

Burnsview Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 25th, 2018

Attendance:

Fiona Bircher, Renee Reid, Weimin Wu, Rassamee Ling, Melanie Bannister, Susan Pellaers, Kristine Clark, Diane Dickson, Herjote Bhandher, Jane Ghieuw, Ashikur Rahman, Felicity Hemming, Jennifer Booth, Sarah Ayaz, Sadga Rashid, Traci Northcott, Ian Close (VP)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Renee Reid - Moved; Seconded: Jane Ghieuw
2. **Guest Speakers:** none
3. **Welcome:** round table introductions
4. **Adoption of Minutes:** from November 23, 2017 Meeting
Motion to adopt: Renee Reid; Seconded: Jennifer Booth

5. Reports:

5.1 President's Report - nil to report

5.2 Treasurer's Report - Renee Reid

- Present the Financial Statements for October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.
- Present the Budget Status report for December 31, 2017.
- The Annual Gaming Summary report was prepared and sent to the Gaming Commission on Dec 18, 2017. This report summarizes the expenditures (or disbursements) from the Gaming Grant that the PAC receives every year. It is due 90 days from our fiscal year end.
- The gaming applicants were all emailed and advised of the status of their grant applications. They have also been advised that they may be asked to report back at a future PAC meeting.

5.3 Principal's Report - Ian Close (Vice Principal)

- held dialogue sessions with feeder elementary schools on topic of 'core competencies'. Burnsview staff are engaged and excited about continuing to build on their work.
- All Grade 7's coming to school next week to experience a full rotation through the blocks. A concurrent meeting will be held for two hours with all Grade 7 teachers to discuss common bridges between Grade 7 and 8 in math curricula.
- Explorations curriculum teachers want to move to a 'pass/fail' instead of numeric grade for their Grade 8 classes. Students are to do a self reflection and articulate their learning, and this will be referenced as part of their term evaluations.
- FLEX Time and development of self-regulated learners. Some of our teachers are on a committee looking at how to successfully implement it at Burnsview. They are liaising with other school campuses to learn from their experience. "FLEX time" is a 40 minute block allowing students to engage with teachers in areas where they need support. The time is

derived by reducing each other learning block by 10 minutes four days of the week; Mon/ Tue/Thurs/Fri) Technology is being developed to facilitate students registering in advance for a class location; so teachers have a class list and can do roll call.

- Recent survey - completed by 400 Burnsvew student participants. "Students want to have FLEX time."
- Teachers are actively aligning their content to the new curriculum. Facilitates going 'deeper' into material. (Delta is leading in implementation of the new curriculum by 1-2 years compared with other Metro Vancouver School Districts). English from Grade 10 onwards is now 5 different focus areas where students pick two per year.
- New Courses:
 - Sport Science Grade 11/12 - a new course with possibility of first year Kinesiology credit for University.
 - Tourism 11 paired with Economics 12 will be available for Grade 12's with a business ed interest.
- Grade 8-11 Parent night January 29th. Will divide into two groups. Grade 8/9 and Grade 10/11. Fiona requests Q&A's be posted along with any presentations on the school website.
- 24 new security cameras have been installed to help limit random intrusions and other issues (eg. bike theft). No cameras point into a classroom or bathroom. One in the cafeteria only records during lunch hour. Recordings are held 30 days, then deleted unless used for disciplinary action (then held for one year).
- Basketball season heading into tournaments. Track starting soon. All North Delta schools will work together and make use of the ND track.
- New school website launching in February.
- Delta high school completion rates are higher than the Provincial average

Question from Fiona Bircher: Given recent SDSS student passing, how are we caring for our students? (Ian Close: Friends were identified and counsellors reached out and connected with those from Burnsvew. Dinner time conversations about social media and 'moral values of our family' are very important to help guide student choices. Start having those conversations earlier, rather than later.)

Question from Jennifer Booth: "What was the 'Safe Teen' presentation about?" Ian: Involves Grade 9 students; separated by gender; divided into small groups; giving them a skill set including common language around the topic of bullying. Sponsored by the ministry and delivered by young adults.

5.4 District PAC Report (Melanie Bannister)

- January 15th DPAC meeting. Dallas Pretty spoke on 'Kids Sports'. Up to \$350 per year available to help a student cover costs for extra-curricular sports. Not many North Delta applications historically. Ian: will try to post a link to the application on our school 'Athletic' page.
- BCCPAC - we are a member PAC and can send a delegate to their annual meeting. Our students are eligible to apply for the BCCPAC scholarship. Resources are also available on PAC positions.
- SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) information session available at Chalmers February 6th, 6:30 pm in the gym.
- Students born between 2006 & 2009 can apply for a one time RESP contribution grant from government for \$1200 (the BC Training and Education Savings Grant). Deadline for application is mid-August 2018.
- There is a new online service for current and former students to get their transcripts: www.transcripts.gov.bc.ca

5.5 Canadian Parents for French - CPF (Weimin Wu)

- Arranged and hosted a Charlotte Diamond concert at Seaquam last week.
- Funds rerouted internally to support \$200 grants for schools
- Volunteers organized for Early French Immersion parent meeting night.

5.6 Emergency Preparedness (Gordon Andrew - submitted report)

- Emergency Equipment Container Coordinator Report for 2018-01-25
- The Emergency Container was cleaned up and organized in December.
- Mr Close has ordered replacement food and water rations for the ones expiring in the next month. I do not know when they are scheduled to arrive, but they should be delivered in the next 4 weeks. When they arrive I will stock the container with them.
- I have not completed the task that I put on my last report and I intend to complete it before the next meeting. It is to review the funds available for this year and identify other item to add to the bin to improve our preparedness for a local catastrophe. This may include adding water tablets and water jugs/bags that can be emptied and refilled each quarter to provide even more water for our use.

*VP Ian's update: supplies have arrived and already been put in the container. School district is simplifying emergency management procedures and providing training.

*Earlier in school year Burnsvie had a smell of natural gas in courtyard so students were evacuated. Cold outside, so students were taken to Chalmers gym to ensure they were safe and warm. This served as our practice emergency drill for the year. Excellent, quick response provided by District.

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5.7 Dry Grad Update - (Susan Pellaers)

- Key positions are now filled, but lots of volunteers are still needed. Please help support this community run event that keeps our youth safe during Grad celebrations.
- Ticket sales start weekly beginning in March. (Rassamee & Melanie available to help at Burnsvie). \$45 first week, then increase to \$50 in second week and then \$55 for the last two weeks of sales.
- Need opportunities to give a 10 minute presentation to parents of Grade 8 and 9 students. (Suggested by Melanie that a presentation be given at the Jan 31st parent event, including power point content).
- Next Dry Grad meeting Wednesday, Feb 7th.
- If you are able to volunteer or want more information please contact Kristine Clark at kaclark26@msn.com
- Look soon for updates to the Dry Grad page on the school website. (<http://bu.deltasd.bc.ca/content/dry-grad-0>)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Moving 'Screenagers' discussion to February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: February 22 @ 7 pm Burnsvie library