

Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Time: 7:07 PM - [time not recorded]

Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School, Room A206

Next Meeting: March 10, 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 **7:07 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; Brentwood Park; Burnaby North; Capitol Hill; Lochdale; Montecito; Parkcrest; Sperling; Burnaby Mountain; Forest Grove; Second Street; Brantford; Buckingham; Burnaby Central; Cascade Heights; Chaffey-Burke; Douglas Road; Gilpin; Inman; Morley; Moscrop; Burnaby South; Byrne Creek; Clinton; Maywood Community; South Slope/BCSD; Windsor.

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

3. Introductions and Welcome

Attendees were welcomed, and School District guests were introduced.

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Moved: Inman

Seconded: Brantford

Carried

5. School District Presentation: Anti-Racism and Bullying

School District staff provided a presentation on anti-racism, bullying prevention, human rights, and related student supports.

Topics included:

- District anti-racism work;
- diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives;
- human rights education;
- bullying prevention;
- discriminatory language and online conduct;
- student safety and belonging;
- affinity spaces;
- resources and professional development for staff;
- Ministry resources, including ERASE;
- parent and guardian roles in supporting shared language around human rights.

Questions were received regarding:

- how program success is measured;
- teacher resources and professional development;
- whether anti-racism work includes other forms of marginalization and bullying;
- curriculum development and approval processes;
- how PACs and DPAC can support anti-racism and human rights initiatives;
- sanctuary school policy discussions;

- and gender-neutral washroom access.

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

6. Approval of January 2025 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 2025 General Meeting minutes.

Moved: Burnaby Mountain

Seconded: Sperling

Carried

7. DPAC Updates and Reports

Committee and related reports were provided separately for member review.

Reports included:

- Accessibility Committee;
- Equity in Action / Indigenous Education;
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee;
- Website Project;
- Technology Committee;
- School District Budget Committee.

The Technology Committee had not met since 2024. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for March 13.

A new School District Budget Committee was noted. Its purpose is to improve communication with the School District about the operations budget, clarify budget processes, identify parent advocacy opportunities, and support longer-term parent input.

8. Executive Removal Motions

A motion was brought forward regarding removal of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The matter was discussed by members and Executive members present. A call for the question was made.

Executive members present then voted on the motions.

Motion to remove the Chair: Carried

Motion to remove the Vice-Chair: Carried

Detailed discussion and voting details are retained in the internal meeting record.

9. Executive Vacancy – Central West

A nomination was received for the Central West Executive vacancy.

The Moscrop representative was nominated.

Seconded: Burnaby Mountain

Carried by acclamation

10. Other Business / Show and Tell

A school-level concern was raised regarding small thefts involving items such as trinkets and snacks.

Suggestions included working with school administration and considering whether the RCMP youth division could be invited by school administration for a student and parent conversation.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. Time was not recorded in the approved minutes.

Minutes prepared by: DPAC Secretary