



District Parent  
Advisory Council

**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2025**

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**Burnaby DPAC**

Burnaby Central Secondary School  
Room A206 – Conference Centre  
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**Attendance (bold indicates those who were in attendance):**

**Schools**

**Brentwood North**

Alpha  
Aubrey  
**Brentwood Park**  
**Burnaby North**  
Confederation Park  
Capital Hill  
**Gilmore**  
Kitchener  
**Lochdale**  
Montecito  
Parker  
**Rosser**  
**Sperling**  
Westridge

**Cariboo Lougheed**

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

**Central West**

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

**Kingsway South**

Burnaby South  
Byrne Creek  
Clinton  
**Edmonds Community**  
**Glenwood**  
Maywood Community  
**Nelson**  
South Slope/BCSD  
**Stride**  
Suncrest  
Taylor  
Windsor

**District Staff**

**Superintendent:** Karim Hachlaf

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Ishver Khunguray

**Brentwood North**

**Cariboo Lougheed**

**Central West**

**Kingsway South**

**Assistant Superintendent:**

**Brandon Curr**

**Assistant Superintendent:**

Richard Per

**Deputy Superintendent:**

Robert Bombelli

**Assistant Superintendent:**

Jeanette Laursoo

**Board of Education  
(Trustees)**

**Brentwood North**

**Cariboo Lougheed**

**Central West**

**Kingsway South**

**Kristin Schneider (Chair)**

Larry Hayes

**Jen Mezei (Vice Chair)**

Bill Brassington

Peter Cech

Mikelle Sasakamoose

Gary Wong

Kristin Schneider (Chair)

**DPAC Executives**

**Brentwood North**

**Cariboo Lougheed**

**Central West**

**Kingsway South**

**Vivien Gomes-Pollon**

Paul Kwon

**Heide Baer**

*Vacant*

Brock Stephenson

Ruchika Bhatia

*Vacant*

*Vacant*

## **1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:** Vivien Gomes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm
- Acknowledgement

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

The Chair apologized on behalf of the executives who were unable to attend. Paul sent his regards, Ruchika was away celebrating Diwali with her family, and Brock was away due to a family emergency.

## **3. Guest Presentation:** Winadzi / Simon Daniel James

- We were honoured to welcome our guest speaker of the evening: Winadzi (Simon Daniel James), recipient of a 2023 BC Achievement Community Award and co-creator and co-producer of the animated storytelling series *Raven Tales*. Simon's Kwakwaka'wakw name, Winadzi (the Raider), was given to him by his grandfather, Chief James Sewid, before he passed away when Simon was 17 years old. Simon has been given 5 other names since, but he keeps Winadzi.
- Winadzi shared the transformational points of his life and told of how he fell in love with making a difference in kids' lives across Burnaby (and elsewhere). He is currently working for BC Housing and doing an installation at Inman. His influence can be felt at all Burnaby schools, and his art can be seen at Sperling, Westridge, Rosser, Morley, Taylor Park, and Inman. His talk underlined the importance of cooperation and embracing that we are all one.
- Vivien thanked Winadzi for his presentation, highlighting how the beauty of art can inspire our lives. Art, even without words, allows us to feel deeply and find inspiration—encouraging people of all ages to continue creating and expressing themselves.

## **4. DPAC Executive Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Nominations:** Vivien Gomes

- 3 Vacancies: 2x Kingsway South and 1x Cariboo Lougheed.
- The Chair answered questions about which schools are in each zone, the nature of executive committee work, the fulfillment it can bring, and the time commitment involved.
- No nominations were made.

## **5. Committees & DPAC Updates:** Vivien Gomes

- SD Accessibility Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Nelson and Forest Grove (but *please apply, if interested*)
- SD DACC (Community Schools) Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Alpha and [Vacant – *please apply, if interested*]
- SD DTAC (Technology) Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Brantford and Inman
- SD Equity Scan (Indigenous Education)
  - DPAC Representation from Burnaby Mountain and [Vacant – *please apply, if interested*]
  - Burnaby Mountain Rep would like to get an email out to the 750 indigenous kids' parents to solicit

guidance and stories so that she can better represent them on committee. She will be sending an email for DPAC to share, likely to send to Principals via the SD so that all indigenous parents can receive.

- SD EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Inman and Kitchener
  - [Oct 16 Meeting Report](#); topics included reflections on current challenges & wins in schools and collaboration/networking between schools.
  - At the General Meeting, Inman Rep sought input from the perspective of parents: Seeking action items or success stories that he can bring to committee. At the last meeting they (with student representative[s]) were brainstorming about how to use spaces to encourage parents of different backgrounds to mingle (eg, at school events that parents attend) - perhaps using ice breaker activities. If you have thoughts/input, please share to [dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca) .
- SD SOGI Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Kitchener and Maywood
  - [Sep 24 Meeting Report](#); topics included Policy 17 adoption and education & upcoming events.
- SD Sustainability Committee
  - DPAC Representation from Brentwood Park and [Vacant – *please apply, if interested*]
  - [Sep 25 Meeting Report](#); topics included recycling/compost, waste reduction & school competitions, transportation & SFU researcher/Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN), BC School Streets initiative, ECHO Makerspace & repurposing, and corporate influence in climate education.
- DPAC Website Project: Morton Rand-Hendrikson (Absent)
- DPAC Treasurer's Report: Heide Baer
  - See below; attached to Minutes
- **To apply to sit on an internal or external committee**, please email [dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca) with a short summary of your experience in the relevant area and/or why you would like to volunteer. For more information on each committee, please also email us.

