

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Present:

Administration: Lynn Archer, Ron Hall

Parents: Tess Rogalsky, Janet Reid, Carol Storseth, Janet Parker.

Students:

- 1. Call to Order at 7:05pm.**
- 2. MSC to adopt agenda**
- 3. MSC to accept minutes with the change of ‘President’s Report’ to ‘Chair’s Report’**
- 4. Round table of introductions**
- 5. Principal’s Report – Lynn Archer**
 - We have had increased enrollment in grades 10 & 11, decreased enrollment in grade 8.
 - Oct. 4th is sign-up for parent-teacher interviews between 4-6:30pm. The actual date of interviews is on Oct. 11th. If you are not able to be here you can call the teachers and set up a time or another meeting.
 - Interim report cards will actually be sent home on Oct. 11th. We are trying this for the first time, rather than sending them home early.
 - There is an early dismissal on Oct. 11th @ 1:40pm and then on Oct. 12th there is a late start at 10:00am.
 - Athletics have started. Grade 8’s are playing volleyball and field hockey. Grade 9 has boys soccer. The number of students playing has increased and so have the number of teams.
 - Visual and Performing Arts is hosting the 3rd Byrne Creek Idol on Oct. 17th @ 7pm. Tickets are sold in advance and are usually sold out.
 - Student Council has been busy. On Sept. 24th there was an ‘All Councils’ meeting and the guest speaker was Ian Tyson. He gave the groups tips and ideas on how to get organized.
 - SPC cards are on sale.
 - The Grade 8 Mixer was held from 4-6pm (a little later than before). It was well attended.
 - Lots of clubs and councils. The Leo Club has 80 students. It was actually hard to find a place to meet but it’s a great group that helps the Lions Club in the community.
 - Oct. 3rd we will be starting a different schedule for tutorial Wednesday.
 - Looking for parent volunteers for Literacy Committee and the Social Responsibility Committee. The parent can be a virtual member, receive minutes by e-mail and e-mail and questions or responses. Janet Reid will be on the Literacy Committee and Janet Parker will volunteer for the Social Responsibility Committee.
 - The roundabout in front of the school has been cleaned up. It was getting a bit overgrown. Anyone with some nice perennials can add them to the plants there.

- Teachers are learning about 'Restitution'. The district is offering workshops on Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th and Jan. 17th. Registration forms available on the Burnaby School District #41 website.

6. Vice-Principal's Report – Ron Hall

- Overhead presentation on how the timetables are built at Byrne Creek for a semester system.
- We have come as close as we can to meet Bill 33 with class size and composition. We had 5 classes with over 30 students, now have 3. Have consulted with the teachers as required and the School Planning Council has met as required to discuss the results. Numbers had to be presented by Oct. 1st.

7. Old Business

- Listserv set-up is ongoing. Janet is just waiting for the password from Linda and then Linda will walk her through the process.
- Gaming funds have been approved and we will be receiving approx. \$21,000.00. Lynn will ask each of the departments to submit their requests. Tess asked that they make a note of more than 1 quote if possible and let us know if they were able to look at different prices from different suppliers. Know that some of that isn't possible, just when they can.
- Parent Voluntary Donation letter – Just waiting for Janet to add a request for e-mail addresses to the form and Lynn will make sure it gets sent out.
- Holiday hampers will be re-addressed in early December as Byrne Creek supplies some families.

8. DPAC

- DPAC is looking for parent volunteers for the District Review Committee.
- The school board is discussing offering Mandarin Courses or whether there is any interest.
- Food charts are on the Minister of Education website. Very large document that will require a lot of changes for schools and fundraisers.

9. Adjourned – 8:25pm

Next meeting: Nov. 5, 2007