

**BRYNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2011

Present:

Administration: Dave Rawnlsey, Iha Farquhar

Parents: Janet Reid, Julia Tajiri, Naz Jakir, Gina Santa Lucia, Galina Demirbash

Students:

1. **Call to Order at 7.05pm**
2. **MSC to adopt agenda with deletion of Student Government**
3. **MSC to adopt minutes from June 2011**
4. **Round of Introductions**
5. **Chair's Report & Correspondence**
 - BCCPAC funding of \$150,000 has been withdrawn.
 - George Abbott to meet with DPAC. DPAC would like to talk about topics such as the high ESL population in Burnaby and how to help them, why SPC is not working, standardized testing
 - Dance student's bottle drive on Sept 24th. Janet will organize
 - Gaming commission has asked for input on changes they are planning to implement. Janet has asked to speak on September 16 about why PAC's can't write cheques to the school rather than the suppliers or bus companies as the school saves on the HST but not PAC.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - Gaming account balance as at July 31st \$8,094.39
 - General account balance as at July 31st \$1,926.06
 - Music hasn't used their additional grant but Sports has
 - \$5, 094.27 plus \$451.58(rolled over from 09-10) not unspent
 - We have not given money for grad ceremony as they did not use it. \$5,000 remains. Decision made to save it for next year and use it as need arises
7. **Principal's Report**
 - Opening week has been positive
 - Homeroom on first day only
 - Course changes have been ok since we changed the selection process
 - Impact of job action not noticed here. Dave has collected fees at lunch time.
 - We need to rethink if we need whole week for homeroom
 - Grade 8 retreat still happening at Nikkei center
 - Breakfast TV last Friday. 10 minute segment on TV>
 - Introduction of Community School Co-ordinator Iha Farquhar. Cobbs Bread donations are used for lunch program. Ms Siverson is in charge of the lunch program. Applied for funding for breakfast program. Exploring other options for breakfast program. Friday September 30th parents are invited for tea in Block C. We have 3 donors for lunch program: Cobs Bread, BC Agricultural Society's Fruit & veggie program, Summit Logistics which we are losing as they are moving so no food donations but still making cash donations. Community School Co-ordinator's email: iha.farquhar@sd41.bc.ca
 - Job action – Phase 1 – any non required things are off. No report cards, no parent teacher meetings, no meetings with Administration, no fee collection, paperwork for fieldtrips not done, Extra curricular activities are volunteer. We do not know what phase II or III

will be like. BCTF proposes but Labour Relations decides what can or can't be done. Teachers can meet informally. Email teachers if you want to meet them. Teachers will not meet with Administration regarding gaming grant requests. Dept heads to submit directly to PAC. Teachers can meet with teachers.

- Provincial exam changes – Optional exams pulled off this year. Provincial scholarship qualification changes: now students need at least a B in Eng 12 and 1 A, 3 Bs, or 4 of 5 exams (includes 3 Gr 10, 1 Gr 11 & 12 exams). We will target Gr 10 – 12 parents for - Janet

Meeting adjourned at 8.45pm
Next meeting Oct 3, 2011