



Burnaby South Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting 2025-26

MINUTES

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

In person @multi-Purpose Room

Attendees:

Michael Zhou, Chair

May Lai, Treasurer

AJ Mohamed, Sports liaison

Cherry Huang, Member at Large

Tina He, Member at Large

Marika Strand, DPAC representative

Mary Huang, Secretary

Effie Aadland, Principal

Students' club executives and sponsor teachers

South Parents

Regrets:

Amelia Lai, Co-Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions:
 - a. Michael gave a warm welcome to all people attended
 - b. PAC executives' and Principal's self-introductions

2. Students Body Representatives gave introductions and updates about the clubs to attendees.
 - a. Burnaby South Interact Club has grown up to 100+ members and 20+ events.
 - b. About "Five days of holidays, Care boxes, Sales, Rebel Nations 2026, Nature Celebrators Outreach and Rotary STEP Program", find event details and updates on their Instagram @southinteractclub
 - c. Burnaby South SOLS (Society of Learning Science) gathered a total of 60+ club members.
 - d. About "Elementary Mentorship, Academic Conference, Science Fair, newsletter South Stream, Parent Learning", find details on their Instagram @south.sols.

3. Principal's report
 - a. Our students did an amazing job on Remembrance Day, with five assemblies, in November.
 - b. We also had South Next Top Rebel, which was also a big event of our school, many kids



got involved and had so much fun.

- c. We had our winter concert last night. It was a fabulous performance.
 - d. Ms. Aadland, together with administration team did class visits, upon receiving concerns about cell phone usage, to make sure that students are following the guidelines.
 - e. Washroom is another hot topic. We expect that washrooms are for facility-use only. We encouraged staff to be present as much as possible, and even just the presence makes a difference.
 - f. Report cards for term one will be available on Dec. 17th.
 - g. Jan. 14th in the new year 2026 is our open house for grade sevens who will potentially come in Gr 8. It's a nice event to come and visit, and to see the course offerings and clubs that exist.
 - h. From Jan. 19th to 23rd is assessment week without regularly scheduled classes.
 - i. Jan. 29th is the online Parent Teacher Conferences. Signing starts in the new year.
4. PAC's financial report
- a. Treasurer May presented account balances for both General Account and Gaming Account – both are healthy, \$3,720.70 and \$68,081.47 respectively.
5. DPAC representative's report - Key Budget Pressures
- a. Unfunded Enrollment: Students enrolling after Sept. 30 receive free education without provincial funding, straining the district budget.
 - b. Teacher Benefit Costs: Promised provincial funding for negotiated benefit increases has not been delivered; post-COVID insurance costs continue to rise.
 - c. Portable Classrooms: Each portable costs about \$500,000 and is district-funded, unlike provincially funded permanent buildings.
 - d. "AI in Schools" online presentation will be held in the new year.
 - e. Grade 7 Band Program Concern
6. Sports update
- a. Mr. Puni is currently in Edmonton and provided no sport-related information.
 - b. It's basketball season now, and all teams are presumably busy; sport programs are requesting substantial funding.
7. New businesses
- a. Parent Learning Together held on Nov. 27th was a great success, with over 100 parents in attendance. Two more sessions are scheduled.
 - b. Intersection Safety Concern (Beresford St and Antrim Ave). A letter has been sent requesting a review on the intersection's safety. Parents prefer the installation of actual walk/don't walk traffic signals rather than just stop signs.
 - c. Community News: **Substances-allowed Supportive Housing with Complex Care (Mental and Addiction)** proposed by BC Housing. Eddie from [Burnaby Neighborhood Watch]



talked about the concerns of proposed housing project near Imperial St and Royal Oak Ave. For more info, please email chair.burnabysouthsecondary@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45PM

Next meeting: In Person

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7 pm -Funding request assessment and approval

If you are unable to join us and would like any topics or questions raised during our PAC meetings, please contact us at chair.burnabysouthsecondary@gmail.com and cochair.burnabysouthsecondary@gmail.com

PAC General Meetings 2025-26

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 7pm	In-person	Introductions
Thursday, December 11, 2025, 7pm	In-person	Social and holiday celebration, catered
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 7pm	In-person	Funding request assessment and approval
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 7pm	In-person	Grad transitions
Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7pm	In-person	PAC elections, regular budget