

Burnsview Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017

Attendance:

Nadine Inkster, Elin Hoffman, Janelle Lindahl, Kristine Clark, Ami Thiessen, Jane Gunning, Felicity Sohm, Garrett Brennan, Jane Ghieuw, Traci Northcott, Weimin Wu, Herjote Ahluwalia, Melanie Bannister, Susan Pellaers, Cheryl Punshon, Fiona Bircher, Rassamee Ling, Daisy Aquilar and Don Younger (Principal)

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

1. **Welcome:** Round table introductions
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by: Jane Ghieuw; Seconded: Traci Northcott
3. **Guest Speaker:** none
4. **Adoption of Minutes:** Motion to adopt: Jane Ghieuw; Seconded: Susan Pellaers

5. Reports:

5.1 President's Report -

- Delta Choral Society starting up in January in South Delta. Burnsview has not been able to get enough students together for a choir block this may be an opportunity. Contact: vicepresident@deltachoral.ca for more details.
- email contact with CPF President in regards to membership for the HIGH school level and what this brings for families. Arranging for Alex to come to our meeting to elaborate
- DPAC summit 2017 on Nov. 24/25. Anyone interested in going contact Burnsview PAC

5.2 Treasurer's Report:

1. The Annual Financial Statements for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 will be presented at next month's PAC meeting.
2. Gaming fund applications went out to the faculty October 9th and the deadline to apply is October 31st. We have received \$16,100.00 this year from the Gaming Commission. As noted at last month's meeting, the PAC president, treasurer and Burnsview Administration will meet to review the applications and make recommendations for the budget. The 2017/2018 Budget will be presented at the November PAC meeting.

5.3 Principal's Report:

School Events

- **Grade 8 students:** White hatter presentation – on line safety and behaviour – Nov. 17
- **Parent-Teacher Interviews** Nov. 1 2-4pm, Nov. 2 2-4pm and 5-7pm
- **Take Our Kids To Work Day** (Grade 9) – Wed., November 1
 - Expectation that all grade 9 students will be going to work with a parent or guardian to experience a day in a job.

School Plan

Starting with our summer Pro D and continued with our Sept. Pro D we have been working with our staff and students on our current school goals of developing students who are able to self regulate their learning and who are academically engaged in their learning. As a staff we are trying differing strategies. Continuing with developing an environment where students are welcomed and encouraged into classes and provided options as they work through the learning outcomes. Currently we have been focused on making learning intentions visible and engaging students in discussion around these intentions. These may be longer-term intentions (eg. Units) or learning intentions for the current lesson.

{Notes from Meeting: School Goals were submitted to District - the development of self-regulating learners; developing students who are better able to take control of their learning and know how to recognize what is important and focus their energies. - develop students who are academically engaged.

- Metro Principal's meeting - Delta School District is ahead of many other Districts.}

School directions

Our staff, through collaboration time, at staff meetings and many other meetings continue to be focusing on the new curriculums that have been released as well as the instructional strategies and assessment techniques needed to fully implement the curriculums. The grade 10 through 12 curriculums are in draft form and enabling teachers to “play” with the big ideas. Curricular changes are happening in all areas, examples of how we are responding are:

- Math department is focusing on concept based grading. This has resulted in changes to both assessment and instructional strategies.
- Science department is also focusing on concept-based assessment.
- English department at grades 10 and 11 have implemented the new ministry curriculums.
- Social Studies, working through the new course offerings and implementing new components this year
- PE department is continuing to develop an individualized assessment strategy. Students are setting personal goals and are evaluated on their work to attain these goals.
- Fine arts/ Applied skills collaboration

New Graduation Program – Ministry update link –

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

Athletics:

Burnsview Athletics this year, for the most part, has been a great success.

We ran a junior boys soccer, which even though did not produce any results on paper, was a massive success for our school. The league itself consists mainly of grade 10 students, however our team consisted mainly of grade 8 students. This means we have a very bright future for the team as they will learn and grow together. Our school should also be very proud of this team as we had a group of Syrian students. It shows how welcoming and inclusive our school has made those students feel. So even though we failed to win a game the season was a huge success.

Our senior boys soccer team made it all the way to semi-final round where they unfortunately got beat by a fantastic Sands team, but again we had a younger squad and are hopeful for next year.

We ran 6 volleyball teams this year and are very fortunate to have all 6 competing in the playoffs that will be starting next week. Our grade 8 boys team coached by Carl Payne did so well that they will be receiving a first round bye as they placed 2nd in league.

The biggest success we've had so far this comes from the cross-country team. We have a grade 9 girl, Melissa Stevens, qualify to compete in the Fraser Valleys on November 9th. This is huge for a smaller school with a smaller program, but Tim Stielow has done such an excellent job with those runners that it will not be a surprise next year to have more people going. I also want to say that there are lots of international students that joined the cross-country team. This speaks about how good Tim is a coach and how welcoming our program is here.

Our basketball teams are just in the beginning the stages so I do not have much to say about them except that we have built such a great culture here in basketball that a graduate from last is volunteering his time to come back and help coach the junior boys.

Finally I'd like to say that our programs have produced great successes outside of the score line. Being a smaller school sometimes makes it tough for students to enjoy being on sports teams, as we don't have all the fancy new items and big expensive things, but looking around at the students that play here they are having so much fun and enjoying every second of it. Whether they are winning or losing they are just happy to be playing which ultimately results in a win. The athletic culture that our staff, students and volunteers have created here will be long lasting.

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- Curriculum changes: Math - more focus on demonstrating learning (can retake tests). English - four streams of focus, but still have to write the English 12 Provincial exam for one more year. Social Studies - should be into the new curriculum by next year. PE - more focus on an individualized plan. Numeracy assessment can be taken more than one time by each student (eg. take it in each of their Grade 10, 11 & 12 years) - it is just a 'value added' exam, that is a stand alone assessment. (More information is available on the Ministry of Education website).

5.4 DPAC Report

- Superintendent (Doug Shepherd) - Delta is starting to grow rather than shrink in total student numbers. French Immersion program has been increased with more classes (eg. Gibson). Trying to avoid use of portables by taking over spaces previously used for other activities. Some elementary schools are piloting not providing any marks on report cards. Our School District is on the cutting edge of changes in education.
- Opioid Crisis being monitored, but appears to affect the 19+ age group.
- BCCPAC - we are members.
- DPAC is encouraging each PAC to evaluate their websites (check out the Abbotsford PAC website for a good example)

5.5 CPF Report (Weimin Wu)

- No meeting yet for October.
- Reminder of the CPF membership drive. Consider supporting CPF by signing up (\$25/family). Members have access to online tutoring for their student.

5.6 Dry Grad Update (Kristine Clark)

- Summary of event given by Susan Pellaers (see last months meeting minutes for details). Volunteers needed to run the event - parents of all grade level students.
- November 3rd meeting - lots of committee positions still unfilled or need a 'shadow' to help transition someone to take over next year, or need more committee members (Secretary, Entertainment, Food Committee, Prize Committee, Decorations, Promotions, Volunteer Coordinator, Clean Up, Security) . All volunteers welcome. Please reply to the email request for support once sent via the school to help connect Dry Grad Committee and parents.
- Meeting Dates: Nov 1 (Delview), Dec 6 (ND), Jan 10 (Sands), Feb 7 (Burnsview), March 7 (Delview), April 4 (Sands), April 18 (Burnsview), May - weekly meetings.

5.7 Emergency Preparedness:

- Code Red practice took place at Burnsview. Drills were explained to the students. Code Yellow will be changed to new terms - "Lock In" and "Lock Out".
- Pick up of students from Burnsview - parents are required to come in person and pick up their student, but no ID will be required of the parent.
- A full drill with required pick up by parents will be practiced later this year. (But students of parents who cannot pick up will be released at the end of the day).

6.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - nil**

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS - nil**

8.0 Meeting adjourned at: 8:08 pm

Next meeting: November 23, 2017 7:00 pm (Burnsview school library)