



École Inman NEWSLETTER

October 2025

INTRODUCTION:

Hello Inman families and welcome back to your monthly DPAC newsletter. This letter has some important information for all parents and as always, please reach out if you have comments, concerns and solutions to any issues which may impact the students at Inman. You may view the meeting agenda [HERE](#)

Thanks, Habeeb S | Inman DPAC rep.

GUEST SPEAKER

As you may already know, our kiddos are taking part in a wonderful carving project at our school. Winadzi is the artist leading this program with the support and encouragement of our principal Mr. Maclean. Principal Maclean and Winadzi have worked on several such projects over the years and Mr. Winadzi spoke to the DPAC reps about “cooperation”.

You may click on the poster to the right to view it in full screen.



Get to know Winadzi better by visiting his web site, [CLICK HERE](#)



Simon Daniel James, also known as Winadzi is an internationally renowned artist in many mediums. Simon is a carver for more than 35 years and he has learned many things in his long career. Winadzi attended ‘The Vancouver Film School’ from 1996-1998. His training at VFS allowed him to be able to design more efficiently in both 2D and 3D designs. Simon practiced his carving and sculpting for several years while living in North Vancouver and was asked to carve 3 totem poles for Fukushima Japan in 2001. Those totems are currently on public display in Fukushima Japan since the Fukushima Future Expo. Now living on Bowen Island with his wife Naomi James, with their 2 children, Winadzi has completed 26 episodes of ‘Raven Tales’ and is the proud owner of ‘Raven Tales Production Corp’ since 2004. Simon’s style is mainly from his aboriginal culture but his diversity is expressed in his ability to approach all challenges with the client’s vision in mind.





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DPAC ITEMS

Burnaby DPAC Executive Code of Ethics & Conduct Agreement

The executive presented a new item for members to vote on titled “Burnaby DPAC Executive Code of Ethics & Conduct Agreement”. Objections were tabled by DPAC representatives and this item has been postponed until all DPAC members have the opportunity to review the document and its content and vote on it at our next meeting. Concerns include the removal of members and not limited to police being called to a meeting if a disruption warranting the same is required and this did not sit well with many DPAC attendee’s.

You may review this document [HERE](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Burnaby DPAC Sustainability Committee Update | Read the report [HERE](#)

SOGI Committee Report- September 24, 2025 | Read the report [HERE](#)

Burnaby DPAC Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee | Read the report [HERE](#)



**COMING
SOON**

The DPAC shall be sending out surveys to every parent to gather a pulse on topics of concern to you as well as feedback and solutions to any issues which impact the children of your school. One example may be funding and as a result, the cancellation of band programs at some Burnaby district schools.



UPCOMING AMENDMENT TO BILL 19 – 2025 SCHOOL AMENDMENT ACT, 2025

I am posting this as an FYI, for anyone interested.

Section 85.2 of the [School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996](#) provides school boards with the authority to offer child care programs on school property, requiring them to be a licensee and to offer the program only on school days before or after school hours. The board can charge fees, but they must not exceed the direct costs of providing the program.

- **Authorization:** A board is authorized to provide a child care program on board property if it holds the appropriate license.
- **Timing:** The program can only be offered on school days, either before or after school hours.
- **Fees:** Boards can charge fees to students using the service.
- **Cost Limit:** The fees charged can be no more than the direct costs incurred by the board to provide the child care program.

AMENDMENT:

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Explanatory Note

1 Section 85.2 of the School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, is amended

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:

(1) A board may provide a child care program on board property if the board is a licensee. , and

(b) in subsection (2) by striking out "a student" and substituting "a child", by striking out "direct" and substituting "reasonable" and by adding "to the child" after "providing that child care program".

Explanatory Note

2 Section 85.3 (2) is amended by striking out "direct and indirect" and substituting "reasonable".

Commencement

3 This Act comes into force on the date of Royal Assent.

Explanatory Notes

CLAUSE 1: [School Act, section 85.2]

- expands the authority of boards of education to provide child care programs on board properties;
- changes the description of costs in relation to the fees that boards of education may charge.

CLAUSE 2: [School Act, section 85.3] changes the description of costs in relation to the revenue that boards of education may obtain.





The DPAC is urgently seeking for volunteer parents to sit on one of it's many committees. **ANY parent (whether on a PAC executive, or not) is welcome** to participate. Please reach out to have any / all your questions answered, i.e. time commitment, which committee's require volunteers, etc.

Email: DPACChair@burnabyschools.ca

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

SAFETY TIPS

