

BS PAC General Meeting Minutes - March 7th, 2022

Attendance:

Tariza Bastos, Co-Chair
Karima Lacko, Secretary
Alma Quilatan, Treasurer
Victoria Lee, Principal

Regrets:

Renata Teague, Chair

7:00 pm call to order via Zoom virtual meeting

1. Student Government Updates:

- Via recorded video
- Small COVID-friendly events have been running indoors
- “Minute to Win It” Wednesday March 9th, Spring “Cake-Off” April 7th - 8th, for all grades
- “Bidding Wars” Grade 10 event planned for lunch time in April (DTB)
- More events are being planned for May and June
- Please follow on Instagram @bbsouthstudentgov
- For more info - <https://linktr.ee/burnabysouthsg>

2. Principal Lee School Updates:

Sports:

- All teams have been doing very well
- Jr. Boys Basketball finished 2nd at Provincials
- Jr. Girls Basketball qualified for Provincials after not playing Provincials for a long time
- Sr. Boys currently in Provincials

2022 Graduation Dates:

- School Leaving Ceremony - Convocation May 28th at SFU. Grad Dinner and Dance June 11th at Pan Pacific Hotel
- Graduation events are still pending on the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education COVID directives
- If Vaccine Passports will still be required for all indoor events and not all students are vaccinated then these events will not happen - no unvaccinated students will be left out
- Grad ceremony at SFU has to follow SFU’s vaccine mandates even if it can be outdoors

Upcoming Student Timetables and Schedules: Proposed Linear System + Flex Time

- Parent/Student/Teacher surveys have been sent out after each semester
- Will go back to the Linear system - 4 periods a day + morning Flex time - based on survey results
- Majority of students were struggling with semester system - some students who need learning support are not getting enough
- The half hour of flex time in the mornings will continue - all students, parents and teachers love it

3. Miss Kuang and Mr. Kwan Presentation:

CLC, Work Experience, Graduation Requirements, Scholarships

*Miss Kuang will send Tariza the power point presentations to distribute to parents

- CLC (Career Life Connections) 11-12: Graduation requirement, Self paced, done online
- Grade 12 (CAPSTONE) Graduation Project/Presentation: about a passion or interest or something for future career. Check BC curriculum website
- Work Experience Packages: 30 hrs or 80 hrs volunteering
- Scholarship Info: for Grade 12's only, Volunteering is the #1 way to get scholarships
- Info is posted outside of Mr. Kwan's office. Students must ask for applications and be recommended/approved by the school.
- ScholarTree.ca is a good online resource
- Students check Gr. 12 Teams for info posts
- Info is also posted on Mr. Kwan's website/blog and is sent through "teams" - applications can be picked up. Students can apply to as many scholarships as they want - can get them from different sources but have to follow stipulations. If a student is approved for many they would have to pick and choose which ones to accept.
- For CLC 11 and 12, students get 2 credits each, each course is one year long. Comments are given on progress, there are no marks throughout the year. At the end of the year a final mark is given and goes towards the student's GPA.
- Check the CLC Blog online at - <https://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/south-gradtransitions/>
- For more info go to <https://south.burnabyschools.ca/> and click on "Career Education"

Parent Questions and Answers:

Does the CLC Portfolio just contain CLC things or are other classes included?

- The CLC Portfolio is just the CLC assignments

When does CLC begin?

- CLC classes officially start in Grade 10 - students attend class for credits. Grade 11 and 12 CLC is self-paced and done online

Is there a schedule for CLC project - Grad presentations? When will they happen?

- They will start April 4th and go until the first week of May (7th?). Graduation assessment days on the school's website calendar - <https://south.burnabyschools.ca/calendar/>
- The Grad presentations are done in front of one, sometimes two teachers
- Students are given 15 minutes - 5 for set-up and 10 to present
- A letter grade will be given to go towards the student's final mark

What and where is the Volunteer Hours paperwork?

- There is a package of paperwork - contracts and legal documents for students and the supervisors where they volunteer/work to fill out
- This is available through Mr. Kwan and student services office
- Students must pick up these packages to record their hours of work/volunteer experience
- Separate packages are needed for each different work/volunteer experience

Can student hours volunteering at the school be counted?

- For school specific service hours (school clubs, etc.) students must fill out a log sheet from the office
- Hours contributed to school service can be added up and graduating students can get scholarships and awards
- Students should keep their own personal records of school service hours - will look good on resumes and post secondary applications

What about students in Cadets?

- Students in Cadets counts as good work experience

The BC Ministry just implemented an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement and seems like grade 10's will be the first group to complete this new requirement. However, grade 10's have already chosen their courses for next school year. My question is will they require to add an additional Indigenous-focused course this year (grade 11 year) or will they include it in their grade 12 school year?

- (Principal Lee) The answer in short, is that we are waiting for clarification. The long answer is that this requirement will not take place until the 2023/24 school year and may not involve a new course. It will likely be woven into one of the existing Indigenous content courses that we have in SS and English. For instance, students can take the First Peoples English course at the English 10, 11 or 12 level or the First Peoples History course at the grade 12 level. There will likely be a few more options added to the approved course list as well.

Notes:

PAC will put out an invite for parents to join/form Dry Grad Committee to organize/supervise the event. PAC should touch base with Grad Council for Dry Grad info and survey results to start planning ahead.

PAC to put out a call for PAC Executive nominations ahead of elections at next meeting.

Next and last PAC General Meeting and PAC Executive Elections: May 2nd, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm