

# D.P.A.C.MEETING NOTES

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Burnaby Central Secondary School  
6011 Deer Lake Parkway  
Burnaby, B.C.

**DATE:** April 4, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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## *Schools Attending:*

*To Be Updated*

## *District Staff:*

Gina Niccoli-Moen - Superintendent; Wanda Mitchell - Assistant Superintendent; Heather Hart - Assistant Superintendent; Roberto Bombelli - Assistant Superintendent; Greg Frank – Secretary Treasurer; Roy Uyeno – Assistant Secretary Treasurer

## *Board of Education Trustees and their zones:*

Katrina Chen (Central West); Baljinder Narang (Kingsway South); Harman Pandher - Vice-Chair (Central West); Larry Hayes (Cariboo Lougheed)

Regrets: Ron Burton - Chair (Brentwood North); Meiling Chia (Kingsway South); Gary Wong (Brentwood North)

## *DPAC Executive:*

Jen Mezei, Chair (Cariboo Lougheed); Shamsuddin Chowdhury, Member at Large (Kingsway South); Dave Dye, Member at Large (Cariboo Lougheed); Herman Louie, Treasurer (Central West); Naz Jakir, Member at Large (Kingsway South); Kristin Schnider, Secretary (Cariboo Lougheed); Jocelyn Schonekess, Vice Chair (Central West)

Regrets: Calvin Taplay, Member at Large (Brentwood North)

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Before the meeting was called to order, Herman made three draws for a door prizes.

Jen Mezei called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and welcomed everyone. Jen then introduced the District Staff, Board of Education Trustees and DPAC Executive members in attendance.

## **2. Budget Update**

Before beginning, Greg Frank distributed copies of his presentation, also available on the Burnaby School District's website at: <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Public-Budget-Presentation-April-6-2016.pdf><sup>1</sup>. He noted that in the last couple hours the Ministry of Education had announced that it would be releasing additional funding to school districts across the province, equating to an additional \$1.2M for Burnaby.

Greg Frank then provided some background information on Burnaby's operating budget and the provincial funding allocation system. He noted that the majority of operating funds come from the Ministry of

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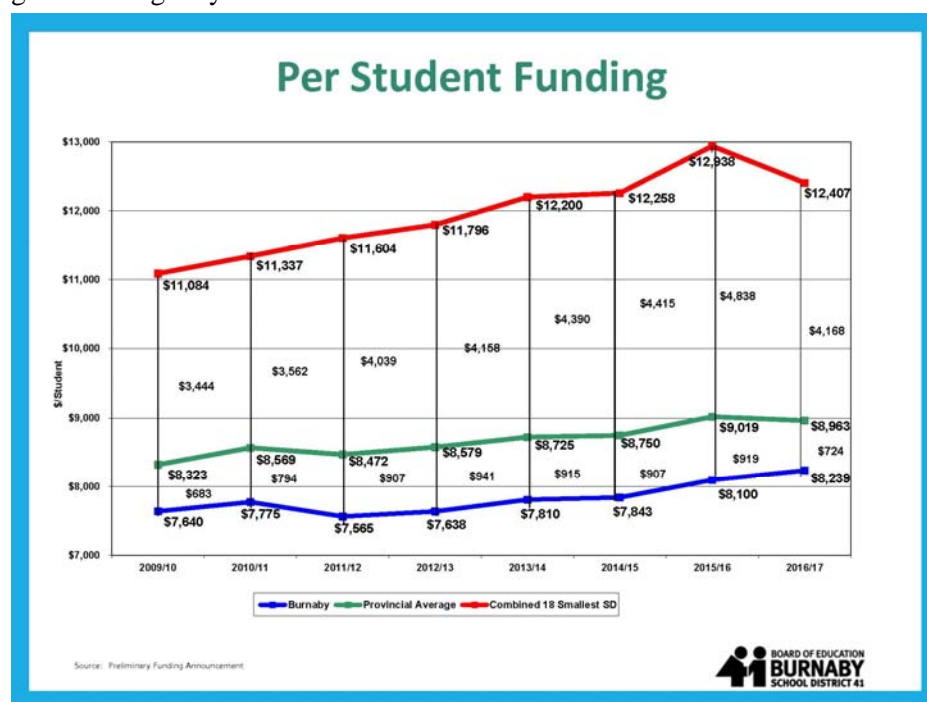
<sup>1</sup> Note: the budget presentation distributed at the April DPAC General Meeting differed slightly from the document referenced in this link. The presentation available on the Burnaby School District website was updated to account for the additional Ministry funds announced on April 4, 2016.

Education. However, some revenue is locally sourced such as rental income, investments, the international education program, etc. This amounts to 10.2% of the total operating budget, which is relatively high. The provincial average for funding sources outside provincial grants and operating surplus funds is only 5.7%.

Greg noted that the province has committed a funding lift of \$43M provincially relative to the current school year's funding. This lift is to cover the salary commitments in staff union collective agreements. This means that the 2016-2017 student base allocation will be \$7,218 (for FTE regular, continuing education and alternate school students).

Apart from the student base allocation, the provincial operating grant also provides school districts with funds to supplement: teacher salary differentials between districts; unique student needs (such ELL, aboriginal education, and special education); vulnerable students; unique geographic factors (e.g. climate considerations or isolated areas BC where costs will be higher for services or resources); summer learning programs; the BC Education Plan; and enrolment decline and funding protection.

On the latter item, Greg explained that no matter how much a district's enrolment declines from one year to the next, their allocation cannot dip below 95% of the previous year's allocation. That allows for a more gradual budgetary transition for districts in this situation.



With all these factors considered, Burnaby's per pupil funding for 2016-2017 is \$8,239 whereas the provincial average is \$8,963 per student. Greg noted that traditionally Burnaby (and other Metro Vancouver school districts) are on the lower end of the scale. This is due largely to the fact that smaller school districts require extra funding to cover infrastructure costs.

However, that there has been a shift in the 2016-2017 school year where the average funding for the 18 smallest school districts in

BC and the provincial average are declining while Burnaby's per student funding is growing slightly. This shift will close some of the gap between Burnaby and the provincial average.

Jocelyn Schonekess asked if the District has the per pupil amount for other Metro Vancouver school districts. Greg answered that Burnaby will receive the second lowest per student funds in the 2016-2017 school year. West Vancouver is still lower and Coquitlam will receive slightly more than Burnaby.

Greg Frank then identified the four areas of funding in the provincial operating grant:

1. Instruction
2. Operations (maintenance)
3. District Administration
4. Transportation

In Burnaby, instruction equates to 86.5% of the total operating budget compares with the provincial average of 83.3%. This positions Burnaby as the third highest in terms of the percentage of budget spent on instruction. Burnaby is also the third lowest school district in terms of the percentage of budget spent on district administration. Only the Victoria and Surrey school districts are lower in this regard.

Jen Mezei commented that in Burnaby vice-principal work is carried out largely by Head Teachers, which would partially explain why Burnaby's admin costs are relatively low.

Greg Frank then explained that one of the key items in the budget projection is enrolment. As alluded to

above, next year presents a much better picture for Burnaby's enrolment than in previous years. Burnaby is seeing some enrolment growth, particularly at the elementary level. Across the District, Burnaby is up by 111 elementary-aged students, and the District is in its second consecutive year of growth. At the secondary level there has been some decline. There has also been some decline in Special Education Levels 1 and 3 students, but there is anticipated growth in Level 2 students next year and beyond. That growth will drive a fairly large increase in needs and resources for Special Education students.

Greg then reviewed the 2016-2017 budget assumptions, highlighting that the District is anticipating a further increase in International Education program fees and enrolment, totaling an additional \$2M. Part of the increased revenue will be due to some additional program enrolments. However, it is largely the result

of increased program fees.

