

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2010

Present:

Administration: Dave Rawnsley

Parents: Janet Reid, Naz Jakir, Julia Tajiri, Shannon Slater, Patricia Parker, Gillian Gallson, Carolyn Lemarchand, Gina Santa Lucia, Tori Bennett

Students: Ravneet Grewal (President)

1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm.

2. MSC to adopt agenda

3. MSC to adopt June 2010 minutes

4. Introductions

5. Student Government

- Student Government first meeting to be held on Thursday to discuss goals, BARK on the 23rd. Halloween dance still up in the air, other activities still on going will be theme days, hamper drive. Not sure if they are considered Student Government or Student Council.

6. Chair's Report

- No correspondence
- Aviva community fund update – student government and Leo club to get involved. Benches would cost about \$1,200 each not including installation. Intent is to put picture of school etc. on the entry. Students and parents to vote. Student government to promote voting. Idea submission starts on September 27th.
- Dry Grad – thinking of Casino night. Janet will get more information to report at next meeting.
- Gaming – small committee required to discuss once the funds are received and administration submits their wish list
- Discussion on whether school will be asking for text book deposit and where and when to look for missing text books if your child may have returned it and school inventory shows not returned

7. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming account balance as of September 1st \$3,451
- General account balance as of September 1st \$1,866
- Most cheques have cleared
- \$1,150 Dry grad funds not spent

8. Principal's Report

- Ease into BCESIS transition. As all schools working on it together, system cannot handle the load so course changes may take some time. Problem is province wide. Early dismissal tomorrow so hopefully everything to be sorted out.

- Carol James was at the school on the 19th and spent 3 hours here. Purpose was to check demands on facilities at Byrne Creek, what challenges are we facing. She held a press conference after school and students were involved.
- Early dismissal tomorrow and next Tuesday so staff can train on BCESIS for attendance and Tuesday on grade book training piece.
- September 23rd grade 8 Retreat at Shadbolt Centre. Follow up at Burnaby South with grade 8 students & presenter at Michael J Fox theatre.
- Meet the teacher night that week
- Interim report cards on October 8th
- Looking for parents to participate in a forum on September 25th from 11-1pm for Refugee families of the Afghan communities. Need parents to talk to these families and connect with them
- Clubs week. Friday September 17th info for grade 8
- We are a community school. Last year was the 1st year we had full facilities being used for night school. Byrne Creek will be working towards being a full community school.
- Class composition being looked at but should not affect too many kids
- September 23rd meet the teacher night. Study skills @ 6pm, followed by meet the teacher @ 7pm
- September 24th Pro D day

9. DPAC Report

- No meeting until the end of the month
- Parent information evenings will be once a month
- BCCPAC membership \$75 to be paid

Adjourned – 8.05 pm

Next meeting: October 4, 2010