

Burnsview Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2018

Attendance:

Fiona Bircher, Renee Reid, Weimin Wu, Rassamee Ling, Susan Pellaers, Traci Northcott, Diane Dickson, Kristine Clark, Jane Ghiew, Felicity Hemming, Don Younger

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. **Guest Speakers:** Students from the Duke of Edinburgh group came to report on their adventure camping experience.
2. **Welcome:** round table introductions
3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Traci; Seconded by Nadine
4. **Adoption of Minutes:** from April 28, 2017 meeting
Motion to adopt: Renee; Seconded: Diane

5. **Reports:**

5.1 President's Report - nil to report

5.2 Treasurer's Report - need a volunteer to present the scholarship from PAC at the June 26th Graduation awards event. Nadine Inkster will help if no other volunteers.

5.3 Principal's Report (Don Younger - document inserted)

A. School Goals: Development of Academically engaged students

i. Development of Self Regulating Learners

B. Concept based assessment

- a. Spreading from the math department to other areas of the school.
- b. Enabling students to focus on areas to improve – retesting etc.

C. Learning intentions

Continue to stress the use of, discussion of Learning Intentions to enable students to take greater control of their learning, develop Self-Regulation skills.

D. Student self-reporting on core competencies

Will be self-reported by Grade 8's in academic classes this year.
Moving forward we will be going to the use of "My Blueprint" in the future. This will provide continuity from grade 8 through 12.

E. Flex time

Will be in place for the 2018/19 school year.

- a. Reduce current classes from 80 minutes to 70 minutes. Create a 40-minute “flex” block Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Flex time to be used by students to get support from teachers, academic support, retesting, project completion, homework completion or to work on passion projects.

Focus is on student self-regulation and engagement.

Expectation is that all students will be engaged in a class

Next steps:

- Students and parents have been informed about the inclusion of Flex time, it’s purpose and how it will run.
- A parent meeting was run to further explain Flex time, unfortunately we had a small turn out of parents.
- Initial lessons to teach how to use this time and have students take greater responsibility of their learning are almost all finalized.

F. Red Carpet event and Grad banquet – May 25th.

- a. The Red-Carpet event here in our gym went well from the feedback that we received.
 - i. Students looked and behaved great and represented themselves and the school well.
- b. Grad Dinner/Dance at Fort Langley Golf.
 - i. This event went very well. The facility was very nice and having the balcony and grounds gave great opportunities for students to socialize and take pictures.
 - ii. Dinner was very good – we have repeatedly heard from students on how much they liked it.

{Discussion note re: Red Carpet event - discussion needed with parents about possibility of bus for students from Dinner/Dance event to Dry Grad. Concern expressed by current Gr 12 parents that many students who were bused (Sands school) left early from Dry Grad (1:00 am). This defeats the purpose of Dry Grad to keep our kids safe.}

G. End of year exams

- a. English 12 and Francais Langue12 remain as Provincial exam classes.
- b. Provincial exams and some senior exams will run June 25rd to the 27th.
- c. Grade 10 and 11 students will be writing the Numeracy Assessment June 25 – 27. *{Notes from meeting: **Numeracy exam is ‘word problem based’**, will be written in classrooms on computers, is ‘value added’ and will not impact class mark, but is mandatory; score available from Ministry website in August - student log on using student PEN#}*
- d. School (class) exams/ final projects
 - i. Junior grades and most senior classes will be written in class time during the last week of school. June 18 to 21st.
 - ii. We will be running an alternate schedule for our last 4 days of classes (June 18 to 21th) with a 2- hour class in the morning, Lunch break, and a 2-hour afternoon class. – all students are expected to be in classes during this time period.

June 18 Blocks A/C
June 19 Blocks E/G
June 20 Blocks B/D
June 21 Blocks F/H

Tutorial / I - sessions 8:30 – 9:30
Period 1 9:30 – 11:30
Lunch 11:30 – 12:30
Period 2 12:30 – 2:30

e. Please see the school website for specific exam times.

- very full student load for next year. Difficult to find spaces to run all the courses. ~810 students currently, with more applications still arriving. No room to take in students from out of District. International students will be ~70 (spread throughout the grades, but mainly through 10-12; seeing higher numbers from Spain, Italy, Germany, Brazil). We've observed a positive impact on the school culture by the presence of our international students.
- Discussed French Immersion numbers in the District.
- Voting by students for Valedictorian takes place tomorrow in B block.

5.4 District PAC Report - nil provided & none available on DPAC website.

5.5 Canadian Parents for French - CPF (Weimin Wu)

- Passed the budget for next year
- voted for winners of CPF scholarship (two applicants from South Delta and three from Burnsville). One from each school was selected.
- French Graduation 'buffet' - snacks post Francais Langue 12 test. Another idea is to do it in a class lunch hour prior to exam day.

5.6 Dry Grad Update - (Kristine Clark)

- Lots of prizes available for the students. Check-in went well. Event went well. ND student numbers were down, but ticket sales overall were good.
- Wrap-up meeting will take place June 20th.

5.7 Emergency Preparedness - No report

6. Business Arising from the Minutes: none

7. Election of Officers

Motion to apply election procedures as presented by Fiona (Moved-Traci; Second-Renee)

Executive Positions:

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| President | - Rassamee nominates Nadine Inkster. Voted in by acclamation. |
| Vice-President | - vacant |
| Secretary | - Rassamee Ling voted in by acclamation (looking to share position in the fall as it is her last year on PAC) |
| Treasurer | - Renee Reid is letting her name stand. Voted in by acclamation |
| DPAC Rep | - Melanie Bannister is letting name stand. Voted in by acclamation. |

Non-Executive Positions:

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| Emergency Preparedness Rep | - Gordon Andrew in by acclamation |
| Canadian Parents for French Rep | - Weimin Wu in by acclamation |
| Dry Grad Liaison | - Felicity Hemming by acclamation |

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Next meeting: September 27, 2018 @ 7 pm