



# D.P.A.C. NOTES

DPAC MEETING MINUTES

Monday April 2, 2013  
Schou Education Centre

## In Attendance:

**Cariboo Lougheed:** Lyndhurst, Seaforth, Stoney Creek, University Highlands

**Central West:** Burnaby Central, Moscrop, Douglas Road, Chaffey-Burke  
**Brentwood North:** Burnaby North, Alpha, Capitol Hill, Lochdale, Montecito, Sperling,  
Confederation Park, Rosser

**Kingsway South:** Burnaby South, Clinton, Nelson

**District Staff:** Kevin Kaardal – Superintendent of Schools, Heather Hart – Assistant Superintendent, Gina Niccoli-Moen – Assistant Superintendent, Greg Frank – Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Uyeno – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Ben Pare - Literacy Program Consultant

## **Board of Education Trustees:**

Baljinder Narang – Board Chair & Trustee Kingsway South  
Ron Burton – Vice Chair & Trustee Brentwood North  
Larry Hayes – Trustee Cariboo Lougheed  
James Wang – Trustee Central West

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

DPAC Chair Jennifer Mezei – Mountain/Seaforth welcomed guests from District staff, Board of Education, Grade Seven Public Speaker Finalists & their parents, new and returning parent representatives and the attending DPAC Executive; Vice Chair Dave Dye – Mountain/Lyndhurst and Co-Secretary Jocelyn Schonekess – North/Confederation Park.

## **2. Grade 7 Public Speaking Winners**

- The top three finalists of the Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge attended the meeting to present DPAC with their winning speeches. The topic of this year's event sponsored by the Burnaby Newsleader was "It Starts Here."
- First place winner Erika Yu attends South Slope Elementary, second place winner Elyse Willan attends Lyndhurst Elementary and third place winner Goldin Joghataie attends Marlborough elementary. Thank you to all three girls for sharing their moving speeches at the DPAC Meeting.

- Congratulations also to zone finalists Brandon Mayrand – Confederation Park Elementary, Sofia Allueva – Brentwood Park Elementary, Shane Atienza – Douglas Road Elementary, Jorry Luz – Stride Avenue Community School, and Kathrina Pillay – Second Street Community School.

### 3. **SD41 Budget Presentation: Secretary/Treasurer Greg Frank**

Burnaby School District Secretary/Treasurer Greg Frank presented DPAC with the District's current amended Operating budget and a preview of the 2013/2014 operating budget. Highlights of the power point presentation include:

- The majority of school district grants come from provincial grants through the Ministry of Education's funding allocation system.
- Burnaby School District has local revenue from international student fees, facility rentals, continuing education fees and investments.
- Provincially, the Ministry of Education establishes an annual budget to cover their responsibilities that includes the operating grants to public schools of which Burnaby receives \$190 million, approximately 4% of the total.
- Provincial Operating Grant funding provides for \$6900 per school age full time regular, continuing education or alternate school student, \$5851 per school age full time distributed learning student, \$4430 per adult full time student, \$1340 per ESL student, \$1160 per Aboriginal education student, \$36,600 per Special Ed Level 1 student, \$18,300 per Special Ed Level 2 student and \$9,200 per Special Ed Level 3 student.
- Highlights of the Ministry of Education Preliminary 2013/2014 Operating Grant include:
  - Base allocation amount per student increasing by \$116 to a total of \$6900
  - Vulnerable Students funding of \$429,145
  - BC Education Plan funding of \$469,710
  - Unique student, CommunityLINK, Learning Improvement Fund and Facilities Grant funding all unchanged.
  - 87.1% of District operating budget goes to Instruction. Provincial average is 83.3%
  - 10.2% of District operating budget goes to Operations & Maintenance. Provincial average is 11.5%
  - 2.3% of District operating budget goes to District Administration. Provincial average is 3.2%
  - Transportation accounts for 0.4% of operating spending. Provincial average is 2%.
  - 73.5% of the District operating budget goes to Salaries. Provincial average is 71.4%
  - Employee Benefits represent 16.4% of operating budget. Provincial average is 17.1%
  - 10.1% of the District operating budget goes to Supplies & Services. Provincial average is 11.5%.
  - Libraries are an Instructional expense. Books/Materials/Resources fall under Services & Supplies.
  - Teachers represent 68.4% of budgeted full time employees. Provincial average is 63.1%.
  - Support Staff represent 11.7% of budgeted full time employees. Provincial average is 13.1%. Support staff includes all CUPE staff, noon hour supervisors, secretaries, janitors.
  - Educational Assistants represent 8.2% of budgeted full time employees. Provincial average is 9.0%
  - Principals and Vice Principals represent 5.4% of budgeted full time employees. Provincial average is 7.2%.
  - Burnaby's student enrolment has declined by 341.
  - Teacher Pension Plan cost increase will be approximately 9.3% or \$1.5 million.
  - Teacher salary increments will be \$700,000
  - Transition costs for reversion to PST/GST from HST will be \$360,000.
  - Services & Supplies inflation will be 1.5%

- 2013/2014 Total Revenue will be approximately \$212,981,227 and expenses will be \$218,393,292 with a shortfall of \$6,154,065.
- Potential Budget adjustments to make up the shortfall total approximately \$4,154,065.

DPAC Chair Jennifer Mezei asked that all school DPAC reps talk to their school PACs to find out what parents think about the potential budget adjustments and other funding priorities and forward a list of concerns to DPAC within a week. These will be presented to the District at the next Partner Group meeting. Input needs to be representative of all schools in the District.

#### 4. **Break**

#### 5. **Chair Report**

- **Calendar Conversion Update:** At the Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> regular public meeting the Board of Education approved to have a one year pilot for the two week spring break, starting for the 2013/2014 school year. A press release was sent out with the survey results. The community survey was 67% in favor, elementary school parents were 51% in favor, secondary school parents were 67% in favor and the staff survey results indicated 89% in favor of going to a two week spring break. It has been decided that how the extra 8 minutes per day is added will be up to each individual school. Reps are encouraged to share this with their PACs to get the conversation started on what options for adding minutes would work best at your school community. The approved calendar for 2013/2014 will also include having common Pro-D days across the District and common to other Districts.
- **Emergency Preparedness PIE:** The next DPAC hosted PIE will be Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Seaforth Elementary. Bernadette Woit will be the speaker. She has been working with Emergency Preparedness in schools and has compiled a how-to binder on the subject. It is recommended that school emergency preparedness committee members take advantage of her extensive knowledge and attend. Registration is mandatory at [www.burnabydpac.com](http://www.burnabydpac.com). Note that DPAC is using new registration software. There will be child-minding for the event, with pre-registration only. DPAC is also considering purchasing one of the resource binders to be shared by schools in the District.

#### 6. **Correspondence/Committee Reports**

- **Education Committee:** During the IB consultation process, a new program was discovered that is in its first year here in Canada, called AP Capstone. This program is in partnership with Cambridge University and is a theory of knowledge and diploma based program to help transition students to university. Students who are enrolled in three or more AP (advanced placement) courses in a school with AP Capstone would do an independent research paper. There are currently only 18 schools worldwide that offer this with only one school in Canada piloting the program; in Edmonton, Alberta. Burnaby would like to introduce the program in September 2014 and is currently looking at how this would work with the current AP program offered in the District to see if it is a viable option. It is an exciting opportunity as opposed to something like an IB Program offered in only one District school, this program could be used by students all over the District, much like an ACE-IT program.

- BCCPAC: The BCCPAC Spring Conference is from Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> with the AGM on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Schools are encouraged to get their proxies into DPAC if there is no school rep attending the AGM. DPAC will cover 50% of the registration fee if any schools would like to send a rep to the conference or AGM. This is on a first come first serve basis until the funding set aside for registration is gone. If you cannot attend the whole conference, BCCPAC has always been very generous in allowing parents to split the days.

There are some interesting resolutions put forward this year. Parents are encouraged to have a look and talk about them with their PAC groups. Burnaby's Glenwood Elementary PAC has put forward a resolution on provincial funding for school playgrounds. A North Vancouver school has put forward one about funding for literary centres, however when you read the rationale it is really more about having a lower student to teacher ratio to help students increase their reading levels. Another interesting resolution is to change the funding formulas for new school construction to include funding what growth is happening in the future and not just what the current needs are. Cowichan Valley DPAC has submitted one requesting a re-distribution of Ministry funding from private schools to public school in BC and Surrey DPAC has a resolution put forward requesting PST exemption on electronic devices for educational purposes. New Westminster DPAC would like to see the speed zones in school grounds be changed to 30km/H from dusk to dawn like all playgrounds. To see the details of these and all other resolutions they are posted on the BCCPAC conference website in .pdf form at <http://conference.bccpac.bc.ca/>

- PAC Chair Event: This year DPAC PAC Chair event will also include school SPC members. The topics/speakers for the evening will be about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and the BC Education Plan. The event will take place at Burnaby Central Secondary. There is a tentative dates that will be run by the District before being announced.
- Special Ed Parent Network Day: New West DPAC and BCCPAC are hosting a Parent Network Day for supporting families and parents of students with special needs to get together to promote parent engagement, education and advocacy. The events will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at F.W. Howay Elementary School in New West. The fee of \$20 includes lunch. Register at [www.nwdpac.ca](http://www.nwdpac.ca).

## 7. New Business/Q&A

As part of their Sustainability Initiatives and due to popularity, next month the District will review the guidelines for school gardens.

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:

- **Burnaby DPAC is now on Facebook and Twitter – look for the links on our website**
- **WEBSITE – [www.burnabydpac.com](http://www.burnabydpac.com) - email your events in to be published**
- **Think Green – Please bring your own coffee mug or water cup**
- **Communication – Email [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com) or [chair@burnabydpac.com](mailto:chair@burnabydpac.com)**
- **Next meeting – 7:00 pm Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at SCHOU Education Centre**