

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY
AGENDA**

Monday, May 11, 2026, 4:00 pm
Brentwood Room

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Children and Youth in Care Framework in Action Update Burnaby School District

Committee of the Whole Public Meeting
May 11, 2026
Nick Christofides, Director of Instruction

Supporting Children and Youth in Care in Burnaby

- In 2024-25 (64 students), and 2025-26 (67 students) Burnaby School District supported designated Children and Youth in Care (CYIC)
- Collaboration with MCFD, Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies, and community partners
- Staff development, professional development, Mental Health Literacy, Compassionate Systems, and trauma-informed practice
- School-based Mental Health Teams, School based teams, and Youth Engagement Support Workers support transitions and connections

Understanding the Needs Through Data

- 70% of Grade 12 CYIC students graduated in 2024-25 and we are tracking for 80% in 2025-26
- Remaining students have graduation or transition plans for workplace, additional school
- *151 students identified as 'Children and Youth in Care Ever'
- Graduation rate for 'Care Ever' students is 62%, indicating ongoing need for targeted support

Our Commitments Moving Forward (2026-27)

- Targeted supports for CYIC and 'Care Ever' students
- Enhance partnerships with MCFD & Indigenous Ed teams
- Helping with transition to young adulthood
- School Plans include “priority learners” as a focus in each section

Youth Engagement Support - What it Looks Like in Burnaby

- Team Collaboration continues
- Outreach during school breaks with 1:1 or small group connection activities
- Transitions Grade 7 to 8; continued connection through secondary school and into early adult life

Challenges and the Changing Landscape

- Adult transitions
- CYIC supports depending on length of care experience
- Supporting students on Youth Agreements (not in care) but with complex needs and may be in and out of care
- Need more consistent supports for families involved with MCFD (e.g. kinship care)
- Relationship with MCFD

Discussion – Moving from Data to Action

- How are we identifying, tracking, and supporting students with lived care experience?
- What's working well in terms of outreach and transition planning?
- Where do you see gaps or challenges?

Thank You



LIAISON TRUSTEE REPORT

Name of Committee/Organization: Environment Committee

Liaison Trustee: Peter Cech

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2026

Topics Discussed Most Relevant to the School District:

Contained within the Solid Waste and Recycling 2025 Annual Report:

Expand waste diversion and recycling outreach to additional schools, neighbourhoods, and community groups to strengthen public awareness and participation.

Staff undertook a baseline study of select schools waste and recycling streams in 2023:

The average garbage stream of schools in that study had 51% organics and 16% recyclable materials, a total of 67% divertible materials. Blue bins within classrooms contained mainly paper. To improve infrastructure, city staff have encouraged the District to switch the blue recycling bins in each elementary school classroom to yellow bins to reflect the yellow bin (mixed paper bin/bag) found in school hallways and the yellow paper bags at home.

Data from future waste audits will be shared with District staff.

Committee/Organization Actions:

For information.



LIAISON TRUSTEE REPORT

Name of Committee/Organization: Public Safety Committee

Liaison Trustee: Gary Wong

Date of Meeting: April 23, 2026

Topics Discussed Most Relevant to the School District:

Burnaby RCMP Burnaby Youth Section reported:

- Pro-Active School Visit: 87
- Meet with At Risk Youth: 11
- Restorative Justice Referrals: 16

A total of 87 proactive school visits were conducted during this report period:

- Youth Section officers conducted 56 school visits included check-in with staff and students to address any potential issues, talks, and events such as intermural sports, fundraisers
- Youth Services paid 10 visits to schools to conduct restorative justice conflict resolution workshops and 20 visits to facilitate restorative justice classroom dialogue circles
- Youth Services made 16 referrals: 10 referrals were related to theft, 2 were related to assault, 1 to extortion and 3 were related to conflict between students at school
- Community Response Team (CRT) made 2 RJ referrals referring 2 youth who had been arrested for theft from a retail shop at the Metrotown Mall

During Reading Week, Members of the team visited local schools and daycares to read with children, helping promote early literacy while strengthening positive relationships between police and youth. These visits provided an opportunity to support educators in encouraging a love of reading, while also giving young students the chance to interact with officers in a friendly, supportive environment. Engaging with children in these

settings helps build trust, enhances community connection, and reinforces our commitment to youth development and safety.

During the first two weeks of January, with students returning to school after the winter holidays, Traffic officers conduct 22 back-to-school speed and pedestrian safety operations in school zones to improve road safety around schools. In addition to the enforcement, officers conducted an educational talk at Aubrey Elementary School to make children aware of the importance of being visible when walking to and from school.

Burnaby Fire Department reported:

Community Outreach Initiatives

- Conducted 10 SD41 School Visits in January 2026
- School visits to the entire school

Career Fair

- Jan 14, 2026
- Burnaby Central Secondary

Burnaby Central Recruitment Presentations

- February 2026
- Overview of the Burnaby Fire Department hiring process and presentation on recruitment