

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
Burnaby North Secondary School

Minutes of Meeting Monday, November 9 2015
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Gallery, top floor of North Building (23 Attendees)

School Website – <http://north.sd41.bc.ca> (see link to PAC's own website)

Chair:	Susan Louie	Vice Chair:	Maria Wang
Treasurer:	Gina Svorinic	Secretary:	Peter Murray
DPAC Reps:	Margaret Wong, Margarita Lo and Winnie Chan	SPC Reps:	Alison Zheng, Carol Li and Jenny Ma

Approval of the October 2015 Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were formally approved.

Student's Report ~ Reps from Student Government

During October;

- Staff appreciation day, Coffee & TimBits
- Halloween dressing up and school spirit candy as reward

Events November;

- Remembrance Day Assembly 10 November
- Junior dance Grade 8~10 later in November

SPC (School Planning Councils) Report

Next steps following September changes announced by Provincial Government:

- District plans still in consultation due to be cascaded down to SPC
- Existing SPC plan to meet before the end of the year as no official plans have been communicated to displace the role of the SPC yet
- 3 year cycle due to peek this year for BNS

DPAC Report

RCMP liaison visit school as part of District 2, plans to meet once per month & should be effective in sharing information.

District PAC also responsible for setting up monthly speaking events, details to be included in school newsletter as well as DPAC mail server.

Next event Nov 25th Dr Zhou "World Class Learners" pre-registration required see the DPAC website for further details www.burnabydpac.com

Treasurer's Report

Workshops held over the past month.

Balance of \$1,987.40 in general account.

New gaming grant was applied for in June 2015 and \$ 35,560 was received in October, for a balance of \$56,445 in Gaming grant account

Chair's Report

Applications for Gaming funds have now been collated by the school and will be review by the PAC at a future date. Next PAC meeting is scheduled for the 14th December consensus this should be held.

Principal's Report – Mr. David Rawnsley

Paul Sandhu & David Rawnsley opportunity for Q&A after main presentation.

Main Presentation: “Assessment Strategies that Support Learning”

Introduction presentation from team members of the communicating student learning group;

- Darrel Goeson Mathematics Department Head
- John Lekakis Social Studies Teacher

These approaches are is being trialed by a couple of teachers in the school at grades 8 & 9 (10-12 remain fixed on percentage strategy) does take more time but it is anticipated to provide a more balanced approach to assessment.

From Darrel, using slides and handouts;

Example of “Standards Based Grading (SBG)” showing how each child is progressing through the class allows for a teacher to drive a focused, thoughtful approach using objective data that reflects the needs of the individual. This is to promote communication between teacher & student and conversation for parents. This also allows the teacher to focus on the best outcome for the class complementing the curriculum that sets the learning objective.

From John, using handouts;

Focusing more on skills & the process of developing skill sets over remembering facts in the short term. Ultimately this results in a connection to a higher purpose linking the learning outcomes to the real world and the student's future. First example using exit slips for students to reflect and provide feedback on lessons, for teachers to adapt. Second example using the evidence of an assignment through the social studies practice of witnessing an event, questioning what they learned. Both of these methods drive to a more engaged conversation and for the students to take a greater ownership of their learning outcomes & consensus of capability through one on one interviews.

2 Powerful changes introduced;

1. Changes the language to focus on improvement.
2. Opportunity to re-test, focus on what needs to be demonstrated encouraging support & collaboration also between students.

Potential future grading strategy based on continuous supportive assessment of capability to drive the mastery of curriculum versus, the current periodic testing that restricts final grades based on a scoring average throughout the year & reporting only 3 times a year.

OTHER news

- 2 Addition ProD days announced we will provide as much notice as possible.
- School events are to create a greater sense of community.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, December 14 2015