## 2016/2017 Budget Assumptions

- Based on District's projected student enrolment for 2016/2017
- Maintain current service levels and programs
- Increase in International Education program fees and enrolment \$2 million
- Teacher salary increments \$700K
- Labour Settlement funding includes teacher and support staff wage increases \$2.5 million
- No funding for Exempt Staff salary increases
- Benefits – CPP 3%, EI 2%, TPP (13%), MPP 4%, WCB 2%, MSP 4%, EHB 10%, Dental 3%, EAP 0%, Life Ins 0%
- Teacher Pension Plan rate reduction savings \$2.3 million
- Inflation 2% on Services & Supplies
- Utilities - Electricity 4%, Gas 4%, Water/Sewer 2%, Recycling/Garbage 5%



Greg then explained that 57% of program fees go into the cost of running the program, marketing and recruitment, and providing direct instruction, etc. The other 43% of the revenue supports the entire school district.

Jen then asked if Greg could provide some clarification on the direct funds that are allocated to the home school of each international student. Greg answered that Burnaby schools receive \$400 for each international student they have enrolled in their

school. This is to cover the fees or expenses that regular students pay (e.g. field trips, supplies). He added that international student numbers are not included in the per student funding allocations to Burnaby schools.

One of the assumptions in the budget is a savings with regarding the Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP). There is a 13% reduction for the TPP because the Plan is now fully funded. This will equate to a savings of \$2.3M in the 2016-2017 budget.

Greg also noted that there is no provincial funding from the Ministry for exempt staff salary increases. Jen asked Greg to explain how the exempt (non-union) salary increases were facilitated in the current fiscal year. Greg answered that increases granted to non-union staff have to be funded locally by the District. This year, principals and vice principals received two increases, which equated to a 3% increase for the year utilizing locally sourced revenue.

As with the 2015-2016 operating budget, the Ministry has mandated that school districts find administrative savings to offset the \$62M in labour settlement funding. Provincially, school districts must recover \$54M in administrative savings; Burnaby's share is \$2.2M. In the current school year Burnaby was able to find administrative savings of \$1.2M. An additional \$1M needs to be found in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Ministry.

Another component on the 2016-2017 provincial operating grant is the Next Generation Network (NGN). The NGN has a provincial annual service cost of \$24M; Burnaby's share of this cost is \$1.1M. Currently, Burnaby's 2015-2016 operating budget allocates \$600,000 to the NGN, so this will be an increased cost in the 2016-2017 operating budget.

Greg went on to explain that increases in Burnaby's service costs are largely due to the NGN. He commented that the District has upgraded much of internal network to facilitate the NGN. However, the wireless infrastructure still has some work to be done, which has been factored into next year's budget.

Once complete, this will allow the District to better manage the redesigned curriculum and “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) capability for students. Greg then noted that in addition to NGN costs, next year school districts in BC will also be required to pay a new service fee to the BC Public School Employers’ Association to cover the cost of legal services. Burnaby’s annual fee will be \$107,000.

In summary, initially Burnaby’s projected deficit was \$4.7M. However, with the provincial funds announced today the shortfall has been reduced to \$3.5M for the 2016-2017 school year. The Burnaby School District must offset this shortfall through budget reductions or by applying additional local revenue. As Burnaby has surplus restricted and un-restricted funds, it can do so by allocating reserve funds to the 2016-2017 budget. Greg noted that this will leave an anticipated balance of \$2.9M in the reserve funds for future operating budgets. Greg further commented that while no budget reductions are anticipated in next year’s budget, the District is still concerned about structural deficits in the budgeting process.

Greg commented that the School District is aware that its budget heavily relies upon international students and the international education program fees. In light of that, the District will need reserve funds to soften any impact if international enrolment drops. He added that there is a concern regarding the current international market, particularly in China. Moreover, with secondary enrolment flattening (rather than declining in previous years) there is also capacity concerns regarding international education students: the School District cannot displace local students for international students, which may result in reduced revenue potential. Nonetheless, Burnaby is looking to help support its international education program with the addition of a 1.0 FTE (exempt) program coordinator who will look after program marketing and administration. That position will thereby provide the level of support required by the program and allow for further growth.

A parent asked where Burnaby’s surplus funds came from and if it was possible for a school district to run a deficit budget. Greg Frank confirmed that BC’s *School Act* does not allow school districts to run deficit budgets. He then added that Burnaby’s surplus funds have resulted through a variety of sources: through budget surpluses in prior years, late receipt of the Province’s holdback funds, international education program enrolment revenue, etc.