**Action item:** Parents can still submit SD committee applications

## 6. Mini Conference Debrief (Oct 6): Vivien Gomes

- Highlights of attendance, feedback, takeaways.
- Topics covered were reviewed and some of the resources available for PACs were summarized; see our [DPAC Meetings](#) webpage for more information under the Oct 6 heading:
  - PAC 101 & BCCPAC resources,
  - SD Treasurer Workshop,
  - Governance, and
  - Advocacy and the funding structures of our education system.

## 7. Public Relations Project: Vivien Gomes

- Our [Parent Feedback Survey](#) is now live; please share it with as many PAC members as possible.
- Created to gather feedback from PACs to support effective collaboration between parents, schools and SD.
- Parents and children were disappointed in the spring with this year's budget.
- The goal is to communicate and collaborate so that we can define a cohesive and constructive direction for our efforts in support of change.
- The recent budget cuts have been difficult. The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback from PACs to

support effective collaboration between parents, schools and the district. Survey Launched: Oct 22-Nov.30, Dpac zone reps - will be reaching out to PAC executives and DPAC reps. The public relations project is to stay strong, collaborate, communicate and move forward together.

- Results will be summarized, including any preliminary trends/themes that emerge.

**Action item:** Reps please share the survey with your PACs & Parents

#### 8. DPAC Executive Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: Vivien Gomes

- No nominations were made.

#### 9. Upcoming Meetings: Vivien Gomes

- Oct 22 SOGI
- Oct 23 DTAC
- Oct 28 Burnaby School Board
- Oct 30 Accessibility
- Nov 6 DACC
- Nov 8 Equity Scan (this will be rescheduled; date TBD)
- Nov 10 COW Community of the Whole
- Nov 13 Sustainability & EDI
- Nov 15 BCCPAC Summit - membership renewal is due
- Nov 17 DPAC General Meeting
- Nov 20 International Children's Day / Student Voices Panel

#### 10. Governance – Code of Ethics & Confidentiality Policy for Executive Committee Members: Vivien Gomes

- Burnaby Mountain pointed out that this policy is actually a suggested revision of our Bylaws Sec XIV, and so we should follow the bylaws amendment process. There was some discussion around this.
- A motion was made for presenting this as a proposed bylaw amendment of Section XIV, to be reviewed by Members and voted on at the November meeting.
- Moved by: Burnaby Mountain      Seconded by: University Highlands      Carried

**Action item:** Reps to review the Exec code of ethics for next meeting

#### 11. Questions and Answers:

- Several DPAC Reps requested to reconvene the Constitution & Bylaws (C&Bs) committee. DPAC Reps interested in volunteering for the committee included Sperling, Burnaby Mountain, Forest Grove, and Byrne Creek; all of those interested were invited to apply to [dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:dpacchair@burnabyschools.ca). Additional DPAC Reps are willing to read and provide feedback on the draft C&Bs.

See related files on the [DPAC Meetings](#) webpage from the April 2025 Meeting.

**Action item:** Vivien to email Byrne Creek Rep

**Action item:** Reps can submit C&B Committee applications

**Action item:** Reps can submit feedback on draft C&Bs

- At the Oct 7 BC Legislative Assembly, [Bill 19 – School Amendment Act](#) was introduced. This bill proposes to amend the School Act to allow the Districts to open up school properties for child care in order to better

support working parents. Bill 19 is in the First Reading stage; we will follow its progress. [See here for more background information](#) like the locations of pilot projects.

(Since the General Meeting, this amendment has been adopted – Royal Assent was reached, so as of Oct 30 “[a] board may provide a child care program on board property if the board is a licensee.”)

- A motion was made for the Draft Policy on Meeting Behaviour to be sent to all Members by email for review to prepare for a vote on it next month. The draft policy can be found on [page 3 of this document](#).  
Moved by: Burnaby Mountain      Seconded by: University-Highlands      Carried  
**Action item:** Reps to review the draft policy for next meeting

**12. DPAC Executive Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Nominations:** Vivien Gomes

- No nominations were made.

**13. Approval of September 15, 2025 Minutes**

- A motion was made to approve the Minutes with the following friendly amendments:
  - Add Brandon Curr as an attendee
  - Add bullet point to the Tabletop Zone Discussions list of Themes identified that reads "Desire for C&B training for executive committee and members"
  - Change From "A representative from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School proposed an amendment to the February–April 2025 General Meeting minutes." To "A representative from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School proposed an amendment to the May 2025 General Meeting minutes."
- Moved by: Forest Grove      Seconded by: University-Highlands      Carried

**14. Show and Tell: DPAC Reps**

- DPAC will be publishing a Resources page on our website; stay tuned.
- Vivien shared about Asian Heritage Month and the Diwali tea that they had today at Alpha, with samosas sold for School club fundraising. Chai and donuts provided for free by parents.
- Fundraising idea: Gift Cards – good timing with Christmas coming.
- Burnaby North Secondary School will be putting on a musical; she will share when tickets go on sale.
- Sperling shared about Jam Band, a new non-profit organization offering an after-school music program for students in and around the North Burnaby area. They are trying to gain a sense of whether or not this program is of interest to parents there. Moscrop hopes perhaps they will succeed and expand to other parts of Burnaby.

**Action item:** Brentwood North DPAC zone reps to follow up

- Marlborough wanted to know who should pay for attaching a bulletin board to the wall of their school for PAC use. They do not currently have a PAC info board and the school cannot pay for one to be installed. Perhaps the Gaming Grant could be used?  
**Action item:** DPAC Exec to research
- SD budget process and advocacy efforts were discussed.

**15. Adjournment:**

- Meeting came to an end at: **9:05 PM**

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday November 17, 2025