

Stride Avenue Community Council

General Meeting Agenda – February 18, 2026, at 630pm on MS Teams

Council Member: Sara (Chair), Amy (Secretary-Treasurer),

Parents: Sandy Parisa, Susie, Lily, Isabel B

School Staff: Wendell Hiltz, Derek Cockram, Sandhya Krishna, Cheryl Chan

The meeting was called to order by Sara at 6:35 PM on Teams.

Territorial Acknowledgement by Chair, Sara N

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.”

Welcome and Introduction of Attendees

Attendees were welcomed and invited to briefly share how they are connected to Stride.

Approval of this Agenda – Sara, Amy

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 21 January – Sara, Susie

Guest Speaker: Isabel Barros, Executive Director – BASES Thrift Store

<https://www.basesburnaby.ca/>

Origins and Vision (2011–2013) Founded by two Community School Coordinators in Burnaby, BASES was created to solve the problem of inconsistent funding for extracurricular activities. They moved away from unpredictable grant-writing to a self-sustaining social enterprise model inspired by successful non-profit thrift stores. The store held its grand opening in October 2013.

Growth and Scaling (2014–2018)

- 2014: Within its first year, the store supported 4 schools in Burnaby.
- 2018: The impact tripled to 12 schools across both Burnaby and New Westminster.
- Expansion: The store began funding district-wide initiatives, ensuring that even more children had access to sports, arts, and academic clubs.

Current Impact and Legacy (As of 2024–2026) The organization has reached several major milestones in the years following your initial summary:

- Funding Milestone: As of 2025, BASES has raised and reinvested over \$1 million back into the community.
- Student Support: In the 2022/2023 cycle alone, they supported over 2,400 students across more than 55 unique programs, ranging from bike repair to summer camps.
- Community Hub: Beyond funding, the store serves as a vital resource for roughly 60 volunteers, providing a "stepping stone" for youth and newcomers to gain local work experience.

Principal Update by Wendell H

- **Community Council** – Ongoing thanks to everyone for all the hard work they do to

provide such wonderful opportunities for our learners. We are very appreciative of all the time and energy council members, and other volunteers put in to help make Stride Avenue Community School a great place.

- **Construction Update** – Construction is progressing nicely. Many more classrooms are having millwork installed, drywall is almost completed in the gym, flooring is due to arrive in the next couple of weeks, more concrete outside will be poured soon as well. On average, there are more than 50 workers, from various trades in the building on a daily basis. It is a very busy place. We are working with the project team from the school district to start coordinating packing and moving.
- **Professional Development Day** – 27 February is the next Pro D Day and it is a district day, staff will be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities as part of the Professional Development Day. There are many sessions being offered off-site on that day, most are being held at Burnaby North and surrounding Elementary schools.
- **Student Absenteeism** – Please ensure you are informing the school if your child is going to be absent – you can phone or sent an email as well. That saves us making a phone call to you in the morning.
- **Areas of Concern** – Parking tends to be an ongoing concern. We almost have all staff displaying the SD41 Parking passes and we are placing ‘No Parking’ reminders on vehicles who do not display this placard as a reminder that this is a Staff Only Parking Lot. Thanks for your support.
- **Stride Farewell** – We are working on a celebration to recognize and say good bye to our current building before we move to the new school. April 30th is our tentative date. We will confirm as time draws nearer. Please mark your calendar. Time TBD.

Special Events Update by Parisa – 5 minutes

- A meeting took place to plan a Stride Reunion for former students and staff
- This will event will have alumni visiting their former school/classrooms and then gathering in the gym to view a slide show and photos from the past
- Light refreshments will be provided and a digital memory book will be created to capture messages from former staff and Stride alumni members.

Treasurer Update by Amy

January 1st 2026
Monthly Statement
Opening Balance \$7247.41

Fundraising Co-Chairs Update by Sara

- Feb 6th Pizza Lunch, we raised \$215 toward the playground.
- Keep your eye out for another Pizza Lunch for March 6th. Fresh Slice came out with new promotion for school fundraising, so we will be selling 1/8 slice of a 16" XL pizza, individually box for \$5.50/ slice.
- Feb 26th, Thursday, Family Movie Night Fundraising for playground, featuring The Bad Guys, 5:30pm pizza dinner, 6pm start the movie, concession stand open (water, juice, chips, popcorn, candy bags) order Pizza dinners by a whole pizza this time, please order yours by Feb 23rd, Monday.