Greg Frank reiterated his comments about student enrolment in Burnaby, explaining that the District has experienced an increase in regular enrolment above projections. Greg then reminded the DPAC reps that Burnaby lost a number of enrolments during the year of BCTF job action. When the budget was drafted there was no way to determine what portion of students would return, and it now appears that a large percentage of students have come back. The budget, therefore, only assumed regular growth and consequently, there has been higher growth in student enrolment than anticipated, increasing Burnaby’s operating budget based on per pupil funding.

Jocelyn Schonekess commented that the Ministry of Education has been very vocal with respect to the Vancouver School Board (VSB) budget and the Ministry’s recommendations for cost-saving measures for the VSB. Jocelyn then asked if the Ministry provides the same sort of input in Burnaby’s budget. Greg answered that the VSB is a unique case and the Ministry provides input on this situation for a number of reasons. That said, the Ministry does provide school districts with data on the budgets of other districts. Greg Frank added that the Ministry is very invested in shared services as a means to reduce operating costs. However, this methodology doesn’t necessarily work in Burnaby’s favour.

In terms of Ministry audits, BC’s Auditor General has been conducting more audits of various school districts. This year the Richmond School District is being audited and the Province has announced that it will audit another five school districts. Greg noted that these will likely include smaller, more remote districts.

A parent raised a concern regarding the District’s plans to implement a BYOD classroom environment. She commented that plan appears to be offloading costs to parents and families and has the potential to create inequities between students whose families can afford devices, and those of families who cannot. Greg Frank acknowledged that the District needs to ensure that it can support and provide access to all learners. While many do have access to personal devices, there will have to be a balance.

Jen Mezei then thanked Greg Frank for his presentation.

### 3. DPAC Budget Priorities

Jen Mezei began a discussion on DPAC budget priorities, noting that while the 2016-2017 does not rely on any budget reductions, we cannot be complacent with this fiscal situation. In the last five years, there have been a number of cumulative cuts:

- 2015-2016 School Year - \$2.23M in budget reductions
- 2014-2015 School Year - \$2.853M in budget reductions
- 2013-2014 School Year - \$1.813M in budget reductions
- 2012-2013 School Year - \$977,000 in budget reductions
- 2011-2012 School Year - \$2.246M in budget reductions

This equates to \$9.8M less in Burnaby's operating budget compared to five years ago. Taking that calculation into context, Jen then reminded reps that the Executive has asked the parents submit feedback on which budget adjustments have really affected students and schools, and which adjustments are working. Jen added that in the feedback received to date, schools had concerns regarding the level of special needs and learning support services available to students and concerns regarding the cuts to custodial services.

Dave Dye commented that at his child's elementary school, cuts to janitorial service are negatively impacting the students. He added that while some janitorial cuts may be okay, it appears that they have been cut too much at this point; at least an additional 30 minutes of janitorial service per day at his child's school are needed. A parent from Capitol Hill elementary school echoed the comments regarding custodial service cuts.

Another parent commented that an area of concern is cuts to counselling services. She noted that there is very little one-on-one counselling time available to students, and many student may not feel comfortable talking about their personal issues in a group setting.

At Montecito there are also concerns on custodial services. The PAC also has a concern over the amount of money they've contributed to technology and equipment acquisitions. It appears that the school is continuing to look to the PAC and parents to supplement funding for their resource needs.

Another parent voiced concern over the cuts to custodial services at her child's school. She went on to comment that cuts to learning support resources for non-designated students have also negatively impacted students. Students requiring additional learning support (who are unfunded) are stretching teacher resources too thin in the classroom.

A parent from Inman Elementary commented that the custodial cuts are also a concern at her school. Kids seem to be sick more often in light of the reduced services. Another concern is the loss of counselling time for students.

Shamsuddin Chowdhury echoed earlier parent comments, noting the custodial cutbacks and decreased learning support for undesignated students have been challenges for Burnaby schools.

Following the parent comments, Jen suggested that DPAC issue a statement on education funding cuts. She reminded the DPAC reps they had issued a media release the previous year that advocated for additional funding to address classroom needs. Jen went on to say that while Burnaby has sourced other revenues (such as international education fees) that lessen the impact of a budgetary shortfall, there are other school districts across the province that are feeling the pinch much more. As a DPAC we need to look at the provincial context and we cannot rely on cumulative funding cuts as a method for fiscal management.

A motion was then moved, duly seconded and carried that

**Burnaby DPAC issue a media release regarding the negative impact of operating budget cuts in Burnaby over last five years**

Moved: Katherine Robertson, Burnaby Central Secondary

Seconded: Dave Dye, Lyndhurst Elementary

#### 4. BCCPAC Resolutions

Jen reminded everyone that the BCCPAC AGM is taking place from April 30 to May 1. In preparation for the AGM, she encouraged member PACs to review the resolutions and have their proxies submitted (in the event they're sending a delegate or if they will be assigning their proxy to the DPAC Executive members attending). Jen then reviewed some of the resolutions that align with Burnaby DPAC priorities:

Resolution 2016.10 Proper Funding for Quality Public Education speaks to Resolution 2015.21, which was debated at the 2015 BCCPAC AGM, and calls for it be to further pursued and reaffirmed. Specifically, Resolution 2016.10 directs BCCPAC to insist that the Government increase the grants to BC school districts to carry out the five recommendations for K-12 Public Education in BC drafted by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in 2014:

- Provide stable, predictable, and adequate funding to enable school districts to fulfill their responsibility to provide continued equitable access to quality education, and to meet required repair and maintenance needs.
- Provide adequate capital funding to school districts for facility improvements, seismic upgrades, and additional schools in rapidly growing communities.
- Provide support for proposed new K-12 initiatives such as personalized learning and enhanced trades and technology training.
- Provide resources to identify and address the growing number of students with special needs and those with minimal English language skills.
- Restore the separate library line item in the Ministry of Education budget for public libraries, and to commit to stable, ongoing funding.

Jen commented that because Resolution 2016.10 mirrors many of the discussions Burnaby DPAC has had over the last couple years and because the resolutions aligns with our position for increased funding for quality public education, perhaps this is a resolution Burnaby DPAC can officially endorse. Jen then asked the DPAC reps for their input on the suggestion.

After some discussion, a motion was moved, duly seconded and unanimously carried that

#### **Burnaby DPAC officially endorse BCCPAC Resolution 2016.10**

Moved: Shamsuddin Chowdhury, Edmonds Community School

Seconded: Tanya Ballantine, Capitol Hill Elementary

Jen then reviewed Resolution 2016.9 Economic Stability Mandate, which calls for BCCPAC to advocate for wage increases to be fully funded in addition to current operating funds. Resolution 2016.7 Resources for Teachers calls for adequate operating funds "for teachers to access requisite resources and tools to teach facilitate the BC Education Plan and report student outcomes to parents. In its rationale, the resolution acknowledges that PACs have used their funds to supplement teacher resources through the purchase of technology equipment. It then becomes a matter of equity when some PACs are able to provide funds for needed resources and others are not.

Jen then reminded everyone that at the last meeting it had been suggested that DPAC conduct a survey of all Burnaby schools and find out what PACs have been providing schools in terms of equipment, materials, supplies, mobile devices, etc. Jen then asked if PACs would have an issue with their school name being included with their list of PAC expenditures. Those in attendance indicated that this would not be an issue. Jocelyn commented that the majority of PAC expenditures would be recorded and submitted to the Province in their gaming grant summary reports. However, it was acknowledged that PAC general fund expenditures are not reported to the Ministry.

After further discussion, Jen commented that one issue that BCCPAC hasn't addressed yet is privacy concerns for student records on MyEdBC. Jen added that she spoke with other DPAC chairs, and to date they haven't had these discussion with their school districts yet, but it is an area of concern. One way of addressing privacy concerns provincially is to prepare a resolution for the upcoming BCCPAC AGM. Jen advised that the Executive had discussed this idea and was recommending a resolution to call on BCCPAC

to strike a committee tasked with drafting minimum privacy standards for the student and personal data captured on MyEdBC. Jen then asked what DPAC reps thought about this suggestion and there was a consensus among the reps that this would be a good idea.

A motion was moved, duly seconded and carried that

**Burnaby DPAC write a resolution for the 2016 BCCPAC AGM calling on BCCPAC to appoint a committee to look at privacy concerns from a provincial perspective and draft minimum privacy standards for the BC Ministry of Education and BC School Boards regarding student and family data**

Moved: Dave Dye, Lyndhurst Elementary

Seconded: Kristin Schnider, Stoney Creek Community School

The last resolution discussed was Resolution 2016.1, which speaks to adding a definition of “Official Delegate” to the BCCPAC Bylaws. Jen commented that while it makes sense to limit delegate status to “a Parent in a school district who is duly authorized by a Regular Member”, it may not be necessarily to require that the Parent be from the same School District as the Regular Member. Small school districts or school districts in isolated geographic areas in the provincial may not have the ability to send any delegates to the AGM and would thereby have their voting rights unintentionally suppressed. Jen added that if, however, a Regular Member could assign their proxy to a Parent in another school district who is duly authorized to serve as an Official Delegate, the Regular Member could then have their vote cast at the AGM. If voting instructions were provided, there should be no cause for concern that the Proxy is from another School District. Further discussion ensued.

Jen noted that one thing for PACs to consider when signing over their proxies and preparing voting instructions is that the PAC can list “it depends” rather than a straight forward “yes” or “no” vote. Moreover, PACs can ask that the individual holding their proxy ask specific questions on the resolutions.

#### *BCCPAC Travel Subsidies*

As discussed at the February DPAC General meeting, the Burnaby School District is eligible for three BCCPAC travel subsidies based on its current BCCPAC memberships, and the DPAC Executive was tasked with determining how to distribute those subsidies to delegates attending the AGM. Jen advised that one subsidy will be reserved for the DPAC representative attending who will be holding the proxies for other Burnaby member PACs not attending. The other two travel subsidies will be divided evenly among all Burnaby BCCPAC member PACs sending a delegate to the AGM. Jen noted that the subsidies do not cover meals, hotel accommodations or any lost wages incurred to attend the AGM; the travel subsidy is specific to transportation costs to get to the AGM.

#### *BCCPAC Spring Conference Registration Incentive*

Jen then reminded DPAC reps that BCCPAC has introduced a new incentive for parents to attend the spring conference, which immediately precedes the AGM. First-time conference attendees (or parents who have not attended a BCCPAC conference in the last five years) may register for the conference for free if they are registered with a paid conference registration. This incentive does not apply to the AGM fees: all AGM attendees must pay the \$75 delegate registration fees. Currently there are two ‘newbie’ registration spots available with the two paid DPAC Executive who will be attending the conference and AGM. If any PACs would like to use one of the two free conference registration, please email [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com) no later than Monday, April 11. Jen advised that she would send an email out with all the BCPAC Conference and AGM details.

## **5. Committee Reports**

### *Education Committee*

Herman Louie attend the Education Committee meeting on April 4. During that meeting they discussed the following:

1. YELL - Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad

Presentation = Proposed local supplement to the Ministry Grade 12 Entrepreneur course.

- The Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad (YELL) was founded by three Canadian entrepreneurs passionate about a development program that could reach high school students across the country.
- YELL is a registered Not-For-Profit Organization led by a passionate team of volunteers. We work with school districts to develop customized learning programs that may be integrated into existing credited business courses.
- Mentors from the business community are brought into classrooms to discuss their experiences and best practices in all aspects of business ranging from corporate finance to social entrepreneurship
- The proposed supplement currently is offered to semester-ed school due to the intense 5 student group project requirement with local mentor
- SD41 will evaluate the and may offer the supplement within the 2016/2017 calendar year based on a class size and local mentor support

## 2. Burnaby Tennis Club

Presentation = Develop affiliation with SD41

- Currently the tennis curriculum within SD41 is provided as an introductory level and led by classroom teacher or with the assistance of Tennis BC in random approach through elementary and secondary grades.
- SD41 past relationships the tennis club has provided student volunteer hours.
- Brief discussion with the Burnaby Tennis Club offering a proposed affiliation with SD41 where by Burnaby class could use the private facility with club member as teaching assistance.
- Burnaby Central has accepted the offer due to close proximity to the facility
- SD41 will evaluate the gracious offer

## 6. Show and Tell

### *Drive 4UR School*

Burnaby Central and Alpha will be holding Ford Drive 4UR School fundraising events. Alpha's event is taking place on April 8 from 12 to 5 PM and Central's event is taking place June 12 (time TBD). For every valid test drive completed at the event, Ford will donate \$20 to the school.

### *Pub Night and Silent Auction*

On April 30 Burnaby Central is hosting a pub night and silent auction at the Burnaby Fire Fighters Club. Please see the school website for further details.

### *Diary of Anne Frank*

The Burnaby Central Drama Department is running *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Performances are at 7 PM April 13-15 with a 1 PM matinee on April 16. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors (note: students must be 10 or older to attend) and \$12 for adults.

### *DPAC PIE, April 27*

The next DPAC PIE is scheduled for April 27 at Burnaby Central. The PIE is titled "Self Regulation in the Early Years: Home to School" and will be presented by Deb Simak and Elizabeth Gardner. Preregistration is required and is available at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2016-self-regulation-in-the-early-years-home-to-school-tickets-18854725993?ref=ebtnebreg>

### *Carnivals and Family Fun Nights*

Buckingham Elementary is hosting their annual Family Fun Night on May 6 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Carnival games and food trucks are part of the evening's line.

Brantford Elementary is having their school's spring carnival on May 27 from 5 to 8 PM. The event will feature a bouncy castle, pony rides, and other community partner groups.

### *Maywood Flea Market*

On April 23, Maywood Community School is hosting a flea market from 10 AM to 2 PM. Admission is \$0.50. Tables are available for \$10 each. To book a table, please call 604-664-8208.



### *Public Presentation on Sleep and Your Child's Energy*

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is presenting a free public presentation on April 14 at 6 PM at their location (4460 Beresford Street). The presentation, by Dr. Wendy Hall, will provide information on sleep and how it play an important role in the development of children from babies to 12 years old. Advance registration is required; please call the Burnaby Public Library at 604-436-5420.

### *School/PAC Grants*

Reese Jorgenson advised that Montecito recently received a \$3,000 USD grant from Whole Kids Foundation to support their school garden. He added that there are grants available for school/PAC emergency preparedness supplies through Shell Canada. Kinder Morgan also provides grants to schools.

### *Burnaby's Got Talent 2016*

Trustee Katrina Chen reminded the DPAC reps that Burnaby District Student Advisory Committee is co-presenting their annual charity student talent show, *Burnaby's Got Talent*, on Tuesday, April 5 at Michael J. Fox Theatre. Student performers from all Burnaby high schools will compete to become Burnaby's Best Talent of 2016. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will be donated to the Burnaby Youth Hub (<http://www.burnabyyouthhub.org/>).

Jocelyn Schonekess reminded DPAC reps to forward their flyers and event information to the DPAC executive ([info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)) so the information can be posted on the Burnaby DPAC Facebook page and shared with others in the School District.

## **7. Meeting Adjournment**

Before adjourning the meeting, Jen reminded DPAC reps that the next DPAC General meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2016 at 7 PM at Burnaby Central. The agenda for that meeting will be the 2016-2017 School District budget. Jen then adjourned the meeting at 8:59 PM.

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### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:**

- **WEBSITE** – [www.burnabydpac.com](http://www.burnabydpac.com) - **email your events to be published.**
- **Communication** – Email [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com) or [chair@burnabydpac.com](mailto:chair@burnabydpac.com)

### **DPAC Objectives:**

1. To serve as an advisory group to the School Board.
2. To assist in decision-making with regard to school district programs, policies and practices through information, input and recommendations.
3. To provide a formal process for the Superintendent and district staff to receive input and feedback regarding district programs and operations.
4. To act as a liaison between the School Board and the community.
5. To provide parent representatives with information on educational programs, operations and issues.
6. To provide a mechanism for local parent/school groups to share and discuss educational issues and communicate with other parent groups.