

Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2017

Call to order by Chair: 7:06

Approval of January 9, 2017 minutes

Moved: L McIntosh

Seconded: M Walkus

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Student Council Report: None

Principal's Report - David Starr

School Plan

We have our school visit coming up April 18. Open invitation to everyone on council, 1-3pm. Member of parent community and board senior leadership will attend as well as Administrator from another school scheduled for 2 hours. Did a planning session in May of last year. District wants plans to look a certain way. We have a one page strategic plan which encapsulates the conversation and the direction of the school. They usually tend to be deficit centred, rather than strategically like a business. Identified who we are, key strategic aspirations. Plan starts with mission statement. Challenged healthy safe engaged supported. We looked at strategic priorities to focus on. Recognize and celebrate success, focus on culture of success, enhance relationships with community and parents. Programs need to tie in with what the school is trying to accomplish. Maintain strong focus on wellness of all members of our community. We looked at key aspirations. Focused on key successes as well as directions we're heading.

Broke aspirations down. Technology – we all felt that education powered by modern technology is key. Large investments were made. Replaced all PCs and Macs in the school. Brought in adobe creative cloud. Invested in robotics, purchased new lights and sound system for vpa. Making large investment into applied skills. Two new lathes installed. New CNC router on its way. Partnered with BC Welding Association and we have new welders. We will need another teacher for next year due to enrolment.

2 years ago started program with Taylor Park, up to 5 schools this year. Will be extended to another 5 schools next year.

Partnered with Red Cross, trained youth in bullying prevention. Took kids to conference for healthy dating relationships. Consent, online behaviour. Since then they've presented to two adult groups. Will be presenting to feeder schools. Kids are working more with feeder schools.

Bridge program kids who are ready for grade 8 in grade 7 have started working here. Wall of fame coming for graduates who have had success. Implementing common language for problem solving. Cultural differences in bullying retaliation and intimidation program starting partnered with UBC.

We identified that we want to catch kids who should be coming to our school but aren't. We're still getting kids from New Westminster. There are 212 kids at south who live in our catchment. We have a 76% retention rate. Last year was 85%. Outreach is working.

We do a lot of really good things and do them well, but needed more focus on academics.

Chair's Report & Correspondence

A lot of mail for dry grad. Will hang onto these as we do not have dry grad happening at Byrne. April meeting is on the 3rd. District is presenting budget to DPAC that day. We would like to cancel to go to that meeting. Maybe next year choose another date for the April meeting, it always lands on the same date. Dave has to double check with Greg Newman, Social Studies Head, president of United Nations Association for BC. They have a presentation planned for the same day. Supposed to be a very interesting evening. School will be sending out list serve to invite the community to attend. This could replace our Council meeting.

DPAC Report

Main item was presentation on SOGI resources. Parents were asking for presentations. District asked that if we want these presentations at the schools perhaps the school's could hold these by zones. Want more parent involvement in these items. Below are some resources available for parents to learn more on this subject.

Ivan Coyote's Ted Tx: We All Need a Safe Place to Pee - 2015 (12 min) *Canadian

In a poetically rhythmic TEDx talk, award winning Vancouver author Ivan Coyote highlights the need for gender neutral washrooms in all public places

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUKAVcj9NVA&feature=youtu.be>

Coming Out to Immigrant Parents - 2015 (4 min 30)

Young adults share their coming out stories. They share their feeling and fears: "This part of me is different...and what if it changes the way my family sees me...?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bz1bkHRwP6I>

Moms for Transgender Equality - 2015 (4 min) Human Right Campaign

Youtube video in which moms speak up for transgender equality. They are the voice of countless parents of transgender and gender-expansive youth, pledging to make the world safer for their children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oysepu0LWEk&feature=em-subsub_digest-g

In addition, below is a list of 3 great local organizations that can lead workshops surrounding SOGI topics. As per DPAC meeting, District SOGI Support Teachers Sarah Larsen and Dan Adrian are available to give presentations with, or without, the collaboration of any of the organizations below:

1. **Out In Schools** - <http://outinschools.com/>

Out in Schools [curates films](#) that compel youth to step into the challenges and the triumphs of LGBT2Q+ youth. The films debunk stereotypes, humanize LQBT2Q+ youth and envision the next generation of LGBT2Q+ youth and allies. Many Burnaby high schools bring this organization in speak to entire grade groups of students. Content is also suitable for elementary audiences. This presentation costs \$300 for any sized group.

1. **Qmunity** - <http://qmunity.ca/pridespeaks/>

Interactive workshops for and by youth to provide accurate, non-judgmental information about: sexual orientation, gender identity, anti-bullying. They have pre-set workshops geared for K-12 audiences. Their website clearly details the suggest age for each workshop, as well as the contents of the workshop itself. Great for both elementary and secondary classes. Generally, \$85/1 hour workshop for a group of 30-60 people.

1. **BCTF Workshops** – <http://bctf.ca/pd/workshops.aspx?id=233053>

Ranging a number of different topics such as the following: anti-discrimination, creating a gender-inclusive school culture, speak out on homophobia and transphobia, and sexual health education. These workshops need to be booked by a BCTF member (like Dan or Sarah), but can be arranged for any group of individuals, including parents. These workshops are also free

Proposed 3 year calendar due March 9th to comment on.

Provincial election, resources on DPAC website. Feedback welcome.

Maywood Flea market on April 22nd

Burnaby's got Talent on April 18th at Michael J Fox Theater. Students from schools performing.

Burnaby Mountain is presenting Mindful Teen learning session on April 25th @ 7pm. Open to all parents. Please visit their website to register.

DAC

This Thursday march 9 at Edmonds community school.

BCCPAC

May 5-7 Sheraton Guildford annual conference. Burnaby DPAC represents us very well there. Suggested at least one person should go. Last year conference was in Kelowna and it is local this year.

Treasurer's Report

No funding requests received, invoices have been approved. Dave said Science department does not have portable planetarium so that request does not need to be filled. Dave will follow up with department heads.

Last bank statement was end of December. Gaming has \$29,802.15 and General account has \$1,354.61.

Community School Coordinator's Report - Bal Dhillon

Conflict resolution study. Neila Miled, PHD at UBC doing a study on Muslim youth and their experiences in a Canadian High School. The other study is on conflict resolution among students.

Camp jubilee: we send kids to camp for teen camp at the end of August. They've lost some funding, about \$5000 just for our school. District is looking at getting more funding for camp jubilee. They reserve a week just for Burnaby students.

New Business – Parent Education. Need to identify what the needs of the community are and plan accordingly.

Adjournment: 8:07pm

Next meeting: May 1, 2017

Chair: Naz Jakir
Vice Chair: Melanie Walkus
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