

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 6, 2012

Present:

Administration: David Rawnsley, Iha Farquhar, Wendy Amy

Parents: Janet Reid, Julia Tajiri, Naz Jakir, 12 other parents

Students: None

- 1. Call to Order at 7.00 pm**
- 2. MSC to adopt agenda with changes – deleted student Govt, added Dry Grad update**
- 3. MSC to adopt minutes**
- 4. Round of Introductions**
- 5. Library Report – Wendy Amy**
 - A request for gaming grants was received by PAC for E-Readers for the library. Wendy updated PAC on the type of E-Readers she was looking for, the need for them and the procedure that will be in place for borrowing them. Library would like to buy from Amazon. Permission to sign out by parents & students will be required. The books would be pre loaded.
- 6. Principal' Report – Dave Rawnsley**
 - 1st week of semester 2 has just finished. Due to job action no report cards with grades issued. If parents would like grades they should email the teachers. Students who are struggling should have received reports already.
 - No resolution to teacher's job action
 - Grade 10 & 11 marks are available but not officially reported
 - Byrne Creek has received ASCD Whole Child Award for 2012. Congratulations! ASCD is a worldwide educational organization through its whole child initiative encourages schools and communities to work together to ensure that each child has access to a challenging curriculum in a healthy and supportive environment. This is the first time a school outside of US has won. Byrne Creek was nominated and Dave was asked to send information about the school and complete essays and forms. ASCD unanimously voted for Byrnekreek. Executive form ASCD will be here to celebrate with the community. On March 23rd 5 staff members will be flying to Philadelphia to receive the award. This news is not public yet so please keep it confidential.

7. Correspondence & Dry Grad update

- Thank you note from Trina Moulin for letting her speak at our last meeting.
- BCTA meeting on Monday Feb 20 looking for input from parents on job action.
- Teacher magazine
- Dry Grade Update – students have agreed to book the boat cruise with casino tables and fake money. Price is being negotiated. Dry grad meeting invite to be sent to parents for volunteers. Need 3 parents.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming account balance as at Dec 31, 2011 \$27,821.95, cheques still coming in from 2010-2011. \$3,034.38 remaining per report.
- General account balance as at Dec 31, 1011 \$1,851.46
- Requests: \$1,500 for Kindles, New request for \$500 for boys basketball team for uniforms for home and away games, 2 sets required, \$2,000 approved previously. Motion carried to pay \$500 for uniforms. Motion carried to pay \$1,500 for E-Book Readers. Motion carried to pay \$1,000 towards ASCD celebration.

9. Community School Report – Iha Farquhar

- Presentation on achievements, update on things happened and things to come
- Need parent reps on Community Council
- Simon Fraser Teacher students assisting ESL students in study groups in 1-3 ratio
- Frontier College is doing pilot information sessions for Grades 10 – 12
- Grade 7 Girl transition meeting in conjunction with Stride KRIB at Byrnecreek.
- Looking for ideas on changes to PAC meeting format, once a month business meeting followed by workshops or speakers. Once a month luncheon if you can't make it to evening session. Ideas are welcome.

10. DPAC Report

- Feb 29th pink shirt day
- March 19-23 Spring break
- BCCPAC conference. If you are interested in attending see Janet.

Meeting adjourned 9.00 pm

Next meeting March 5, 2012