



**Burnaby Mountain Secondary School**  
**Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00pm (Virtual)**

**Attendees:**

Dave Rawnsley (Principal)  
Teresa Rossiello, (Chair)  
Gaurav (Jay) Kapadia, (Treasurer)  
Siva Ramesh (Secretary)  
Jacquie Lane (Parent Ed)  
Trinity Bissett (DPAC)  
Ruchika Gupta (DPAC)  
Jacquie Lane (Parent ED)  
Kurt Bakker (Member at large)  
Connie (Member at large)  
Sol Park (Student co-president).                      Terry Mah-Parker

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

**2. Minutes of Sep 2024 Council Meeting**

Review, correct or adopt

*Motion: To approve the minutes for Feb 2025 as presented.*

*Moved by? All in favour. MOTION CARRIED.*

**3. Student Council Update** (Sol Park)

**4. Treasury Report April 07, 2025.**

**Main Operating Account**

- Cash is Main account as of March 31, 2025. → is \$5,975.72
- In April (this month), we issued a cheque for \$4,500 for Gym equipment. This payment is funded entirely through the Canada Post Grant that we received last year.
- We have also funded one Parent Education seminar for \$525

**Gaming Account**

- Cash in gaming account as of March 31, 2025. → is 28,748.76
- During the year we have already issued the following payments
  - One Cheque of \$8,206, which had various club and competition requests
  - Dry Grad payment of \$3,750 -> which was 375 kids \* 10
  - Snow Board team of \$200
- We will also be supporting \$2500 for Grade Retreat. (To be issued).

### **March 31, 2025, Financial Statements to be adopted.**

- Please see attached:
- 1. March 31, 2025, Income Statement and Balance Sheet for Main Account.
- 2. March 31, 2025, Income Statement and Balance Sheet for Gaming Account.

## **5. Old/New Business**

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **DPAC Report (Ruchika Gupta and Trinity Bissett)**

### **SD Presentation: Anti-Racism and Bullying** (Presented by Beth Applewhite)

<https://burnabyschools.ca/celebrating-diversity/>

- District Anti-Racism Work overview
- Burnaby School District's "Celebrating Diversity" programs
- Highlighted work by Dr. Ghodly Muhammad and her framework for culturally responsive literacy <https://www.indiebookstores.ca/book/9781338594898/>
- Discussion of Affinity Spaces for equity-deserving/equity-denied identities
- Presentations about Human Rights/Bullying by local actor Sam Darkoh
- School Board's shift from "bullying" framing to "Human Rights" approach, with positive results
- Success measured through "do you feel safe at school" surveys
- Professional development resources available for teachers Pro-D day
- ERASE program implementation (Ministry program for reporting bullying) <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/>
- Process for proposing new courses that address racism within curriculum
- Parent/guardian role in supporting Anti-Racism initiatives
- Discussion about "sanctuary schools" policy in response to political climate in USA

## **DPAC Updates and Reports**

- Policy review underway, including sanctuary schools discussion (<https://newwestschools.ca/about-new-west-schools/safe-caring-and-healthy-schools/sanctuary-schools/>)
- Gender-neutral washrooms in schools discussed
  - All schools have gender-neutral washrooms (repurposed spaces)
  - New builds include them by design
  - Single-stall washroom renovations are challenging
- Updates from various committees:
  - Accessibility Committee
  - Equity in Action (Indigenous Education)
  - Constitution and Bylaw Committee
  - Website Project still underway
  - Technology Committee (DTAC) - Next meeting scheduled for March 13

- New SD Budget Committee established to improve parent communication and advocacy

## **Other Business**

- Question about addressing small thefts (trinkets, snacks) at Sperling Elementary
- Question about police presence allowed in schools. Clarification on policies and the school district's relationship with law enforcement.

## **Decisions Made**

1. Motion to remove Chair and Vice Chair carried
  - Vote for removal of Chair (Harinder): In favor - Vivien, Lauren, Yingzi, Gaby
  - Vote for removal of Vice Chair (Trinity): In favor - Vivien, Lauren, Yingzi, Gaby
2. Adriana (Moscrop) nominated by Lauren (Gilpin) for executive representative from Central West
  - Seconded by Burnaby Mountain
  - Carried by acclamation

## **Action Items**

1. Beth Applewhite to share Anti-Racism presentations offered at schools with parents/guardians
2. Technology Committee (DTAC) to hold quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 13

## **Follow-up Requirements**

1. New SD Budget Committee to establish communication channels with School District
2. Further discussion needed on policy for sanctuary schools
3. Administration response to theft issues at Sperling Elementary to be addressed

## **Next DPAC Report: March 10, 2025 (Trinity)**

1. BTA Presentation: <https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/03/2025-03-10-BTA-Presentation.pdf>
2. SOGI Report: <https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/03/2025-02-26-SOGI-Report.pdf>
3. EDI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Reconciliation): <https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/03/2025-02-27-EDI-Report.pdf>
4. Transition of banking from old executive to new executive is paused until further notice.

## **7. Parent Ed**

## 8. Dry Grad (Ms. Binning)

## 9. Principal's Report & Questions (Mr. David Rawnsley)

- The principal discussed upcoming 25th anniversary celebration on June 6th was highlighted, featuring music performances, district trustees, retired staff, and alumni.
- The principal addressed concerns about student absences and lateness, emphasizing the importance of proactive communication with parents and the potential funding ramifications of excessive absences.
- The school is dealing with an increase in vaping among students, exploring creative solutions such as playing classical music in bathrooms to deter gatherings.
- Parents acknowledged the positive impact of the recent field trip to London for the theater kids.

### Reporting student absence

Parents and guardians can call the school or send an e-mail to [mountain.info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:mountain.info@burnabyschools.ca)

## 9. Adjournment at 8:20 pm

### Dates of PAC meetings:

Date	Time	On-line / In-person
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

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