



Burnaby DPAC General Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2026

Burnaby Central Secondary School

In attendance (25): Cindy (Marlborough), Amy (Byrne Creek), Courtney (Cameron), Johnny (Moscrop), Kandy (Moscrop), Sherry (Sperling), Fayaz (Cascade Heights), Nelia (Suncrest), Allison (Moscrop), Mariah (Moscrop), Doug (Cariboo Hill), Elim (Gilpin), Daniel (Morley), Catherine (Lakeview), Morten (Brantford), Curtis (Montecito), CJ Liu (Douglas Road), Sibanee (Chaffey-Burke), Marika (Burnaby South), Trinity (Burnaby Mountain), Eva (Lochdale), Sandra (Armstrong), Sia (Aubrey), Rebecca (Nelson), Rowena (Brentwood Park)

Guests (2): Roberto Bombelli, Deputy Superintendent; Kelly Chow, Burnaby School District

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

Acting Chair CJ Liu called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

A1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we live, work, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

A2. Agenda

The agenda was not formally approved, and no amendments were requested. A district update on the cybersecurity incident, which was not on the printed agenda, was presented ahead of the scheduled accessibility presentation.

B. DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

B1. Cybersecurity Incident Update

Roberto Bombelli, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the district cybersecurity incident. The Chair noted that the speaker would not be taking questions on the incident.

Morten raised an objection regarding the lack of opportunity for questions.

In response to a question about where parents can direct questions, the district advised that questions can be emailed to Privacy.Officer@burnabyschools.ca.

Members referred to an email of resources related to the cybersecurity incident, previously distributed by Morten.

MOTION: That Morten's email of cybersecurity incident resources be distributed more broadly to the DPAC membership.

MOVED (Curtis) / SECONDED (Trinity) / CARRIED by unanimous consent

ACTION: CJ to distribute Morten's email of cybersecurity incident resources to the DPAC membership.

B2. District Accessibility Plan 2026–2029

Kelly Chow presented the district's three-year Accessibility Plan for 2026–2029. The plan is available on the district website: [Burnaby School District Accessibility Plan 2026–2029](#).

- a. In response to a question about changes in funding, Kelly Chow shared that determining where funding is spent is an ongoing process.
- b. In response to a question about what differs from the previous plan, Kelly Chow shared that the new plan places greater emphasis on accessibility awareness. This was prompted by data showing a gap between accessibility needs and public understanding of them.
- c. In response to a question about whether accessibility is part of the curriculum, Kelly Chow confirmed that it is, in part, and that the initiative is ongoing.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the June 1, 2026 Annual General Meeting and the September 21, 2026 General Meeting be approved as presented.

MOVED (Curtis) / SECONDED (Allison) / CARRIED by unanimous consent

D. DPAC PRIORITIES

DPAC priorities from the tabletop discussion exercise were not discussed.

E. DPAC COMMITTEE UPDATES

E1. Executive Committee

- a. **Gaming Grant extension:** The extension on Gaming Grant funds was granted. The funds will be applied to guest speakers for the year.
- b. **Band update:** Program available for grade 6/7 students but is paid for by parents and requires enrollment. [See here for details.](#)
- c. **Still Interpret:** Interpretation services are available for general meetings with one week's advance notice.
- d. **Hybrid meeting equipment:** Members expressed interest in pursuing a hybrid meeting format, starting with existing resources before purchasing any equipment (room has cameras, microphone, etc). Concerns raised included a possible drop in in-person attendance, the reliability of the technology, and changes to meeting structure so online members have an equal voice. Members also noted that online attendees may miss information shared informally in the room.
ACTION: Executive to contact past chair Paul about access to the DPAC Teams account, if it is not part of the dpacinfo/dpacchair district provided accounts.
ACTION: Morten to prepare a list of questions and considerations for a hybrid approach.
- e. **BCCPAC:** BCCPAC has launched a new website. An upcoming BCCPAC meeting was also noted; details are available on the BCCPAC website.
- f. **Email communications:** Executive members were informally asked to keep emails brief.

E2. Internal Sub-Committees

- a. **Constitution & Bylaws Committee (Trinity / Curtis):** The committee will be starting soon and is looking for more members. Only Trinity, Curtis, and Courtney expressed interest in working on it.
ACTION: Trinity / Curtis to check with Vivien whether any members have emailed to join the committee.
- b. **Website Project (Morten):** The PAC website project remains available free of charge and meets Canadian data residency requirements. Training is available for those unfamiliar with the website platform.

ACTION: Sia to draft an email reminding members about the Website Project.

E3. External (District-Led) Committees

The EDI and SOGI committees currently have no DPAC representation, and members were encouraged to volunteer to attend and report back. Members discussed whether a parent who is not a school's DPAC representative could represent the DPAC as an interested party. Members were directed to the DPAC Constitution and Bylaws on the DPAC website, which set out the selection process for committee representatives (Section XI).

F. UPCOMING EVENTS

A presentation on Online Toxicity: Eight Concerns Parents and Caregivers Need to Be Aware Of will be held on Monday, November 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

G. ROUNDTABLE

a. **Committee of the Whole:** CJ noted that the Board of Education's monthly public Committee of the Whole meeting is another place to ask questions about the cybersecurity incident.

b. **Cybersecurity follow-up:** A member proposed forming a committee to hold the district accountable for answers about its response to the cybersecurity incident. Members noted that the district cannot comment on the incident until the investigation concludes. Parent questions will instead be collected so they can be submitted once the district is able to respond.

ACTION: Courtney to collect and organize questions from parents across the district for submission to the district.

c. **Executive membership:** In response to a question about the current Executive members and the zones they represent, members were encouraged to join the Executive.

ACTION: CJ to email members a list of current Executive vacancies.

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED (Allison) / SECONDED (Morten) / CARRIED by unanimous consent

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.