



BURNSVIEW SECONDARY

École Secondaire | Secondary School PAC 2019/2020

January 28th 2020 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm and adjourned at 7:51pm

Attendance: Nadine Inkster, Don Younger, Jennifer Booth, Melanie Bannister, Katherine Ralph, Jayme Campbell, Jessica Jensen, Colleen Ryley, Annick Lavender

Agenda

1. Welcome!
2. Adoption Jan 28th2020 Agenda. (Moved: Jessica Jensen, seconded: Colleen Ryley)
3. Adoption of Minutes from Nov 26th 2019.

Note: Melanie commented on the presentation dates within the November meeting minutes. To be updated and accepted at the February meeting.

Reports

1. **PAC Presidents Report** -Nadine Inkster (Welcome)

I would like to acknowledge that our meeting is taking place on traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) and hənqəmiñəm-speaking people. I acknowledge my responsibility to support Indigenous Sovereignty and Reconciliation.

2. **Principal's Message** – Don Younger

Creation of a school vision

Our staff has been examining our school and has worked through a rating system to look at seven components that are evident in schools that are strong learning organizations. We have been following a guide from OECD – education branch that has examined top performing schools in countries that rank high in the PISA rankings. BC and Delta are within the top performing schools in the world.

From this ranking we have determined that while we have many great things happening at Burnsview, we do not often talk in the terms of School Vision and as such may have some differing understandings as to our vision and focus.

We are spending time to bring our staff together, discuss what is important for our students to be learning and how we can be working towards the same goal.

April Exam period

Earlier this year schools were presented with the information that the numeracy and literacy exams required for grade 10 students have been moved from a June writing period to now being available to write in April. As such, we will be needing to run an altered schedule for 4 days – April 14 – 17. To make this time valuable to students, we expect our schedule to consist of:

- *2 morning classes occurring on each of the 4 days (allowing us to cover all 8 blocks)*
- *Activities in the afternoons dependent on the grade level*

Mental Health Curriculum – Grade 9

Multi-lesson program to educate students about mental health, knowing the difference between feelings and mental health issues, how to support each other and how and where to get further support.

Curriculum comes from Dalhousie university and has been in place for 3 years in North Van.

We ran the curriculum last year and have found it very good in educating our students about Mental Health issues.

Currently 14 staff have taken training to enable them to deliver this program. In addition, two of our teachers have also attending a 3-day course at UBC based on the curriculum.

We will be implementing the program for grade 9 students in April.

3. **Budget** – Melanie Bannister
Reviewed October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 monthly treasurer's report

4. **DPAC Report** - Trish Uppal
Nothing to report.

5. **CPF Report** - Katherine Ralph
 - *CPF.ca has many resources to read regarding advocacy for **student diversity and inclusivity** being extended to include second language learning. Burnsvieiw has a learning support teacher who is fluent in French who can now assist with learning strategies for immersion students who need to access supports. There is ample evidence that alternate learning needs should not hold a student back from choosing immersion. The BC Ministry of Education has created a great new website with this in mind for parents who would like to gather more tools and resources to help their child with diverse needs:*
<http://uat.mytrainingbc.ca/LIFT/EN/index.html>
 - *Students who are bilingual in English and French should check out the online **CPF Guide for Bilingual Youth** which lists many opportunities for French university programs, summer educational experiences, volunteer opportunities, employment positions and government sponsored programs and exchanges: <https://cpf.ca/en/files/CPF-Guide-for-Bilingual-Youth-2017.pdf>*
 - *Students in Grade 10-12 can volunteer as ambassadors at the **Canadian Francophone Games** in Victoria this July. This is one of the largest gatherings of French speaking youth in Canada meant to celebrate arts, leadership and sports. Accepting applications now at <https://jeuxfc.ca/>*
 - *Teens interested in participating or competing should contact the Francophone Youth Council of BC. <https://www.cjfc.com/evenements/jeux-de-la-francophonie-canadienne/>*
 - *CPF Delta and Delta School District hosted Charlotte Diamond preschool concerts this past weekend at Burnsvieiw and SDSS to promote the French immersion deadlines. ~600 attendees who all had a great time. There were some issues with the venues which will be altered if we bring a performance next year.*
 - *There were no applications from North Delta schools for the **\$200 CPF Delta grant** towards a French School Event, which was due **Nov 29th**.*
 - *5 new Delta CPF members were lucky winners in the BC/Yukon branch membership drive: Andrea Jassman, Cristine McDonald, Catherine Schaeffers, Swetha Ranasuriya, Nazima Sanghadiang*
 - *CPF is preparing a student volunteer and tutor list for which we will be sending out a Google Form in order collect that information. This list will be made available to school career counselors.*
 - *A reminder that there is a ton of information for parents and students on the Burnsvieiw French Department's website at <https://danickbenoit.wixsite.com/immersion>*
 - *Any questions or ideas for CPF, email to cpfdelta@gmail.com or message on Facebook/CPFDelta*

6. **DRY GRAD update** – Jessica Jensen
Dry Grad is May 22. The main activities have started up. The event will run the same as previous years. The main focus right now is volunteers - we need more to help with planning activities (fundraising, ticket sales, etc.) So really hoping we get some more volunteers from each school. Also, the group of "full-time" volunteers is also very small, so we're hoping to recruit more volunteers to come to meetings and take on committee positions. I am continuing as Promotions chair for this year but will take over Treasurer next year.

7. **Emergency Preparedness** – Gordon Andrew
Nothing to report. Will need successor at end of school year 2021.

Business Arising from Past Minutes – None.

New Business – None.

Next Meeting Feb 25th 2020 7pm Library

2019/2020 PAC meeting Dates

(4th Tuesday of the month)

Feb 25th 2020

April 28th 2020

May 26th 2020 - AGM