

## **Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)**

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School (6011 Deer Lake Parkway)

School District Leadership in Attendance: Roberto Bombelli- Deputy Superintendent, Brandon Curr- Assistant Superintendent, Jeanette Laursoo- Assistant Superintendent.

Schools in Attendance (bold):

Brentwood North	Cariboo Lougheed	Central West	Kingsway South
<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>Brantford</b>	<b>Burnaby South/BCSD</b>
<b>Aubrey</b>	Cameron	<b>Buckingham</b>	<b>Byrne Creek</b>
Brentwood Park	Cariboo Hill	Burnaby Central	Clinton
<b>Burnaby North</b>	<b>Burnaby Mountain</b>	Cascade Heights	<b>Edmonds Community</b>
<b>Confederation Park</b>	<b>Forest Grove</b>	<b>Chaffey-Burke</b>	<b>Glenwood</b>
Capital Hill	Lyndhurst	<b>Douglas Road</b>	Maywood Comm.
Gilmore	Seaforth	<b>Gilpin</b>	<b>Nelson</b>
<b>Kitchener</b>	Second Street	<b>Inman</b>	South Slope/BCSD
<b>Lochdale</b>	Stoney Creek	Lakeview	<b>Stride</b>
Montecito	Twelfth Avenue	Marlborough	Suncrest
<b>Parkcrest</b>	<b>University Highlands</b>	Morley	Taylor
<b>Rosser</b>		Moscrop	Windsor
<b>Sperling</b>			
Westridge			

### **1. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Acting Chair, Vivien Gomes-Pollon.

Vivien welcomed both returning and new DPAC representatives to the first general meeting of the 2025–26 school year, recognizing the commitment of parent leaders across Burnaby schools.

### **2. Introductions**

District staff, trustees, and DPAC executive members introduced themselves.

A brief orientation was provided for new representatives, including the voting process and zone structure.

### **3. District School Opening Update**

Presenter: Deputy Superintendent Roberto Bombelli (on behalf of Superintendent Karim Hachlaf)

Mr. Bombelli shared an overview of the 2025–26 school year, including:

- Enrollment trends and staffing updates
- District priorities for the new year
- New initiatives supporting inclusion, learning, and student well-being
- A copy of the presentation slides was made available online.

Document: *School Opening Update – Presentation Slides (PDF)*

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was modified and approved. Moved by Brantford, seconded by Burnaby South. Carried.

#### **5. Tabletop Zone Discussions**

Reps participated in small-group discussions by zone to share priorities and early-year concerns.

Themes identified included:

- Continued concern over the impact of 2024–25 budget cuts (music programs, custodial services, and five-block secondary timetables to accommodate additional students at certain secondary schools)
- The need for stronger PAC–school communication
- Desire for collaborative advocacy across Burnaby zones
- Zone notes will be compiled and summarized for follow-up at a future executive meeting.
- Desire for C&B training for executive committee and members.

#### **6. Break**

#### **7. Treasurer's Report & Budget Approval**

Presenter: Treasurer Heide Baer

Heide presented the 2025–26 DPAC budget, noting:

- Carry-forward balance from 2024–25
- Allocations for events, website costs, and PAC engagement
- Anticipated costs for the October 6 Mini Conference

University Highlands moved, Burnaby Mountain seconded to approve the 2025–26 DPAC budget as presented. Motion carried.

## **8. Draft Policy on Meeting Behaviour**

Presenter: Secretary Brock Stephenson

Brock introduced a draft policy on meeting behaviour, outlining expectations for respectful and productive dialogue during DPAC meetings.

The draft was presented for information only.

The policy will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to being brought forward to a future General Meeting for consideration.

## **9. Approval of Previous Minutes**

A representative from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School proposed an amendment to the May 2025 General Meeting minutes.

The motion did not receive a seconder and therefore did not proceed.

University Highlands moved, Glenwood seconded a motion to defer approval of the February, March, and April 2025 General Meeting minutes indefinitely. Motion carried.

Forest Grove moved, University Highlands seconded approving the May 2025 Annual General Meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Motion carried with record vote:

In favour: Forest Grove, University Highlands, Armstrong, Alpha, Lochdale, Burnaby South, Nelson, Byrne Creek, Edmonds, Glenwood, Brantford, Gilpin, Inman, Kitchener.

Opposed: Burnaby Mountain

Abtaining: Aubrey, Confederation Park, Parkcrest, Sperling, Chaffey-Burke, Douglas Road

## **10. Executive Updates and Committee Recruitment**

Vivien reviewed the 2025–26 DPAC Executive composition:

Chair: Vacant

Acting Chair/Vice Chair: Vivien Gomes (Brentwood North)

Treasurer: Heide Baer (Cariboo Lougheed)

Secretary: Brock Stephenson (Central West)

Members-at-Large: Paul Kwon (Brentwood North), Ruchika Bhatia (Central West)

Internal subcommittee roles were not confirmed at this meeting.

The Executive agreed to invite expressions of interest for committees after the September 19 deadline for PAC contact and representative updates.

Reps were reminded to complete the DPAC Contact Form to ensure voting eligibility.

## **11. Upcoming Events & Key Dates**

- September 24: Burnaby Board of Education Public Meeting
- October 6: DPAC Mini Conference (open to all PAC executives)
- October 20: Next DPAC General Meeting — featuring guest Melanie presenting proposed Constitution & Bylaw (C&B) revisions
- Ongoing: CBC Vancouver “Budget Cuts” Follow-Up Story — families invited to share experiences; contact [dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca)

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brock  
Secretary