



Burnaby D.P.A.C. AGM Minutes

January 21, 2019

Burnaby Central Secondary School
Room A206 - Conference Centre
6011 Deer Lake Parkway
Burnaby, BC

Attendance:

Schools by Zone

Brentwood North

- Alpha
- Burnaby North
- Aubrey
- Brentwood Park
- Confederation Park
- Capitol Hill
- Gilmore
- Kitchener
- Lochdale
- Montecito
- Parkcrest
- Rosser
- Sperling
- Westridge

Cariboo Lougheed

- Burnaby Mountain
- Cariboo Hill
- Armstrong
- Cameron
- Forest Grove
- Lyndhurst
- Seaforth
- Second Street
- Stoney Creek
- Twelfth Avenue
- University Highlands

Central West

- Burnaby Central
- Moscrop
- Brantford
- Buckingham
- Cascade Heights
- Chaffey-Burke
- Douglas Road
- Gilpin
- Inman
- Lakeview
- Marlborough
- Morley

Kingsway South

- Burnaby South
- Byrne Creek
- Clinton
- Edmonds
- Glenwood
- Maywood
- Nelson
- South Slope
- Stride Avenue
- Suncrest
- Taylor Park
- Windsor

District Staff

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent
Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent
Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent

Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Per, Assistant Superintendent

Board of Education

- Gary Wong, Chair (Central West)
- Jen Mezei, Vice Chair (Brentwood North, Kingsway South)
- Bill Brassington (Kingsway South)
- Peter Cech (Brentwood North)

- Christine Cunningham (Central West)
- Larry Hayes (Cariboo Lougheed)
- Ryan Stewart (Cariboo Lougheed)

DPAC Executive:

- Laura Ward, Chair (Cariboo Lougheed)
- Dave Dye, Vice Chair (Cariboo Lougheed)
- Ashley Sandquist, Secretary (Kingsway South)
- Calvin Taplay, Treasurer (Brentwood North)

Members at Large

- Shams Chowdhury (Kingsway South)
- Stace Dayment (Brentwood North)
- Herman Louie (Central West)
- Evangeline Jonasson (Central West)

1. Welcome and Introductions: *Laura Ward, DPAC Chair*

- Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.
- A door prize (a FitBit) donated by Mark Fester, www.hotlunches.net, was given away.
- DPAC representatives were welcomed and district senior administrative staff and trustees present were introduced.

2. Presentation “Programs of Choice in Burnaby Schools”

Wanda Mitchell, Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendents

See presentation posted on the DPAC website.

Key Presentation Points

- As per our mission statement, Burnaby Schools are committed to providing inclusive, welcoming and supportive learning environments in every classroom and school, whether it be through our elementary, secondary, or [online programs](#), or through our community schools, which have extended hours to serve the greater community.
- Thus, our district offers a variety of programs of choice to allow students to explore their interests and passions in greater depth or to learn in an environment that best suits their life situation or learning challenges.
- [Overview of Programs of Choice](#)

Educational Enhancement

- Language Programs
 - [Early \(K-12\)/Late \(Gr. 6-12\) French Immersion](#)
 - Students learn at various school sites that run as dual track schools (full programs of both English and French).
 - Students who complete the program in Grade 12 graduate with a Dogwood Certificate plus a French Language Certificate.
 - [Mandarin Language \(K-7\)](#)
 - Offered at Forest Grove Elementary and includes 150 minutes of Mandarin for primary and 180 minutes of Mandarin for intermediate per week, including reading and writing. Core curriculum is delivered in English.
 - Registration process takes place February 1-28 and must be carried out via the student’s catchment school. Spaces are assigned by lottery, as applications exceed spaces.
- Advanced Learning
 - [Multi-Age Cluster Class \(MACC\)](#)
 - Offered at Capitol Hill and Suncrest Elementary Schools
 - [BETA \(Bringing Exceptional Thoughts Alive\) Mini School](#)
 - Offered at Alpha Secondary, Gr. 8-12 as of 2019/2020
 - Grade 8/9 students spend part of the day as a cohort for core curriculum (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) while taking electives with the greater Alpha community.
 - Grade 10-12 students meet as cohorts for Independent Directed Study in an area of their own interest and passion.
 - [Advanced Placement \(AP\) Capstone Diploma](#)
 - Burnaby hosts one of largest AP programs in Canada and Burnaby North and Burnaby South were chosen as two of only 10 Canadian schools to implement the Capstone program in 2014.
 - This is a two year program (Gr. 11-12) that focuses on inquiry, analysis, research, collaboration, and presentation and results in certification/diploma that is recognized by many post-secondary institutions internationally.

Arts & Athletics

- [Education Through the Arts](#)
 - Offered at Confederation Park Elementary.
 - Students develop their craft of music, dance, drama and visual arts.
 - [Cross district application process](#) applies for students living outside of the catchment.
- [Sports Academies](#) (extra fees apply, see links)
 - SFU Swim and SFU Soccer: Students remain at home school.
 - Hockey: Hosted at [Burnaby North \(high performance\)](#) and [Burnaby Central \(elite\)](#)
 - [Volleyball Academy](#): Hosted at Cariboo Hill Secondary, offers Academy or Elite streams; partnership is with Volleyball Canada.
 - [Lacrosse Academy](#): Hosted at Cariboo Hill Secondary, but students may also remain at home school; partnership is with SFU Field Lacrosse with practices held at SFU.

Technology

- [New Academies at Cariboo Hill](#): (students need to attend Cariboo Hill full-time)
 - [DigiPen Game Development Academy](#) (Gr. 8-12): Hands on game design and production.
 - [Microsoft Office Specialist \(Gr. 8-12\)](#): Certification program for Microsoft Office Desktop suite of applications.
- [Other Career Education Tech Programs](#): Most programs offered part time (e.g. on Day 1s) at host school so that students are able to complete other core/elective courses at home school.
 - [Palo Alto Cyber Security Academy](#): Provides industry certification.
 - Digital Animation Program (Gr. 6/7): Partnership with Vancouver Animation School.
 - [Robotics \(Mechatronics\)](#): Hosted at Alpha; work experience placements involved.
 - [Film & Broadcast](#): Hosted at Burnaby North.
 - [Cisco Networking Academy](#): Hosted at Burnaby South, provides industry certification.
 - [Graphics & Media Arts](#): Hosted at Byrne Creek; make connections with industry employers.

Career Education

- [Trades Programs](#):
 - Run in partnership with external providers, and are offered based on student interest. Even if only one student is interested, it is possible to enroll in the program.
 - Usually run 1 day at the host school, with students remaining at home school the other day for core/elective courses.
 - [Skills Exploration \(Gr. 9/10\)](#): Students take a 4 credit course; this allows them to test an area of interest before committing to a more rigorous program in Grade 11/12.
 - [Construction Trades](#): Programs are offered at different sites depending on instructor and equipment availability. Students earn Level 1 Technical Training; includes Carpenter, Construction Electrician, Metal Fabricator, Painter and Decorator, Pipefitter, Plumber.
 - [Service Trades](#): Students earn Level 1 Technical Training; includes Auto Collision Repair, Auto Refinishing, Auto Service, Baker, Professional Cook.
 - [Apprenticeship Opportunities](#): Some of the trade programs provide an opportunity for students to be hired as apprentices while still in school.

- *Specialist Career Training*
 - Tourism & Event Management: Students can earn industry certifications.
 - Fitness Instructor Program: Run in the mornings before school at Burnaby South, provides 120 hours of work experience and opportunity for industry certification.
- *Other Secondary Programs*
 - Business Summit: Partnership with BCIT and special consideration for BCIT admission.
 - ConnEx: Hosted at Burnaby Mountain.
 - Engineering Summit: Hosted at Cariboo Hill.
 - Health Sciences: Hosted at Moscrop and BCIT.
 - Rethink: Hosted at Burnaby North; inquiry based learning with a community connection - solving real life challenges.
 - Steam: Hosted at Byrne Creek for Gr. 8s.

Upcoming Events

- Industry Training Info Session on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm
- Parents as Career Coaches on Tuesday, February 5, 6:30-9:30 pm. 604-296-6900 ext. 661091 to register.
- Email careereducation@burnabyschools.ca with any questions or for more information.

Secondary Alternate Programs (by referral through host school, or self-referred)

- The goal of these alternate programs is to provide a pathway to high school graduation that is personalized for students with particular learning needs and/or life challenges.
- Programs are offered through collaborative partnerships with community organizations and MCFD.
- *Bridge Programs*
 - Programs to support transition to secondary, for students needing extra transition support in Grade 7-9, offered at Burnaby North and Burnaby South. Served by 1.71 FTE teacher and 1 Youth Engagement Support worker.
- *Outlook Secondary Program*
 - In partnership with St. Leonard's Society, an offsite program providing social-emotional and academic support for students who have not been successful in school for a variety of reasons.
 - 10 students (max) are served by 1 teacher, a program coordinator, and a youth worker from St. Leonard's.
- *Royal Oak Secondary Program (Canada Way Education Centre)*
 - 3 FTE teachers and 1 Youth Engagement Support worker serve 34 students who have had multiple challenges in the school environment.
- *Youth HUB Secondary Program*:
 - The school district provides teaching staff for this program, while other partners, including Lower Mainland Purpose Society, provide other wrap around supports for 54 students who have either disengaged or withdrawn from school.
- *Take A Hike Secondary Program (Canada Way Education Centre)*
 - 18 students are served by 1 FTE teacher, 1 Youth Engagement Support worker.

- An outdoor experiential approach to learning in partnership with [Take a Hike Foundation](#), which funds an outdoor adventure specialist and a therapist for the program.
- *Young Parent Program*
 - Hosted at Burnaby South, this program provides childcare and parenting skills, in addition to the regular high school curriculum, to students who are parents. Provided in partnership with Burnaby South Daycare.
 - Currently serving 6 students with 1 FTE teacher and 1 Youth Engagement Support worker.
- *School to Work Program*
 - Non-graduated Grade 12 students under the age of 20 who require one or more credits towards graduation; usually serves 12-20 students through the year.
 - Provides needed coursework, transition to Adult Education, or access to industry certification.

Q: Is it possible for a student enrolled in a semester French immersion school to be a part of a Volleyball Academy offered at a linear school?

A: Yes, since the Volleyball Academy offers two streams (academy and elite), which have different time commitments (e.g. one only has morning practices, allowing students to be at their home school all day), this is possible. The suggestion is to work with administration and the counselling office at the home school to work this out, but students should be aware that they may not be able to enroll in several specialty programs at once.

Q: Do students need to be enrolled in the host schools of Burnaby North or Burnaby South in order to apply to the AP Capstone program?

A: No, students from any secondary school can [apply](#), but once accepted, will need to move full time to the host school.

Q: What is a YES worker?

A: A Youth Engagement Support or YES worker, is a CUPE position (therefore not an instructor) and supports students by working to resolve issues that are keeping students from school.

Comment: Thanks to the school district for providing such extensive programming to meet a wide variety of student needs.

Break 8:01 – 8:15 pm

3. DPAC Updates

a. [BCCPAC](#)

- [Resolution submission](#) deadlines are approaching. Members are invited to submit:
 - Special Resolutions regarding changes to BCCPAC bylaws and constitution by January 31.
 - Ordinary Resolutions about education related topics by February 28.
- [Nominations](#) for Board of director positions are open until February 28.
- Ordinary Resolutions set the advocacy goals of BCCPAC, so if your PAC feels strongly about a topic, this is an opportunity to garner parent support from across the province.

b. Committee Reports

- i. Buildings & Grounds Committee Report - *Calvin Taplay, Appendix 1*
- ii. District Community Schools Advisory Committee Report – *Laura Ward, Appendix 2*
- iii. Education Committee Report – *none*
- iv. Policy Committee Report – See [District Website](#)
- v. SOGI Committee Report – *none*
- vi. Technology Committee Report – *Dave Dye, Appendix 3*
- vii. Youth & Community Services – See [District Website](#).
- viii. Public Safety Committee – *Stace Dayment*
 - Committee meticulously covered every issue brought forward by public.
 - Parking/drop-off congestion at Taylor Park is being tackled (congestion around cul-de-sacs).

4. At Our School – Show & Tell

- Westridge Elementary - 10th Annual Trivia Night: Friday, March 1, 6:30 -10:00 pm. [Details](#) will be online as event nears.
- Suncrest Elementary – New Playground Celebration: Suncrest parent community would like to thank the school district staff, trustees, and MLAs who attended the new playground celebration. Suncrest received one of the first \$90k provincial grants for a new intermediate playground.
- Parks & Recreation: Stace Dayment is a Parks & Recreation Commissioner this year, so please feel free to bring any concerns or issues to her (e.g. fallen trees on paths to school, etc.).

5. Questions & Answers

No questions were tabled.

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Laura Ward. Next meeting – February 19, 2019 at 7 pm.

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COMMUNICATION – Email info@burnabydpac.com or chair@burnabydpac.com

FACEBOOK – <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

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Appendix 1: Building & Grounds Committee Report

Building & Grounds Committee Report: Calvin Taplay

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Full minutes available on [district website](#).

Capital Projects Update

- *Alpha Secondary*: Seismic Upgrade and Partial Replacement substantially complete and maintenance training to be completed for January 2019
- *University Highlands Elementary*: Bottom floor was poured on schedule at the end of summer.
- *Armstrong Elementary*: Work on 4 classrooms commencing in January.
- *Rainbow Crosswalks*: Requests received from Burnaby Central and Cariboo Hill
- *Stoney Creek Community School*: Building envelope remediation water testing of all windows substantially complete and should be finished by February 2019.

Capital Planning Update

- *Brentwood Park & Cameron Elementary*: Project definition report (PDR) presented and school district is requesting funding to expand size in anticipation of increased enrolment.
- *Seaforth Elementary*: PDR presented for seismic upgrade
- *Stride Elementary*: PDR presented with 4 options for seismic upgrade/replacement; replacement recommended.
- *Parkcrest Elementary*: PDR presented for partial seismic upgrade; replacement recommended.

Long Range Facility Planning Update

- *Relocations*:
 - Staff Development Team: Study complete to relocate to Canada Way Education Centre from Burnaby North
 - Welcome Centre: Investigating relocating from portable at Marlborough into the school proper
 - Continuing Education Administrative Centre: Moving to Burnaby North
- *Child Care*: Child care space approved at Burnaby North; possible child care being considered at Cameron, Stride, and Seaforth.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Appendix 2: District Community Schools Advisory & Coordinating Committee Report

DCSACC Committee Report: Laura Ward

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

- Community school teams have engaged, over the last two years, in an inquiry process that involved scanning their school community and identifying community school elements that were strong and ones that needed support. In this meeting, teams identified the key focus or area of learning for their school, and discussed needed resources and methods to implement this focus over the next year. Goals included growing community engagement, building family of schools relationships, expanding parent involvement, and bridging communication between all partner groups.

- A presentation was provided by the City Planning department on how the demographics and population of Burnaby, especially in the area surrounding community schools, have changed over the last 15 years. Of note is the significant increase of immigrant population and the decrease in population with English as a mother tongue in areas such as Maywood and Edmonds.
- Other City Reports:
 - Parks and Rec are looking for Spring Break and summer program leaders; secondary students are encouraged to apply. Those lacking experience are encouraged to volunteer during Spring Break.
 - 4 warming centres are now in operation until end of March – 3 in the South and 1 in the North, operating 8 pm – 8 am. City is looking for a permanent shelter location and a temporary housing development site. Please share this information with anyone who might have this need.
 - Walk 30 Challenge will run again this year, from April 8-May 10. The challenge is to walk 30 minutes every day for 5 weeks. Many schools participated last year and schools are encouraged to register once registration is open on the city website.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019

Appendix 3: District Technology Committee Report

DTAC Committee Report: Dave Dye

Meeting Date: December, 2018

- A district technology upgrade plan was initiated 2 years ago in consultation with principals, district staff, and parents. The last couple of years have focused on getting the “plumbing” in place to prepare and allow for the new technology plan and preparations are now complete.
- Next step is Windows 10 upgrade across the district.
- Note that although the district’s intention is to implement a base level standard of technology at every school, there will not be budget to do this universally at all schools at once. So, if your PAC has already made plans or is considering funding some technology purchases, this may be an opportunity to expedite the process at your school. Please consult your school administration on the best way forward.