

# Burnaby DPAC General Meeting

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# Land Acknowledgement.

We acknowledge and thank the four Host Nations the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), and k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əλəm (Kwkwetlem) peoples on whose unceded traditional territories we live, learn, and work.

# Welcome and Purpose.

Tonight is about understanding the landscape together.

Good process creates better outcomes.

Understanding constraints helps feedback land effectively.

# District & Trustee Updates.

SD41 Finance Orientation

Ishver Khunguray  
Secretary-Treasurer, Burnaby Board of  
Education

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# Presentation: DPAC Parent Survey.

Presenter: Brock Stephenson, Secretary,  
Burnaby DPAC

# About the Parent Feedback Survey.

Purpose: Gather parent perspectives and identify patterns to inform DPAC's advisory role.

Responses: 236 total responses, 80.7% Parent/Guardian, Represent elementary and secondary across district.

# How to Read These Results.

We are sharing high-level themes only.

Themes reflect what parents told us, not DPAC positions.

These themes will inform DPAC's work later in the consultation window.



# What Parents Are Saying (Big Picture).

- Strong concern about provincial funding (72%)
- 75% said inflationary cost recognition very important.
- Widespread impact from reductions.

Responses point to system pressures rather than isolated school issues.

# Theme 1: Funding & System Strain.

- . 67% provincial funding not effective
- . 67% current funding inadequate
- . 75% inflationary funding as very important

Parents overwhelmingly perceive funding as inadequate and misaligned with costs.

## Theme 2: Staffing, Support, Retention.

Budget impact:  
EA (27.5%), Counselling (28.4%), District  
helping teacher (22%).

Parents consistently connect staffing  
levels to student experience and staff  
wellbeing.

# Theme 3: Facilities, Space, Portables.

62% unaware portables are funding from operating budget. Repeated concerns:

Overcrowding, loss of play space, hygiene, safety, ventilation, permanence of “temporary” solutions.

## Theme 4: Program Losses & Access.

Elementary band (52%), Mandarin (7.2%), MACC/Beta (16.9%), StrongStart.

Certain program reductions are having outsized impact for families directly affected, as reflected in response patterns.

## Theme 5: What Parents Say Helps.

71% reported no outreach to Trustees, MLAs, MPs, Council. Lack of clarity about where feedback is effective.

Clear timelines and explanations reduce frustration. Ask for earlier information to support constructive engagement.

# What These Themes Are (and Aren't)

Before we move on, these themes are a snapshot of parent experience and input to inform DPAC's advisory role.

They are not a list of demands.

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# Minutes and Agenda Approval.

Motion: Approve November 17, 2025  
Minutes

Motion: Approve January 19, 2026  
General Meeting Agenda

# Tabletop Discussion

## Themes and questions

# Committee Updates

## Executive:

- . 3 Year Calendar (2026-2029).
- . Budget Calendar
  - o DPAC meeting Feb 17 to 18
  - o DPAC meeting Apr 14 to 15

# Committee Updates & Call Outs.

- . Constitution and Bylaws
- . Call-out for District Committees:
  - o Equity Scan, Sustainability, Accessibility
- . Call-out for DPAC Exec: Cariboo lougheed (1), Kingsway South (2)
- . Treasurer Report

# Upcoming Events

- Jan 22: EDI Committee
- Jan 27: Accessibility Committee
- Jan 27: School Board Meeting
- Jan 28: SOGI Committee
- Jan 29: Sustainability Committee
- Jan 29: Community Schools Committee
- Feb 9: Committee of the Whole Meeting
- **Feb 18: Next DPAC General Meeting  
(Amended Budget Presentation)**

# Thank you

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