



BURNSVIEW SECONDARY
École Secondaire | Secondary School

PAC 2023 – 2024 BurnsviewSchoolPAC@gmail.com

27 February 2024

MINUTES

Attendees: *Coleen MacEachern, Melanie Bannister, Karen Parsons, Dianne DeBlaere, Fernando Gil, James Kato, Pardeep Mann, Denise Reid, Marcelo, Aaron Akune*

Agenda:

1. Welcome

Coleen - I am recording this meeting just so that I can do my notes after so if anyone has an objection let me know. I thought usually it makes an announcement that is recording but I hit the button and it seems like it is recording. (Karen - yes, I heard the announcement)

Okay, there we go. So hello, I am Coleen MacEachern. I'm filling in for Jessica today, who is our PAC Chair She's unable to attend the meeting. So apologies for any techie glitches that may happen along the way. I'm going to try and do the notes as well. So we'll see how we go...

I would like to open tonight's meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and all the Hun'qumi'num-speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial. I would also like to offer my respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

Coleen

So to start the meeting we need someone to move and then second the acceptance of the agenda for today:

2. Adoption 27 Feb 2024 Agenda Motion: Karen Parsons Seconded: Dianna DeBlaere

We also need the minutes from January to be accepted and seconded for anyone who has read those.

3. Adoption of 24 Jan 2024 Minutes Motion : Dianna DeBlaere Seconded: Karen Parsons

Okay, so then we start as per usual with Principal Aaron Akune with your message for this month.

Aaron - Awesome. Thanks, Coleen. And good evening, everyone.

1. Principal's Message

Time just seems to be racing away. I know every time we return from the winter break, the pace seems like we do two days in one kind of thing. And I know with spring break, just around the corner, I feel like we're doing four days in one, the calendar keeps picking up. And I always find that, I think back to my very first few years of

teaching, and I remember making comments like, “oh, the school year's so long.” And it's very funny because when we see some of our very brand new teachers in the system, they make similar comments.

But as we start to look to the year ahead and quite a bit of what's in my report this evening, that's where it feels like everything just speeds up. So a good reminder, I think, to all of us, to try and slow ourselves down and actually live in the moment a little bit more.

2024-25 Timetable

We are fully aware and recognize since covid there has been some adjustment to the timetable and this is another one. Going back to this time last year, the initial plan was to run Grade 10 - 12 in semesters and Grade 8 - 9 in linear. There were some things that weren't fully thought through and that ended up being Grade 11 - 12 semestered and Grade 8 - 10 linear. This is a shift again, with grade 8 being primarily linear but electives run on its own schedule and we are playing with a few things with facilities constraints. The most obvious example is the foods lab. We're trying to run 13 blocks or so and are trying to be creative with how to use it. We will have to play with things to accommodate there and also in the gym. A very limited space. Other schools of similar size have 4 spots that can be used, but we only have 3, so we have to be creative in how we schedule.

- **Grade 8 – primarily linear (full year) courses**
- **Grade 9-12 – semester courses** - we do have some x block courses such as fitness and conditioning that runs before school and theatre that has a unique schedule.

So a few changes there and the plan is to run with this timetable for a little while running forward. We know we need to create some stability for students but also for staff. There is no perfect timetable. The other thing that would be helpful to know, when you look at the schools in the north end, the only school that is linear is Seaquam, but all the others have either gone exclusively semester or close to full. There's a move in that direction. We spent a lot of time tapping into kids to get their perspective and getting a sense of what is working and not working currently. Grade 9 & 10's were in semestered prior and now linear so they can speak to the differences the most and they provided some interesting feedback. Even for themselves, they can point out pros and cons to both systems. As much as we knew we had to make a decision, we knew the devil would be in the details. And we continue to discuss with staff and be proactive in addressing the challenges. Many staff have worked in both systems.

Questions:

Melanie - why is Seaquam staying on linear? Things like math are better taught all year and then FI, French being taught all year.

Aaron - those were a couple of the questions we had for the older kids with 40 to 50 percent in FI. One of the considerations, we were speaking with kids but also with our district coordinator that oversees the french program, we felt that having some french throughout the year is important but it doesn't specifically have to be francais longue, so at least one course in semester one and one in semester two keeps language all year. With math, the big drivers there, the kids said “you give us a break for two months in the summer, so a longer gap within the year, a regular semester gap, regardless, we just need a review week” and that for the most part, they

are able to get back in the swing of things. I was surprised to hear that, but we were listening very closely. Some kids will say spreading the learning over the whole year is helpful, however those same kids also say if I only have to learn 4 courses at a time, I might learn more that way.

With regards to Seaquam, perhaps it's something to do with the IB program, but I don't want to speculate.

Dianna - Can you confirm it will be fully semestered next year?

