



Meeting Minutes

Feb 18 2025

Burnaby D.P.A.C.
Burnaby Central Secondary School
Room A206 – Conference Centre
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Superintendent: Karim Hachlaf

Schools Attendance (bolded names indicate attendance)

Brentwood North

- Alpha
Aubrey
Brentwood Park
Burnaby North
Confederation Park
Capital Hill
Gilmore
Kitchener
Lochdale
Montecito
Parkcrest
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

- Brantford
Buckingham
Burnaby Central
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 (bolded names indicate attendance)

Brentwood North

Assistant Superintendent: Assistant Superintendent:
Brandon Curr Richard Per

Cariboo Lougheed

Central West

Assistant Superintendent:
Roberto Bombelli

Kingsway South

Assistant Superintendent:
Jeanette Laursoo

(bolded names indicate attendance)

Board of Education (Trustees)

Brentwood North

Larry Hayes
Kristin Schneider (Chair)

Cariboo Lougheed

Jen Menzei (vice chair)
Bill Brassington

Central West

Peter Cech
Mikelle Sasakamoose

Kingsway South

Gary Wong
Kristin Schneider (Chair)

DPAC Executive & Members at Large (bolded names indicate attendance)

Brentwood North

Harinder Parmar (Chair)

Cariboo Lougheed

Trinity Bissett (Vice Chair)

Central West

Lauren Couture

Kingsway South

Yingzi Feng

Vivien Gomes

Hisham Mansour

vacant

Gaby Maioli

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Harinder Parmar

- Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm
- Acknowledgement: We are fortunate to meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish nations, Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish people, where we live, work and play.

2. Introductions and Welcome to SD Guests

3. Approval of Agenda:

- A motion was made to approve the agenda and any modifications.
- Moved by: Inman Seconded by: Brantford

4. SD Presentation Anti-Racism and Bullying – offered by Beth Applewhite

- (PDF)

District Anti-Racism Work

[Burnaby School District Celebrating Diversity page describing programs and providing links to various related articles](#)

suggested reading:

Dr. Gholdy Muhammad

- Book: [Cultivating Genius: A Four-Layered Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy](#)
- Article: [Cultivating Genius](#)

Affinity Spaces - for those of shared equity-deserving/ equity-denied identities

Presentations about Human Rights/ Bullying, unlearning bad habits, confronting discriminatory language, knowing rights, protecting self and others, online/chatroom considerations - starting in Elementary schools, partnered with local actor Sam Darkoh

SD41 School Board has shifted how to deal with bullying to focus on Human Rights and are seeing positive results.

Question - How is success measured?

Answer: Children complete “do you feel safe at school” surveys...this data is related to tracking outcomes and success of programs like this

Question - Are there resources for teachers?

Answer: Yes, there are ProD sessions available that have been delivered at schools for Pro-D days.

Question - Is anti-racism the overarching theme, or are other types of marginalization/forms of bullying covered separately or within this heading?

Answer: Yes - all forms of bullying are covered as per ministry program [ERASE \(click here for the ERASE reporting tool\)](#)

Question - What is process for proposing new courses, and is there a potential for racism to be covered within curriculum - for example in the proposed [Holocaust course for grade 12](#)?

Answer: requires approval from the Board - needs to uphold core competencies. There is oversight to ensure issues aren't presented one-sided or in binary manner.

Question - do you see a role for PAC / DPACs to support these Anti-Racism initiatives? Are there presentations that you can share with parents/ guardians so that we can have shared language/ similar launching points for these important topics.

Answer - Yes, parents and guardians can help by raising awareness about Human Rights. Having knowledge about these programs and talking about Human Rights with our children helps. Beth will share presentations that she offers at schools.

Question - Due to the political climate in the USA, the idea of [sanctuary schools](#) in BC is coming up. How has the SD prepared for American children moving into our schools to seek safety from persecution in the USA? [New Westminster SD40 Sanctuary School policy](#).

Answer: Policy review is being undertaken, and sanctuary schools are being discussed in this process. The SD may adopt new policies here.

Question - Parkhurst elementary has gender neutral washrooms - will this happen at more schools in the future?

Answer - all schools have gender neutral washrooms (other spaces have been repurposed), and new builds have this as a more deliberate part of the design. Single stall washrooms are difficult to renovate

5. Approval of Jan 2025 Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the Minutes and any modifications.
- Moved by: Burnaby Mountain
- Seconded by: Sperling

6. DPAC Updates and Reports - please look to submitted reports

- Motion: Call for removal of The Chair and Vice Chair. The Executive will take a vote at the earliest possible opportunity after the requisite 14 days have passed. Moved by Lauren, Seconded by Gaby
 - Gaby: This motion has been brought forward to the General Meeting because the exec has been unable to meet. No executive meeting has happened in February 2024
 - Gaby presents arguments
 - Discussion and questions from floor, and from current executive members
 - Lauren calls the question.
 - A vote is held for the removal of the Chair (Harinder). Carried (In favour: Vivien, Lauren, Yingzi, Gaby)
 - A vote is held for the removal of the Vice Chair (Trinity). Carried (In favour: Vivien, Lauren, Yingzi, Gaby)
- Accessibility Committee
- Equity in Action (Indigenous Education)
- Constitution and Bylaw Committee
- Website Project - Ongoing
- Technology Committee (DTAC) - No meeting since 2024. Next quarterly meeting scheduled for Thursday March 13.
- SD Budget New Committee - There has been demand to inform parents of the approach SD takes to budget for operations. The establishment of this new budget committee aims to serve the demand

through establishing communication channels with SD to get clarity, identify opportunities for parent advocacy and collaboration. Recognizing that this could be a multi-year effort to have a meaningful input, it's never too late to start.

7. Other Business/ Show and tell

- Q: Sperling, small theft - trinkets, snacks, how to deal with it. Administration is not fully dealing with it. What can be done?
A: Suggestion from Inman: Connect with RCMP to have a conversation with the student body and parents.
- Q: Are police allowed in school?
A: RCMP youth division can be invited in by the school admin. Inman: Maybe build a more friendly relationship with the police.

Adriana (Moscrop) was nominated by Lauren (Gilpin) for exec rep from Central West. Seconded by Burnaby Mountain. Carried by acclamation.

Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes Prepared by DPAC Secretary Lauren Couture