

Parent Advisory Council

Meeting-April 7, 2014

Minutes

Attending: co-chair-Naz Jakir, treasurer -Petrina Bosiak, secretary-Ellen James, Principal-Dave Rawnsley, community school co-ordinator-Iha Hayer

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Approval of the agenda: Moved: Laura McIntosh

Second: Carolyn Lemarchand

Carried

Approval of minutes: Moved: Laura McIntosh

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Carried

Student Council Report: Nhi Nguyen-chair

Byrne Creek Has Talent has just wrapped up. Two winners Caleb Lagayan and Harrison Park will be competing in the district wide Burnaby Has Talent Contest to be held at Michael j fox theatre on Wednesday April 23. Good luck to them! The student government just completed the planning and hosting of a school wide spirit assembly. It was very successful and the student organisers did a great job of focussing the energy and excitement of the student body!

Co-Chair report: none

Treasurers Report: none

Principals Report:

-after three years of working toward this goal, Byrne creek has received official community school designation! This ensures that not only each child will be receiving a broad and deep learning experience at Byrne but each child's family and community will have access to supports as well. The school will be receiving funding that will be predictable and designated toward Community School programming in a sustainable way.

-grade twelve's will be participating in their grad transition interviews this week.

-report cards will be distributed on April 16th.

-parent teacher interviews will take place on April 24th

-next year will be Byrne Creeks tenth year. Perhaps a celebration will be planned.

Spiral of Inquiry

All children crossing the stage at the end of the time at Byrne should

*do so with dignity, purpose, and options

*be more curious than when they arrived

Each year a school plan is developed. Let's look ahead and see if we can identify how we can continue to meet the needs of the changing demographic (less students), the changing community (more development) and create responsive programming to reflect these changes. Discussion followed re; "what do our kids love about school/what do our kids hate about school/what one thing would make school more meaningful and engaging for our kids."

Community School Report: Iha Hayer

The PAC and Iha have developed a list of topics/speakers that will be part of each PAC meeting through to June 2015. This list will be posted on the parent tab of the school website

A workshop/information evening on Mental Wellness will take place on Thursday May 8th here at Byrne Creek. Details to follow

Old Business: Dry Grad numbers are still low

New Business: none

DPAC, BCCPAC: no report

Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Monday May 5th – Byrne Creek's Wayne Best will drop by to talk about school climate and issues facing students today