

**Burnaby South Secondary School and The BC Provincial School for the Deaf  
Minutes of Meeting for Parent Advisory Council**

Date: March 6, 2017  
Recorder: Vicky Ma

Contact us at: burnabysouth.pac@sd41.bc.ca  
Attendance: 1 administrator; 2 students, 27 parents

Agenda Item	Information	Action
<b>Welcome</b>	7:05 pm: Vicky Ma, Chair, welcomed all in attendance.	None
<b>Approval of January 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes</b>	Vicky M. presented for approval the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Natasha motioned to approve, Gorette seconded.	Approved
<b>Student Government:</b> Brittany (President) and Mecayla (Vice-President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Survivor Event</u>: PA-MOJA fundraiser for Kenyan sister school, Endana, in Kenya. 30 participants, Gr 8-12. Event was very successful, and raised \$1900 for Endana, and \$1500 for the Rebels Food Program.</li> <li>• <u>February - Valentines Day Cake-Off</u>: 17 teams of 4. Mr. Pottinger provided heart shaped cakes, winners voted by teachers. Winner - Visual Arts Club, who created a strawberry rose cake.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Town Hall</u>: To gather student opinions and to increase student voice.</li> <li>• <u>March - Grade Events</u>: Each grade rep hosts an event for their grade to promote spirit. Gr. 10 Minute to Win It. Gr. 11 &amp; 12 Scavenger Hunt and Family Feud.</li> <li>• <u>Elections</u>: President and Vice-President elections are coming up. After spring break, there will be general elections. Students asked parents to encourage students to participate in general elections. It is a great experience!</li> </ul>	Information received
<b>Dry Grad Update</b> Doris Shi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event is June 17, Saturday night (after the prom) at TBC Indoor Kart Racing: unlimited cart racing, arcade games, airbrush tattoos, mahjong tables, food.</li> <li>• Transportation by school bus directly from Pan Pacific to the venue and then back to South after the party.</li> <li>• Fundraisers so far – Elf Auction, Rebel Nations variety show, Pro D Camp.</li> <li>• Early bird ticket sales will take place April 3 – April 27. \$20 for group of 5 to 8, single for \$25. In May, \$30/ticket.</li> <li>• Senior Leadership class is in charge of event and will do presentations to grade 12 classrooms to promote.</li> <li>• Donations welcome from parents &amp; community.</li> <li>• Parent volunteers needed for the event.</li> </ul>	Information received

