

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

### **General Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024

Time: 7:10 PM - 8:44 PM

Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School, Room A206

Next Meeting: January 20, 2025

Public procedural version. Detailed meeting notes are retained in DPAC's internal records for reference.

### **1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

A land acknowledgement was provided, recognizing that the meeting took place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish peoples.

### **2. Attendance**

School attendance was recorded.

Schools represented included:

Alpha; Aubrey; Burnaby North; Lochdale; Montecito; Parkcrest; Sperling; Westridge; Burnaby Mountain; Second Street; Stoney Creek; Twelfth Avenue; Brantford; Burnaby South; Byrne Creek; Clinton; Edmonds Community; Glenwood; Maywood Community; Nelson; South Slope/BCSD; Windsor.

Trustees, District staff, DPAC Executive members, and members-at-large were also present.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Moved: Cascade Heights

Seconded: Burnaby North

Carried

#### **4. Trustee Presentation**

A Board of Education trustee presentation was provided.

Topics included:

- the role of the Board in governance, policy, and strategic planning;
- development of the District's next strategic plan;
- the distinction between Board governance and School District operations;
- the District's policy review process;
- capital planning and advocacy;
- funding pressures related to enrollment growth, portables, and school capacity;
- advocacy through provincial trustee associations and partner groups;
- relationships with the City, MLAs, MPs, and other levels of government;
- the importance of parent and community input through DPAC, BCCPAC, trustees, and other public processes.

Questions were received regarding:

- developer contributions and school site acquisition charges;
- the relationship between trustees and the City;
- how provincial funding accounts for growth pressures;
- and how families can participate in advocacy.

Detailed presentation notes and Q&A are retained in the internal meeting record.

#### **5. Approval of October 2024 Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the October 2024 General Meeting minutes.

Moved: Westridge

Seconded: South Slope

Carried

## **6. DPAC Updates and Reports**

### Treasurer's Report

A budget update was provided.

Reports included:

- 2024/25 Approved Budget;
- 2024/25 Actual Budget as of November 2024.

### PAC Website Project

An update was provided on the PAC website pilot project.

The pilot group was scheduled to meet on November 27, 2024. Late joiners were welcome.

The project supports PACs in creating school-hosted websites without needing separate domain or hosting costs.

### Committee and Related Reports

Committee and related reports were provided separately for member review, including:

- Committee of the Whole report;
- news coverage of proposed secondary schedule staggering;
- Accessibility Committee update.

The Accessibility Committee update noted three priority areas:

- awareness;
- information and communication;
- physical barriers.

## **7. Table Group Discussions**

Table group discussions were postponed.

Attendees were encouraged to share contact information and note any concerns or ideas for follow-up.

## **8. Show and Tell**

Brief school community updates were shared, including:

- a school winter market;
- a school pancake breakfast event;
- a successful school grant application.

## **9. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Burnaby Mountain

Seconded: Brantford

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Minutes prepared by: DPAC Secretary