashley
Stacey Culver-Dayment
Co-presidents Sol and Amity (Student Co-presidents)

1. Welcome and Correspondence Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Minutes of November 2024 Council Meeting
 - a. Review, Correct or Adopt
 - i. CORRECTION: Student Co-President Correct from Veronica to Amity
 - ii. Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 2024 as presented
 1. Moved by Trinity, All in Favour, Motion Carried
3. Student Council Update
 - a. Snow Days had a great turn-out where students played games and collected SNOW DOUGH.
 - b. Grade 8 incoming event where Student council presidents spoke to incoming students
 - c. Valentine's events coming up for SPIRIT WEEK – check Instagram for the schedule.
 - d. Grad Council has roses available for purchase in the commons.
 - e. Talent Show coming up March 13 – the top two winners go to the District Talent show to represent our school. April 28th Michael J Fox “Burnaby's Got Talent”. Our school won last year.
 - f. Student Council Elections are coming up – check out Candidates on Instagram
 - i. March 14 – Co-president applications open – essays are due April 1
 - ii. April 17 – speeches and elections take place.
 - iii. May/June cross-over between out-going/in-coming Co-Presidents
 - iv. Incoming Grade 8's and other grades are encouraged to apply in late May for Grade Reps on Student Council.
4. Treasurer Report
 - a. Jay will submit Electronic Report
 - b. Motion moved to approve: Trinity, All in Favour, MOTION CARRIED
5. Old/New Business

- a. None
- 6. Committee Reports

DPAC – The following events and sub-committee meetings occurred during the month of October.

1. **Constitution & Bylaws** – meetings happen every 2 weeks and we're almost through the bylaws now.
2. **December 10 – Indigenous Equity Meeting** – will meet 3 times a year. New changes to how Indigenous Education operates. A consultant and our superintendent are working with Rob and Brandon to make sure everything is being done to help the Indigenous kids.
3. **Jan 13 - Committee of the Whole C.O.W.** – Reports were provided by the Accessibility, Public Safety Committees. The 3 year plan for accessibility is to increase awareness of individual and collective responsibilities to create and maintain inclusive environments; enhance communication, identify common physical barriers.
4. **Jan 16 - Sustainability report** – 4 goals for the school district: Climate Action Setting Designing for Biodiversity, Grounds and Play Areas, Active Travel – Shifting School Culture & Providing Basic Infrastructure, Reducing Waste in Schools
5. **Jan 16 – Town Hall** – Roots and Rivers presented their results for Burnaby School District's 5 year plan. <https://burnabyschools.ca/engagement-toward-a-new-strategic-plan-town-hall/>
6. **Jan 20 – DPAC General** – Secretary Treasurer **Ishver Khunguray** did a preliminary budget presentation. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/01/2025-01-20-Documnet-SD41-Finance-Orientation.pdf
 /// Brandon, Karim, Jen and Kirsten answered questions about the staggered schedules:
Will students will be able to see teachers outside of their class time (which is more difficult with this expanded day). Will there be enough spaces on teams and clubs and what about non staff coaches/ volunteers? Where are students supposed to go during their non learning block. Where do they go/ where are the permitted to be? The younger students are starting later which makes it particularly hard on working parents. And where actually are the younger students to go -can they go to school for the 1st block? How about students who are high performance athletes who need to go to after-school sports (that conflict with block 5). What about before or afterschool blocks like band/ math honours - it seems like this is no longer happening. What about other options....hybrid?
7. **Jan 29 - SOGI Committee** – IDAAT breakfast and Diversity dance is coming up, excellent DJ and the theme is under the sea.

8. **Jan 23 - DCSACC - Community Schools** – the family model was reviewed and shared. The hope is to share this model with other schools – we hoped that all schools become community schools. //// City of Burnaby is seeking nominations from Citizen of the Year (Loca Hero) Deadline is Feb 13th – go online. <https://www.burnaby.ca/form/outstanding-volunteer-awards>
9. **PAC website** project is underway – even though Morten resigned from DPAC. He is still working on the website.
 - i. BCCPAC Scholarships are listed on their website, the PAC encourages all graduates to apply.
 - b. Parent Ed –
 - i. Youth Mental Health Presentation March 11 at 7:00pm – check emails for registration information. OPEN PARACHUTE Aspen Switzer, speaker
 1. Online/Virtual
 - c. Grad –
 - i. Event will be at the REC ROOM
 - ii. The Winter Formal was a Fundraiser and other fundraisers are upcoming.
 - iii. Dry Grad parents have a mtg scheduled for Mon. Feb. 10.
7. **Principal's Report and Questions**
 - a. Service awards are tracked through the various classes, scholarships are awarded through the school scholarships with Miss Belyea ; the student's need to apply for a portfolio.
 - b. **EXTENDED DAYS:** District Information has been shared and there are specific BMSS version of this information. BMSS was added to the list of Burnaby high schools that are moving to the Five-Block Schedule only in the last few months. This will start in September 2025. This is due, in part, to the construction at Lougheed Town Centre. We are currently at 1550. We are projected to be at our 5-year capacity of 1650 by next year. The goal is to maintain a good learning environment while maintaining space for enrolment.
 - i. See: "Five-Block Scheduling Options FAQ from SD41"
 - ii. Exact Y block configuration is still to be determined with individual instructors.
 - iii. This schedule is only dependent on numbers; if numbers decline, this model could be reversed to a Four-block schedule.
 - c. Cross-district applications opened Feb. 1; Unknown how many will be approved.

- d. Course selection happened during Semester Turn-Around week. Grade 8's will be walked-through this, other grades will need to access MyEd Feb 10-21 and do their course selection online. Talk to Counsellors and Teachers for more information.
 - e. Parent/Teacher Interviews: Feb 18-27 online booking portal opens.
 - i. Virtual Interviews are March 6.
- 8. Adjournment at 8:40
 - a. Motion by Trinity.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Mon. April 7, 2025 ONLINE 7pm

Mon. May 5 7pm In-Person AGM

Mon. June 2 7pm Online