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you shop at Cobs Bread (Market Crossing), please mention you would like to support Burnaby South and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Dry Grad.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr. Kenny Kwan, Career Programs Office</p>	<p>Laverne Matsumura &amp; Kenny Kwan run the Career Programs Office at South. They love working with students on thinking and planning for their future.</p> <p><b><u>Work Experience (Under umbrella of Career Programs)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may begin Work Experience in the summer of their Grade 10 year (so that all students meet age requirement and have finished Worksafe BC course through Planning 10).</li> <li>Students are encouraged to explore areas related to their interest. Career program offices assists placing students in appropriate work experience positions. Some areas are difficult to place students in a meaningful way (e.g. aviation, banking, law), but we strive to find related opportunities.</li> <li>Two options for Work Experience:</li> <li><b><u>30 Hour:</u></b> Part time work or volunteer work qualifies. Meets BC ministry goal that “students have the opportunity to observe and practice generic employability skills required in the workplace”.</li> <li><b><u>90 Hour:</u></b> Paid work cannot be counted, because students will receive 4 credits toward graduations. May be completed from summer of Grade 10 to Grade 12 Spring Break.</li> <li>Recommend that hours are split 40/40/10 (max 40 hours/week) or 30/30/30. This provides more variety of experience. Students may try different opportunities or industries. There is some difficulty placing students in certain industries – the school welcomes parents to explore opportunities through family connections.</li> <li>90 Hour option helps with university applications. Universities are no longer looking just at academics – looking at student profiles as well.</li> <li>Burnaby is a leading district in Work Experience. A contract is signed by student and employer and a Work Experience package must be filled out by the student and employer (includes Worksafe worksheet, employer evaluation, self-evaluation).</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May use Work Experience as a free block or as 9<sup>th</sup> block in Grade 12.</li> <li>• Students can change from the 30 hour to the 90 hour option and vice versa until September of Grade 12.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ACE-IT/Apprenticeship Programs in Burnaby</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced placement version of trades and technology.</li> <li>• 3 categories: ACE-IT, Apprenticeship (Red Seal certification is the goal), Industry Connect (experience, no certification), and Industry Certification (certificate recognized in North America).</li> <li>• There is a \$250 deposit for each course, which is refunded if the student passes the course. Books/tools not included.</li> <li>• Not a lifetime commitment; students acquire a practical skill and have an additional edge when applying for jobs.</li> <li>• ACE-IT programs are school based; can be Day 1 and 2, or am/pm at different locations.</li> <li>• Details can be found here: <a href="http://www.sd41.bc.ca/careerprograms/career-program-options-at-a-glance/">http://www.sd41.bc.ca/careerprograms/career-program-options-at-a-glance/</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Scholarships</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90% of external scholarships are now asking for volunteer experience and community contributions. Focus is no longer on academics. This is why work experience links to scholarship.</li> <li>• 3 categories: External (e.g. TD Bank, Terry Fox Foundation, unions), District (Bby students only, committee meets once a year, different criteria for different scholarships), In-School (e.g. catering). More info at this link: <a href="http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/south-counselling/scholarships/">http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/south-counselling/scholarships/</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>School Report:</b> Ms. Victoria Lee, Principal</p>	<p>Report was tabled due to time constraints.</p>	
<p><b>PAC Financial Report:</b> Katherine Liu, Treasurer</p>	<p>Received funding requests were presented and discussed. All decisions were motioned by Vicky M and seconded by Natasha B, as detailed in the attached Funding Request Report.</p>	<p>Carried with all in favour.</p>
<p><b>Liaison Reports:</b> Natasha Batiste, Sports Liaison</p>	<p><b><u>School Athletics Reports (December – January)</u></b> Our Athletic Leadership (RAC) program was essential in successfully hosting a record high of 6 basketball tournaments this season. The tournaments enabled our teams to gain the necessary experience to compete at a high level, while</p>	

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	<p>generating funds to help pay for costs associated with qualifying for provincial tournaments.</p> <p><u>Basketball:</u> Our basketball teams won the Burnaby/New Westminster District Championships in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Boys, Junior Girls</li> <li>• Grade 8 Boys, Grade 8 Girls, Grade 9 Boys</li> </ul> <p>Our basketball teams also brought home three Vancouver &amp; District Championships in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Girls, Grade 8 Boys, Grade 9 Boys</li> </ul> <p>We sent three teams to Provincial Basketball Championships. Our Junior Boys and Grade 8 Boys captured the Provincial Championship title, while our Grade 9 Boys won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.</p> <p><u>Wrestling:</u> We sent 2 athletes to Salmon Arm for provincials in Salmon Arm, Matthew Magano and George Brar. Matthew won the Provincial Gold in the 38 kg category.</p>	
<p><b>Hanging Baskets Fundraiser:</b></p> <p>Goretti Gonzalez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event day is Tuesday, May 9, 2017, pick up 12 pm – 5 pm. Funds raised support the PAC Social, parent education events, and student requests not approved by gaming.</li> <li>• Vendor is Windsor Greenhouse – positive feedback from all customers over last few years.</li> <li>• Volunteers needed for organizing orders 10 am and phone calling. Please email <a href="mailto:goretti.gonzalez@gmail.com">goretti.gonzalez@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• This is Goretti's last year at South and PAC is looking for a new parent to head up this fundraiser next year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><b><u>Parent Education Speaker on Communication with Teens</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event was cancelled due to heavy snow. Speaker has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 11. A new notice will go out in September.</li> </ul> <p>PAC Executive for Next Calendar Year Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two of our long standing executives are graduating with their youngest this coming June. We are in need of parents who are interested in helping out on the executive next year. All positions are available every year. Please contact <a href="mailto:burnabysouth.pac@sd41.bc.ca">burnabysouth.pac@sd41.bc.ca</a> if you are interested.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>BCCPAC Conference on May 5 – Sheraton Guildford in Surrey</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent sponsorship for 1-2 parents is available. Please contact <a href="mailto:vickytfma@gmail.com">vickytfma@gmail.com</a> if interested.</li> </ul>	<p>Information received</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>PAC AGM on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Library.</p>	
<p><b>Adjourned</b></p>	<p>8:44 pm</p>	