Date	Description	Category	Type	Amount	Balance
Jan 15	Burnaby District PAC Grant 2025-2026	Grants	Income	\$172.74	\$7,420.15
Jan 23	Big Brother Clothing Drive	Fundraising	Income	\$102.50	\$7,522.65
Jan 23	Purdy Chocolate	Fundraising	Income	\$381.09	\$7,903.74
Jan 23	Poinsettia Fundraising	Fundraising	Income	\$772.92	\$8,676.66
Jan 31	Bank Services Fee	Fees	Expense	\$2.00	\$8,674.66

Coordinators Update by Sandy K

- Ramadan Fasting for students *Feb. 18 to Mar13* from 1155-1225pm in library
- PE activity Div.1-6: 3 days for Pickle Ball (*March 10-12*), \$5 will be requested thru SCO
- Gaming funds for Indigenous Activity – Powwow & Hoop Dancing Performance &/or Workshop could be offered near end of May for 1-2 days (depending on funds & instructor availability)
- OST – *Winter sessions* underway; *Spring programs will only be for Gr.4-7*, due to move
- BASES – looking into all day Emerg. First-Aid Course during April 27th Pro D for students
- Gr.6 Girls Group *Feb. 19, 26 + Mar.5 & 12 from 12-1pm on Thursdays* in Cmty Room
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters of BC – One match with Gr.7 student has started; other TBA
- Burnaby Family Life: Parenting, Technology & Digital Use *Sat.Feb.21 (0-5) + Feb.28 (6-15)*
- SWIS parent mtgs– 1x/month *from 915-1030am-* Feb.19 in PM (Job Fair @ Nikkei Cultural C
- English Conversation Circle: *Wed. 115-230 in Cmty Room* (no child-minding available)
- Construction Mtg.- *Wed. in Cmty Rm 11am to 1pm* (snacks in office; no access to CR)
- Wed. Feb.18 @630pm – General Meeting_on Teams (all staff are welcome to attend 😊)
- Popcorn & Hot Chocolate-\$1.50 each in Gallery on Fridays @245Feb.20 & March 6
- Family Movie Night – *Feb.26th 530--830pm* – Pre-order Pizza & Drinks via SCO'til Feb.23
- Stride Reunion – : Make it a fun & memorable event! *Next Mtg. Mar.2 @ 2pm*
- Upcoming: Clothing Drive: *Mar.30-April.10@845-905* & Raffle for 2 Concert Tickets: TBA

Discussion, questions, and comments the discussion and the situation in Tumbler Ridge is the balance between accessibility and immediate security.

- 1. The Core Safety Logic** Schools operate on a "layered" security model. While the main entrance remains unlocked for public access, the actual "safe zone" is the classroom:
- The Classroom Door: This is the primary line of defense. Teachers keep their doors locked even when they are open. In an emergency, they simply pull the door shut, and it is instantly a barricaded space.
 - Perimeter Control: Every door in the school except the main entrance is kept locked from the outside at all times.
 - The Panic Button: The front office has a dedicated button that can instantly lock the main entrance and trigger a school-wide lockdown.

2. Why the Main Door is Open. The school keeps the front door unlocked to remain a welcoming environment for parents and service providers. A locked front door (common during COVID) is currently considered an "emergency-only" measure because it can hinder regular school operations and emergency exits.

3. Lessons from Tumbler Ridge (Feb 10, 2026).

- Staff Readiness: The meeting confirmed that school staff just "re-trained" on these protocols specifically because of this event.
- A major focus now is ensuring "doorstops" are removed. Propping doors open for convenience (like after recess) is the biggest security loophole, and staff have been instructed to stop doing it.
- Liaison Review: The school recently walked through its entire evacuation and "mustering" (gathering) plan with a new Police Liaison Officer (often called a School Liaison Officer or **SLO**) to ensure first responders know exactly where every classroom is.

4. Future Planning. As the school moves into a new facility, the administration is already rewriting safety procedures to fit the new floor plan, ensuring that "line of sight" and exit routes are optimized for the new building's layout.

The bottom line: The school is intentionally "open" at the front but "hardened" at the classroom level, with staff currently on high alert and undergoing refreshed training to ensure those protocols are actually followed.

15. Adjournment 7:28 pm

General Meetings for 2025-2026 on Wednesdays at 630pm on MS Teams <i>(unless otherwise stated)</i>
April 15th & May 20th
<i>Other Upcoming Important Dates...</i>
Popcorn & Hot Chocolate on Fridays \$1.50 each Feb.20, March 6
Family Movie Night – Thurs., Feb. 26 530-830pm Order Pizza via School Cash Online by Mon. Feb.23