



Burnaby South Secondary School

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

In person @ Multi-purpose room

Attendees:

Michael Zhou, Chair

Amelia Lai, Co-Chair

May Lai, Treasurer

Marika Strand, DPAC representative

AJ Mohamed, Sports liaison

Cherry Huang, Member at Large

Tina He, Member at Large

Effie Aadland, Principal

South Parents

Regrets:

Mary Huang, Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions:

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

2. Student Government presentation (presented by Principal Aadland)

- a. Everybody enjoyed the Rebel Fest on May 14, organizer thanked PAC for the funding support
- b. Dance Recital was a success! Many teachers also showed their talents. 50/50 raffle ticket reached all time high: \$400!
- c. School Leaving Ceremony was a warm and tearful night.
- d. Staff Appreciation Lunch will be on Jun 5 (11:40-12:15). RVSP is required
- e. Gr 8-11 Recognition Assembly will be on Jun 22, Rebel awards for top academic, growth, participation, and many other comprehensive titles.
- f. "Rebel for a Day" for new Gr 8 students will be on Jun 23



3. Principal's report
 - a. School fee for 2026-27 remains the same
 - b. Bell schedule adds 3 minutes to each school day: 8:40am – 3:06pm.
 - c. Flex time remains the same, Wed/Thur, 30 mins per day
 - d. Pro-D Days will be aligned throughout the district for both elementary and secondary schools.
 - e. Winter Break will start on Friday, Dec 18, 2026
 - f. Assessment Week will have regular classes from now on starting Jan 2027.
 - g. CELLPHONES – a possible in-class Lock-box pilot project starting in September 2026. Still in discussion with staff and district.
4. PAC financial report – May gave an update on general and gaming accounts, both healthy. She reminded the Principal that sponsor teachers had to submit their receipts for full reimbursement before mid-June, otherwise, they needed to submit another funding request in the new school year.
5. DPAC updates – Marika gave a brief overview to the arbitration regarding the \$9.4mil deficit Burnaby School district was facing. With letters flooded into Premier's and MLAs' office, and a rally organized by the DPAC representatives, the province agreed to cover the cost.
6. Sports update – AJ presented a report on South teams, many teams won championships with a few made to the provincial, which will be held in Langley Event Centre next week.
7. New businesses
 - a. Michael J Fox Theatre – starting July 1, theatre is for school and district uses only, unless the city can find a proper management group, it will not open to public henceforward.
 - b. Beresford / Antrim Intersection – PAC requested the city to upgrade the intersection due to several near-misses incident involving vehicles not stopping at the stop sign and poor visibility in winter in the beginning of the school year. Their reply is a NO, but will repaint the zebra crosswalk and more police patrols around the area.
 - c. Parents Learn Together #3 – originally planned for Jun 2, but postponed to Jun 10 due to schedule conflict. Invitation email will be sent out shortly.
 - d. 2026-27 PAC Election

Chair – Michael Zhou

Co-chair – Cherry Huang



Treasurer – May Lai
Secretary – Alice Chang
DPAC Rep – Marika Strand
Sports Liaison – AJ Mohamed
Communication Liaison – Tina He
Members at large – Maite Cumba

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15PM

This is the last PAC GM of the 2025-26 school year. Have a wonderful summer break. We will see you in September!

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 2026-27

Wed, October 14, 2026, 7pm	In-person	Introductions
Wed, December 2, 2026, 7pm	In-person	holiday celebration, catered
Wed, January 27, 2027, 7pm	In-person	Funding request assessment and approval
Wed, Mar 31, 2027, 7pm	In-person	Work Exp / volunteer for graduation
Wed, May 19, 2027, 7pm	In-person	PAC elections, 2027/28 calendar