

Burnaby South Secondary School  
**Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, Dec 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

In person @multi-Purpose Room

Attendees:

Ellen Tian, Chair

Michael Zhou, Co-Chair / Secretary

Echo Wu, Treasurer

Cherry Huang, Communications Liaison

Nelly Law, Member at Large

AJ Mohamed, Sports liaison

Effie Aadland, Principal

Student clubs executives and sponsor teachers

South Parents

Regrets:

Amelia Lai, Volunteer Liaison

Marika Strand, DPAC representative

1. Welcome and Introductions:
  - a. Ellen gave a warm welcome to all people attended
  - b. PAC executives and members-at-large self introductions
  
2. Students Body Representatives Presentations
  - a. Five students from school orchestra band performed live music for audiences.
  - b. Ms. Lam and her cooking class students catered South East Asian delicacies for attendees
  - c. Ms. Sandhu and student leader Isabella from Student Government presented what they have achieved from the past months and upcoming events
  
3. Science Department Presentation – Mr. Kent Lui
  - a. Discussion about what success looks like for students; invitation for parents to provide input
  - b. Success factors = teacher + student + parents
  
4. Sports update – AJ Mohamed
  - a. AJ gave updates on athletes' achievements and upcoming sport seasons

5. Principal's Presentation: Principal Aadland
  - a. Recognition of students for events, assemblies and concerts
  - b. Parent-Teacher interview went well, and term one learning update goes online at MyEd BC
  - c. Open house on Jan 15, 2025. More detailed info will be sent from the office
  - d. School will start planning classes for 2025-26 school year after the New Year
  - e. Burnaby South will take some grade 8 and 9 students from neighbouring schools due to their over capacity situations.
  - f. A new Parents' Input will start after the New Year regarding what parents may want the school to do.
  
6. PAC Financial Report: Treasurer Echo presented account balances for both the General Account and the Gaming Account.
  
7. DPAC updates: Ellen provided an update on what is going on at the district level, on behalf of DPAC Rep Marika.
  
8. Old Business / New Business
  - a. Parents Learning Together (PLT) Series Nov 13, 2024 as a great success, had 625 registered attendees, our students were absolutely amazing on the stage.
  - b. New PLT is coming on Tuesday, Jan 14, 2025, continuing with a presentation on post secondary application at MJF Theatre. A link for invitation and registration on Eventbrite will be send out later.
  - c. PAC gift card fundraising campaign goes online, click the link for more details <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/6KBHRU>

Christmas Ornaments Making Social held right after

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM

Event closed at 9:00PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025 at 7:00pm – funding request – via Zoom**

If you are unable to join us and would like any topics or questions raised during our PAC meetings, please contact us at

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[cochair.burnabysouthsecondary@gmail.com](mailto:cochair.burnabysouthsecondary@gmail.com)

Your BSS PAC Executive Team 2024-25 is comprised of parents and/or guardians of Burnaby South Students.