Aaron - yes, we were told we need to pick one, don't mix. They get thrown off when managing two different schedules.

Dianna - you've got a case study with my family as we've experienced both.

Course Planning

- **Student Course Planning Presentations by counsellors took place in mid-February**
- **Parent Presentations also took place mid-February**
- **Course selection should have been completed by all students by February 25**
- **Counsellors are now following up with students whose requests are incomplete**

We closed the system on Sunday night and we have tentatively reopened the system as a few kids weren't able to complete their courses but it will close again tomorrow night. We emphasize to the kids through the course planning presentations that it's so important and we're knee deep into it now and will have a good snapshot by spring break, looking at enrollment and can anticipate FI numbers based on catchment but the thing we are always challenged by every year are new families moving into our catchment. There's no doubt it's a busy place which is a good problem to have.

Reporting

- **Written Summaries (Semester 1 classes) and Written Updates (linear classes) were published on February 8**

Grade's 11 & 12 received a letter grade, the rest would've received a written update and Grade 8 & 9 received a proficiency standard and grade 10 as a percentage.

- **Informal updates for Semester 2 and Linear classes will be published on Friday March 8**

It's primarily geared towards kids where there may be concerns. My message is don't necessarily anticipate you'll see an informal update from all classes. Some teachers choose to report a little more or a little less. It may not come in a formal communication through MyEd, it might be an email or phone call.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

- **Thursday, March 14 from 2:00-4:00pm and 5:00-7:00pm**

Sign up will take place through parent connect. We do anticipate it's going to be fairly well subscribed. If you have an interest in coming, get online quickly to book appointments. That's a benefit of a semestered system, fewer courses mean fewer parents competing for the same time.

Grad Photos

- **February 26 – March 3**
- **Artona trailer is parked in the back parking lot on site**
- **Grads should have booked an appointment online.**
- **Sitting fee is \$60** - that gets credited towards packages that are chosen to purchase

Here 4 Peers

- **Students have started delivery Mental Health presentations to Grade 7 students at various elementary schools**

This is a program geared around student mental health and the program utilises some of our students as leaders and mentors who visit grade 7 classes from the majority of our feeder schools and give an hour or so presentation and give information about mental health, mental awareness and helps with the transition out of elementary to high school and letting them know they have friendly faces they'll see and also exposing them to important terminology, getting them used to it and not misusing it. Grade 7 is a crucial time to target learning about mental health and definitions and terminology. The team was out at a school on Monday and Devon Gardens today. Predictably there were nerves for some of them going out and doing it but with follow up they've said it's been a great experience so kudos to the teachers who are leading it but also to the kids who have taken it on.

Ministry Graduation Assessments

- **All Grade 10 students will complete the Numeracy 10 Assessment between April 15-19**
- **Grade 12 students who haven't yet completed the Literacy 10, Literacy 12 or Numeracy 10 Assessment will also need to complete any outstanding assessments.**

Grade 10's completed literacy 10 in November. The majority of our grade 12's have completed all assessments, but we do have some who may not have completed the grade 10 assessments for a variety of reasons (ie new to the province, illness, etc). Most should be aware if they are missing any of these assessments as we've had them go through their transcripts, they can take steps to get this done in April. It's required to graduate.

Student Learning Survey - springtime also means it's survey time!

- **Grade 10 and 12 students will complete the Student Learning Survey in early April which is run by the Ministry.**
- **Parents are encouraged to complete the Parent version of the Ministry's Student Learning Survey - take roughly 30 minutes, will happen after spring break**
- **Please use the 'Direct Access' option. No login information is required**
- **<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>**

Prevention Survey

- **preventative mental health program for teens that uses personality-focussed interventions to promote mental health and reduce the risk of substance use**
- **Grade 9, 10, 11 students will complete the survey in late April and May**

The program itself is a mental health program for teens. It assesses students personalities and connects personalities to promote mental health and wellness and to reduce some risk factors we might see to alcohol and drug abuse. We do see some people, not just teens, that tend to have that risk taking type behaviour and are more likely to dabble in one of those risky situations so the more we can find that out early, the goal is then to follow that up and say help us figure it out and say "Here you are as an individual, this is your profile, so let's just be aware of what your profile is" and we can conduct some small group sessions. In some cases, there's the odd parent who does not want their child to participate in the survey, absolutely fine. And even if they do complete the survey there's nothing requiring a student to be part of those small group sessions, it's completely by choice. We would make sure we are informing families about that in advance.

Athletics

- **Sr. Boys Basketball Team play in the South Fraser Championships this week.**
- **All other Basketball teams have now wrapped up their season.**
- **Thank you to parent volunteers who supported teams as coaches, drivers and spectators**
- **Spring sports include badminton, girls soccer, rugby, ball hockey, track & field, ultimate**
- **Parents interested in helping out in any capacity are asked to contact Athletic Director, Ms. J. Cogle (jcogle@deltaschools.ca)**

Unfortunately at this time, I'm sad to say, all basketball teams' seasons have wrapped up as the Sr Boys had a heartbreaking loss in OT this evening to the home team in Richmond at the South Fraser Championships.

We thank all of the staff and parents as volunteers, it's a huge commitment, so thank you. It doesn't happen by accident, and the kids benefit from it in so many ways.

Theatre Production

- **Musical Theatre and Theatre Production students will be presenting the teen version of Chicago on Mar 2, 5-9. (tickets can be purchased at the door)**
 - **Saturday, March 2 – 12:30pm Preview Show (\$5 tickets)**
 - **Tuesday, March 5 – 7:00pm Evening Show**
 - **Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00pm Evening Show**
 - **Thursday, March 7 – 7:00pm Evening Show**
 - **Friday, March 8 – 12:30pm School Matinee (\$5 tickets), 7:00pm Evening Show**
 - **Saturday, March 9 – 1:00pm Matinee (\$10 tickets)**

We very much encourage you to come out and support them. Tickets can be purchased at the door. I'm personally looking forward to being there some of the nights.

I want to extend a thank you to Wendy-Ann and her family as February is Black History Month so her kids and family came out and organised some lunchtime festivities - so some dancing and food and some information which highlighted the importance and some great awareness for our students and our staff.

And tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day. That one's a pretty well known day but if you can encourage your kids to wear pink, that would be great.

Monday, March 4th is the dance. Grade 8 - 12 dance. There will be a spring dance for grads, but for this one, doors open at 6pm, goes to 8:30pm. Yesterday they sold just short of 100 tickets, but we think those numbers will significantly increase on Thursday & Friday.

2. Treasurer's Report – Melanie Bannister

Nothing has changed since the last meeting except some cheques that had been written at the last meeting have finally cleared the bank. We passed our general audit and there were a couple of recommendations - one that doesn't apply to us which is in regards to cash on hand from fundraising, but since we don't fundraise, it is a non-issue. The other was a bookkeeping recommendation that has been resolved.

Reminder that Melanie is stepping down as Treasurer after this year so we need someone to replace her. The job is quite straightforward and the person who was in the role prior to Melanie for 10 years created all the forms and instructions you'll need to do the job and Melanie will happily remain available as a resource for the transition.

Burnsview Secondary School Parent Advisory Council
Monthly Treasurer's Report
Oct 1, 2023 to February 26, 2024

Prepared by: Melanie Bannister

February 26, 2024

Statement of Revenue & Expenses

Cash on Hand September 30, 2023 134.19 178.53 \$ 312.72

Revenue		General Account	Gaming Account	
5-Oct-23	Gaming Grant 2023/2024	0.00	16660.00	
Total Revenue		\$ -	\$ 16,660.00	\$ 16,972.72

Expenses				
25-Oct-23	0115G	BCCPAC (Annual Membership)	75.00	-
22-Nov-23	0182C	Delta North End Dry Grad		1,992.00
16-Jan-24	0183C	Burnsview Sec - Budget Items		6085.54
Total Expenses			\$ 75.00	\$ 8,077.54

Cash as of February 26, 2024 \$ 8,820.18

Cash Flow

Cash in Bank		
	Gaming Account	\$ 8,760.99
	General Account	\$ 59.19
Total		\$ 8,820.18

Outstanding Cheques:		
		\$ -
		-
		-
Cash Available for Use:		\$ -
		\$ 8,820.18

Note:

Cheques with "C" denotes Gaming (Casino) Account expense.
 Cheques with a "G" denotes General Account expense.

3. Delta District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report – Karen Parsons

The DPAC meeting was held Feb 12, 2024:

Delta Police Liaison officer, Insp. Kim Campbell gave a presentation on the Youth Action Team and Youth Service Hub. This is a project currently underway that hopes to open a single location (HUB) for youth ages 13-22 where various services will be provided to both youth and families. They are currently seeking parent/caregiver input on what services we are looking for and there was also an email sent out by the district that included a survey for us to complete.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/GkWOEchHOQ> (<https://forms.office.com/r/GkWOEchHOQ>)

Please take a moment to fill out this survey and support this program.

Other Hubs in the lower mainland that provide mental health support, safe spaces for youth and residency for those who may be unhoused. There is also potential for the Hub to have doctors, counselors and other health professions. It gives teenagers a safe place to congregate and meet. We need one in Delta because we don't have one.

Superintendent Doug Sheppard also shared a link surrounding the Personal device procedures, things are changing and upcoming budget meeting. Please note there has been a change in the procedure of the budgeting meeting so if you are interested in attending, please review the handout link below.

Current Personal Device Procedure: AP145:

<https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/Procedure-145-Use-of-Personal-Communication-Devices.pdf>

So the use of PDC's - there are 7 procedures that must be followed, and what they want to implement regarding personal devices going forward.

Delta Budget Handout and Survey: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/budget-consultation-process/>

Delta Parent Advisory Council Open House

Date: Monday, April 8th, 2024

Time: 7-8:30pm

Where: Delta School Board Office

4585 Harvest Drive, Delta, BC

Please contact Jennifer Rak - DPAC Chair with any questions or to RSVP.

Email: deltadpac@gmail.com

Violence Prevention Youth Event- Waiting for city approval to be held at the North Delta Rec Centre on May 2nd. Stay tuned for updates.

4. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report – Wendy-Ann McFarlane - unable to attend

Coleen - Wendy-Ann is not able to attend today so I'll follow up with her and get her updates for CPF and I'll add them into the minutes. And actually, while I'm on that, I believe we have a couple of new people joining and we don't have your email address in our database. So if you'd like to be added to the list to receive the minutes, please email burnsvIEWSchoolpac@gmail.com and we will add you to the list and send you the minutes.

CPF Report:

Year- Round: [Alliance Française de Vancouver](#) has lots of social/cultural events for all ages all year round as well as offer in person language classes.

Until March 18: "The Delta School District is developing their budget for next year and inviting families to participate in an [online survey](#) or provide feedback through email, mail or via your school's PAC. The survey is a way for us to share our general budget priorities and is due by March 18. Then there will be additional consultation on the draft budget recommendations between April 18-23."

March 11 - April 15: Virtual French classes for Parents: CPF Alberta has another 6 week session of online self-directed classes running from (Cost is \$65.00) There is a FREE information session to see what the classes are all about via Zoom – March 5, 2024 at Noon MST (register [HERE](#).)

March 8-10: [Festival du Bois in Maillardville](#)

Registration is now open for the July/August [BC Family French Camps](#)

"Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of lounging time and sharing in a variety of small volunteer duties while their children use their French skills in a wonderful outdoor setting with their energetic and funny French-speaking moniteurs. Evening activities for the whole family may include night games, volleyball or kickball, communal dessert, communal dinner, and sing-along campfires. And parents don't have to be able to speak French!"

March 26th: Bilingual job fair in Vancouver

[Salon Expo Carrières 2024 Tickets, Tue, 26 Mar 2024 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

March 1-31: SFU is hosting a month of FREE activities to celebrate "La Francophonie" including things like:

- family movie screenings at SFU (in French with English subtitles)
- a 2 hr guided kayak tour in Deep Cove for ages 18-25 (all equipment provided)
- a selection of French-language films online to watch from home

[SFU'S PRINTEMPS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE.](#)

5. Delta North End Dry Grad Report – Dianna DeBlaere

Report is similar to last month:

Ticket sales start next week!

Tuesday March 5

Thursday April 4
Wednesday April 17
Thursday April 25

Sales will be over the lunch period. Cash only.

We have enough volunteers for all ticket selling dates, thank you for that! Tix on March 5th are \$55 but it goes up after that.

Event volunteer sign up will start after spring break. We will be looking for set up, take down, decorators, event runners and more. We will be putting the call out after the break, so keep an eye out for that. It's a great opportunity to see what the event looks like.

Donations committee is working in the committee right now for prizes for the student draws. The prize draws are a highlight of the night. If you are able to donate, we are always looking for cash or prize donations appropriate for students. If you happen to be at one of those businesses that receive a letter, please try and support and we received some gift cards after our last call out

Meeting dates:

13 Mar 2024 - 10 Apr 2024 - 24 Apr 2024 - 08 May 2024 - 22 May 2024

6. **PAC Secretary report** – Coleen – no notes
7. **PAC Vice Chair** – vacant
8. **PAC Chair report** – Jessica Jensen – not present

9. **Old Business**

No old business brought forward

10. **New Business**

Coleen - AGM - May 28th - we do need to fill Jessica's position as Chair. I will put my name forward if nobody else does but I'm happy to stay as Secretary if someone else wants to take that on. She assures me it's not a ton of work, I'll trust her on that, she seems honest. And again, Melanie, we need someone to be the Treasurer. The next meeting is April 23, 2024 and is virtual, please put it out into your network of other parents to join these meetings because it would be really great to get some fresh faces to be active and fill out these roles.

The final AGM will be in person on May 28th. I can see a couple of names on here and I am going to call people out - Fernando and Pardeep, you guys are here all the time so if you want to think about joining the executive you would be more than welcome to huddle up.

PAC email is burnsvIEWSchoolPAC@gmail.com – if you need to get in touch with us, you can do it there or it's on the school website

2023/2024 Meeting Dates

23 Apr 2024 ~ 28 May 2024 (AGM)

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm