

Burnsview Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 25th, 2018
(School library)

Attendees: Nadine Inkster, Renee Reid, Melanie Bannister, Felicity Hemming, Tamara Osborne, Daisy Aguilar, Olena Ressalat, Alia Syed, Manpreet Kaur, Kirandeep Dhaliwal, Rassamee Ling, Don Younger

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of September 25th, 2018 Agenda (moved by Renee, seconded by Felicity)
3. Adoption of Minutes (June 7th, 2018) (moved by Renee, seconded by Melanie)

Reports:

1. Principal's Report - Don Younger

* hired an additional 1/2 time councillor

* flex time received well by students and being used well. Attendance is being tracked. Teachers are fielding lots of questions from students and providing support.

a). *First Weeks of School*

We have had a very busy school start up, and despite much class balancing; teachers were able to have their classes up and running quickly. Once again we are very full. The breakdown of our student numbers is:

Grade 8 (140)	Immersion	55
	Regular	85
Grade 9 (186)	Immersion	95
	Regular	91
Grade 10 (152)	Immersion	55
	Regular	97
Grade 11 (175)	Immersion	69
	Regular	106
Grade 12 (145)	Immersion	56
	Regular	89
Total		798

While these numbers may appear a little smaller than last year, the district Changes program is now longer attached to Burnsview. This program enrolls approximately 25 students. With our regular student population, we are at our largest numbers ever.

With the school being full, we have many classes operating at 30 students. We have put much effort into keeping our classes at or under the contract limits. We have had to open new classes and move students between blocks to get within contract. In addition to working with class size requirements, we are also working within composition requirements. This has meant adding additional blocks to spread out students. This has meant that in some areas (English, Socials, Math) and some grades, we have smaller classes. However, we are considered "full" as there is not space in other classes to build student timetables or move students between classes.

With our increased student numbers and the make-up of our population, we have had to make some changes to the school building. We have created a new classroom by dividing room 124 into two rooms. We have created a small classroom in part of the student lounge and we have created a careers suite in the library.

Staffing and Scheduling

Although full, we have been able to provide spaces for most all students who have moved into our catchment. Unfortunately, we did have to shift four catchment students to North Delta. These 4

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grade 10's moved into our catchment over the summer. We have also been unable to create schedules for out of catchment students

- *Presently we have 2 classes over 30.*
- *We also have many classes that are over the composition requirement.*
- *In the past 2 weeks we have created 2 new sections of classes. These classes started last Monday.*

-Grade Awards and Assemblies

For the 2017/18 school year awards we again presented our school awards at student assemblies. Over the two assemblies, we changed our presentation to be more formal and to better recognize our student winners. The reasoning for this change was based on:

- *We wanted to recognize our students in front of their peers and hopefully use this experience to encourage all students to work to the best of their ability.*
- *Over the past years we have found that many (approx. 50%) of the awards are not being collected at our evening awards assembly. This leads us to question the value that the awards hold for our students.*

We had our grade assemblies on Sept. 18th and 20th at which we outlined academic and behavioural expectations for the students. These meetings went well, with increasing involvement as we moved through the grades. We were able to talk about opportunities for academic support as well as opportunities to become involved in the school.

-Student involvement

We have been impressed with the many students involved in both sports and clubs very early in the year.

- *Both Girls and boys Volleyball is up and running with Grade 8's, junior and senior girls teams happening.*
- *Jr and Sr. boys Soccer is also running*
- *Cross country is running*
- *Our DYAC group is already meeting.*
- *Our senior leadership students ran a fun welcome to Burnsview breakfast for the grade 8 students*

b). ILT/Flex time

We started the year with set lessons delivered to all students in ILT time. These lessons were focused on teaching the skills needed to make good use of ILT time. Students are now registering for their ILT and making good use of the time. reports from students are that they are able to complete their work and get extra support for their classes.

As we proceed through the year, we will continue to review the students use of ILT and may need to reteach lessons on how to effectively use the time.

c). Over the course of our 2 Pro D days our staff have been focused on creating Self Regulating learners. We have continued working on positive school culture and also engaging students in outlining clear attainable learning objectives for each lesson.

d). School Events

- *Grad boat cruise – Sept 20th*
- *Grade 8 Breakfast – Sept. 19*

2. PAC President's Report - Nadine Inkster

- **welcomed all parents and invited them to consider getting involved as part of the PAC.**
- Will need people to volunteer early and learn the role of Treasurer and Secretary as this is the final year for the current executive members in these positions.**

3. Treasurer's Report - Renee Reid

- a) Presented the Financial Statements for October 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.**
- b) Presented the Budget Status report for August 31, 2018.**

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c) Gaming Commission decision expected by October 7th for the 2018/2019 Gaming Funds. Gaming Fund applications will go out to the teachers shortly after and will be due back to the treasurer by October 31, 2018.

4. DPAC Report - Melanie Bannister
 - meeting held last week. Superintendent Doug Shepherd says it was a quiet summer in terms of information from the Ministry.
 - (Don's update: newer courses still needing new ministry set course codes for reporting credits. Awaiting that info. Numeracy marks overall for BC were low - level 2 out of 4. It was more of a literacy exam due to word based math problems. Not sure what the Ministry will decide about the value of this new test. It's supposed to be a 'value added exam', but is not being used for University admission.)
 - DPAC encourages PAC parents to come out and vote for the school Trustees in the upcoming municipal election. Look online at the January and February School Board's meeting minutes (See: [School-Board-Meeting-Archive](#)) to see which Trustees are doing the majority of the work. {"All Candidates Meeting" will be hosted at NDSS theatre on October 4th)
 - Rassamee requested that the Superintendent be asked at the next DPAC meeting whether the School District has been approached by City Council to consider opening school gym's for community teen supervised use on Friday and Saturday's - to help keep them safe.
 - Funding is available from DPAC for Parent Education. Submit a proposal to apply.
- NOTE: Nadine suggests we look into having a "White Hatter" presentation for parents. She will also take another look at last years suggested presentation called, "Screenagers".
5. Canadian Parents for French - nil
6. Dry Grad Update - Felicity Hemming
 - nil to report. She will find out how to connect to the current years committee.
7. Emergency Preparedness (current Rep Gordon Andrew; absent)
 - Don states - bins and supplies are up to date.
 - NOTE: Melanie brought information from DPAC on how the Emergency drill codes are being changed to be consistent across North America. Parents at Burnsview were emailed a PDF version of this information.
(See: [New-Emergency-Procedures](#))

Business Arising from Past Minutes - nil

New Business

- GO Cards for Grads - had to be reordered as the student ID numbers were inaccurate. Artona has refused to print the ones with students dressed in costume (a Burnsview Grad tradition) based on a mandate from the police, who use the photos for ID.
- Grade 9 Student to Work day is a Province-wide event on Wednesday November, 14th

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday October 23rd, 7pm in the school library.