



Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

Online Zoom

Burnaby D.P.A.C.

Burnaby Central Secondary School
Room A206 – Conference Centre
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Attendance:

Schools by Zone

Brentwood North

- Alpha
- Burnaby North
- Aubrey
- Brentwood Park
- Confederation Park
- Capitol Hill
- Gilmore
- Kitchener
- Lochdale
- Montecito
- Parkcrest
- Rosser
- Sperling
- Westridge

Cariboo Lougheed

- Burnaby Mountain
- Cariboo Hill
- Armstrong
- Cameron
- Forest Grove
- Lyndhurst
- Seaforth
- Second Street
- Stoney Creek
- Twelfth Avenue
- University Highlands

Central West

- Burnaby Central
- Moscrop
- Brantford
- Buckingham
- Cascade Heights
- Chaffey-Burke
- Douglas Road
- Gilpin
- Inman
- Lakeview
- Marlborough
- Morley

Kingsway South

- Burnaby South
- Byrne Creek
- Clinton
- Edmonds
- Glenwood
- Maywood
- Nelson
- South Slope
- Stride Avenue
- Suncrest
- Taylor Park
- Windsor

District Staff

- Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent
- Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer
- Ishver Khunguray, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
- Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent
- Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent
- Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent
- Richard Per, Assistant Superintendent
- Jason Brown, Manager, Finance & Budgets

Board of Education

- Jen Mezei, Chair (Brentwood North, Kingsway South)
- Bill Brassington, Vice Chair (Kingsway South)
- Gary Wong, Trustee (Central West)
- Peter Cech, Trustee (Brentwood North)
- Christine Cunningham, Trustee (Central West)
- Larry Hayes, Trustee (Cariboo Lougheed)
- Ryan Stewart, Trustee (Cariboo Lougheed)

DPAC Executive

- Ashley Sandquist, Chair (Brentwood North)
- Laura Ward, Vice Chair (Cariboo Lougheed)
- Alfred Romann, Treasurer (Kingsway South)
- Calvin Taplay, Secretary (Brentwood North)

Members at Large

- Christine Nguyen (Central West)
- Esther Norcott (Central West)
- Lisa Young (Cariboo Lougheed)

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement: *DPAC Chair*

- Meeting was called to order at **7:03 pm**
- Acknowledged meeting on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish nations, Musqueam, Selilwitulh and Squamish, where we live, work and play.

2. Introductions: *DPAC Chair*

- DPAC Chair greeted all the attendees and introduced the panel of district staff, board members and DPAC executives.

3. Approval of Agenda:

- A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.
- Moved by: **Calvin Taplay** Seconded by: **Sally Felkai**

4. Approval of Minutes: *January 17, 2022*

- A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes.
- Moved by: **Alfred Romann** Seconded by: **Brandi Ritchie, Ecole Iman**

5. Mental Health Presentation: *Nick Christofides, District Principal of Safe and Caring Schools*

- N. Christofides sits on the Health Safety team; works directly with engagement teams in the district; and deals with intervention that needs another set of eyes. He conducts mediation and works with counselors and youth workers to help solve problems.
- N. Christofides provided an educational presentation on effects of mental health illness in children.
- Topics covered included the following:
 - Mental Health Literacy
 - Emotional Safety
 - Prevalence of Mental Health
 - Functions of the Brain
 - Challenges in Identifying Illness in a School Setting
 - Adverse Children Experiences (ACE)
 - Trauma Awareness and Strategies for Trauma Sensitive Schools
 - Self-Care and Well Being
- Video, TED (Health Psychology) – *How do we get to something normal after the pandemic?*
 - The Upside of Stress by Kelly McGonigal: [TED TALK – How to make stress your friend, Kelly McGonigal](#)

6. Breakout Sessions: *DPAC Reps – Budget Discussion*

- Note that the Ministry of Education hasn't released the budget for this year and the board hasn't discussed the priorities yet.
- Discussion groups were presented a list of budget items that were discussed last year and asked to review for feedback in preparation for the 2022 budget discussion.
- There were questions and concerns raised to clarify the purpose of the budget discussion. DPAC reps wanted to understand the value of ranking and prioritizing budget items with the limited information available to them. For instance,
 - *Ranking and prioritizing budget items has its challenges. It should not be a process of pitting one area [program] to another, rather assessing the needs of the community to formulate an informed opinion or recommendation.*
 - *Is the PAC feedback required? What is the desired outcome of the exercise?*
 - *Is the discussion meant to reflect on what was considered in the previous budget?*
 - *Ranking is not appropriate because it is out of context and there's not enough information.*
- The budgeting process was described in brief from the Board and DPAC executives.
 - *The board is tasked with balancing the budget.*
 - *The new budget discussion items won't be available from the Ministry until mid-March.*
 - *Next, the Board looks at the status quo budget... then looks at the amount of money was allocated from the Ministry... then looks at shortfall. We would like to give an informed opinion to determine what programs should receive funding (more or less).*
 - *The April 19th DPAC Budget meeting is where the DPAC reps will give feedback on the budget? So this list can be given ahead to the PAC to help prepare feedback for the April 19th meeting.*
- After clarification, DPAC reps made the following recommendations for the next budget discussion.
 - *Remove the word ranking and replace with a list of ideas.*
 - *Perhaps consider higher level or themes of what's important to the pack. The list is too detailed.*

7. DPAC Updates:

- **Topic Heading:** 2022 Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey
 - BCC PAC learning survey was sent out. Deadline is April 29th

- The BC Ministry of Education's Student Learning Survey is open to all Parents/Guardians (available in 18 languages), as well as all Students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12.
- This Ministry describes the survey as "the only source of province-wide information on children's learning experience.... Your responses are anonymous; your child will not be identified, as a result of your participation in the survey."
- Parents can complete the survey without needing to log in. Just select your District (41-Burnaby) and School (Ecole Marlborough Elementary) from the drop-lists.
<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

8. Show and Tell:

- **Topic Heading:** DPAC Rep Announcements
 - Westridge PAC Rep – back to hot lunch, portions are small so there's a bit of a revolt.
 - *From Suncrest PAC Rep to Everyone 08:55 PM: May I ask which restaurants/vendors you all are using for Hot Lunch?*
 - *From Westridge PAC Rep to Everyone 08:56 PM: Westridge is using Stan's Pizza, Cobs, Subway, White Spot, sushi place that I can't recall*
 - *From Lyndhurst PAC Rep. to Everyone 08:57 PM: At Lyndhurst we haven't resumed hot lunch but have used White Spot, Pizza Hut, and sushi*
 - BNSS PAC Rep – Ethics Bowl at SFU event presented by the Philosophy Department linked to SFU's Centre for Democracy
 - *Only Moscrop Burnaby school participated.*
 - *They 'debated' relevant topics such as having a universal basic income, affirmative action, etc.*
 - *Debate process required teams to earn points on collaboration, thoughtful listening and showing respect. Presented by SFU, lots of schools in Surrey participate and Burnaby had one.*

9. Adjournment:

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
- Moved by: **Sally Felkai** Seconded by: **Alfred Romann**
- Meeting came to an end at: **9:02 pm**

10. Next Meeting Date: *Tuesday April 19th, 2022*