

**DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**PREAMBLE**

The Board believes in promoting and supporting effective, systematic two-way communication with parents in Burnaby by providing information about the district so that they can contribute to and influence educational decisions. In order to facilitate communication between home and school, each school in the district should have a Parent Advisory Council to advise the Board and the principal and staff of the school on many matters relating to the school.

Whereas the perspective of each council is that of a particular school, the Board recognizes the need for a similar group whose perspective is that of the district as a whole.

**POLICY**

**THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS.**

**OBJECTIVE**

To ensure communication links between parents/guardians and the Board.

**REGULATIONS**

1. The function of the district advisory council will be
  - a. To advise the Board;
  - b. To solicit opinion from parents/guardians through parent advisory councils;
  - c. To provide information to parent advisory councils;
  - d. To assist the board in decision making and in policy formulation.
2. Membership in the district council will be determined by school parent councils each of which will elect one member, plus alternates, for the school year to the central body by September 30 as per the District Parent Advisory Council constitution.
3. A minimum of five meetings of the district council shall be held each school year between September and June. Agendas shall be sent out in advance of meetings; summaries of proceedings shall be submitted to the school parent advisory councils and to the Board.

4. An executive committee shall be formed by the district parent advisory council by electing two members to represent each zone in the district and members-at-large, as per constitution.

**Geographic Regions**

**Brentwood North Zone**

Alpha Secondary; Brentwood Park, Confederation Park, Gilmore Community, Kitchener, Rosser Elementary Schools

Burnaby North Secondary; Aubrey, Capitol Hill, Lochdale Community, Montecito, Parkcrest, Sperling, Westridge Elementary Schools

**Cariboo Lougheed Zone**

Burnaby Mountain Secondary; Cameron, Forest Grove, Lyndhurst, Seaforth, Stoney Creek Community, University Highlands Elementary Schools

Cariboo Hill Secondary; Armstrong, Second Street Community, Twelfth Avenue Elementary Schools

**Central West Zone**

Burnaby Central Secondary; Brantford, Buckingham, Douglas Road, Gilpin, Lakeview, Morley Elementary Schools

Moscrop Secondary; Cascade Heights, Chaffey-Burke, Inman, Marlborough Elementary Schools

**Kingsway South Zone**

Burnaby South Secondary/BC School for the Deaf; Clinton, Glenwood, Maywood Community, Nelson, South Slope/BCSD, Suncrest, Windsor Elementary Schools

Byrne Creek Secondary Community; Edmonds Community, Stride Avenue Community, Taylor Park Elementary Schools, Provincial Resource Programs

5. A member of staff will act as a liaison to the executive committee.

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Cross References:  
Statutory: School Act 85 (2) (b)  
Other: