

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

Date: October 3, 2016

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Recorder: Rosanne Ternes

Attendance: 1 administrator; 2 staff, 10 students, 30 parents

Agenda Item	Information	Action
<b>Welcome</b>	7:05 pm: Vicky Ma, Chair, welcomed all in attendance.	None
<b>Old Business: PAC Treasurer &amp; DPAC rep (alternate) positions open</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Yi Chun Liu for PAC Treasurer. Motion to accept by acclamation by Vicky M. and seconded by Natasha Batiste. All in favour.</li> <li>• Seeking a DPAC (alternate) rep. If anyone interested, talk to Annie Wong. District runs a meeting once a month. DPAC rep attends and reports at our meetings.</li> </ul>	Acclaimed with all in favour
<b>Student Government:</b> Brittany (President)	<p><b><u>Introduction of new student government</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brittany introduced the Student Government for 2016-17 except for the Grade 8 representation.</li> <li>• Grade 8 election to be held Wednesday, October 5.</li> <li>• Each member shared advice for the grade 8 students.</li> <li>• Student Government runs different events through the year; seasonal events, fundraisers, winter formal for senior grades, Rebel Fest, and more.</li> </ul>	Information received
<b>Approval of June 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes</b>	Vicky M. presented for approval the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting. Gorette Gonzalez motioned to approve, Natasha B. seconded.	Approved
<b>“What Teens Need Most from their Parents”:</b> Presentation by Ms. Jennifer Duhamel-Conover, Counselling Department Head	<p><b><u>Introduction to South’s Student Services Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 counsellors divided by student’s last name. Also international student support worker, school psychologist, textbook coordinator, safe school specialist, aboriginal support liaison, career programs office.</li> <li>• Every block 2 students do First Aid in student services.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>How to Best Support and Meet the Needs of our Teens During High School Student Life at South</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented article <i>What Teens Need Most From Their Parents</i> (Wall Street Journal article)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.wsj.com/articles/what-teens-need-most-from-their-parents-1470765906">http://www.wsj.com/articles/what-teens-need-most-from-their-parents-1470765906</a></li> <li>• Offer coaching, support, good examples, and understanding.</li> <li>• Don’t back off but keep connections.</li> </ul>	Information received

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social stress – choose friends, repair friendships, self-soothing skills.</li> <li>• The F.O.R.C.E. <a href="http://www.forcesociety.com">www.forcesociety.com</a> – Families Organized for recognitions and care equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site regarding mental health for kids</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Anxiety BC <a href="http://www.anxietybc.com">www.anxietybc.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site regarding anxiety Resources, results, relief</li> </ul> </li> <li>• See Student Services if you have any concerns. They are there to assist.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>School Report:</b> Ms. Victoria Lee, Principal</p>	<p><b><u>Introduction to our New Principal</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrator for 21 years. First in Surrey, then Burnaby.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>School &amp; Staffing Updates for 2016-17</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 1,800 students enrolled this year.</li> <li>• BC Provincial School for Deaf principal on leave. Ms. Lee will be doing both roles in the interim. Addition of Mr. Ben Pare as acting vice-principal while Ms. Lee is interim principal at School for the Deaf.</li> <li>• Collaboration starts this Wednesday. Collaboration time is when teachers are collaborating and working on projects for student learning. Peer mentors run lessons in the classes – mentors are trained in set lessons. Six weeks in a row, break, then another session.</li> <li>• School goals: literacy and mental health with a focus on sleep.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Reporting Regulations and Process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New curriculum focuses on teaching critical thinking.</li> <li>• Different this year: No percentages for Grades 8 and 9. Letter grade only with more precise comments. Students will be asked to do self-assessment at end of year.</li> <li>• Universities are changing as well, to match the focus of the new curriculum. Grades 10-12 still get percentages. Can accommodate percentages in grade 9 if needed for post-secondary.</li> <li>• Looking at changing interim report. First report card now in November. Interim given now in second term.</li> <li>• End of this year parent portal for school should be online. See attendance, grades, etc., on-line</li> </ul>	Information received
<p><b>PAC Financial Report:</b> Vicky Ma</p>	<p><b><u>Financial Report for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Sept 2015 to August 2016.</li> <li>• PAC has two accounts; general and gaming.</li> </ul>	Carried with all in favour

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC is asked for funding requests from different departments. Requests are looked at holistically and try to spread funds around to all departments. Requests are voted on at PAC meetings.</li> <li>• PAC does one fundraiser a year which is hanging baskets.</li> <li>• Grant money from government is based on past year’s enrollment.</li> <li>• Motion to accept Financial Statement by Vicky M., seconded by Goretti G., motion passed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Fall Funding Requests</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three funding requests were received, presented, and discussed. All decisions were motioned by Vicky M. and seconded by Michelle Martinez as detailed in the attached Funding Request Report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Liaison Reports:</b>	<p><b><u>Athletics Report – Natasha Batiste</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South has many athletic opportunities throughout the year. Robbie Puni is head of the Athletics Department and will present at the November PAC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>District PAC Report – Annie Wong</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPAC meetings are held the third Monday of every month. You are welcome to attend.</li> <li>• For information on new curriculum go to website: Curriculum.gov.bc.ca</li> <li>• Parent workshops held throughout year. Free with registration. Check DPAC website for schedule.</li> <li>• Next workshop is October 13 from 7-9 at Burnaby Mountain.</li> </ul>	Information received
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holiday Parent Social on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7 pm</li> <li>• Parent volunteer opportunities and parent education survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMDF5Q5">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMDF5Q5</a> <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKPCZ6G">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKPCZ6G</a></li> </ul>	Information received
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room	
<b>Adjourned</b>	8:50 pm	