

Byrne Creek  
Community council meeting  
March 7, 2016

Call to order: 700 pm

Introductions

Motion; Approval of the Agenda;

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: S Chowdhury

CARRIED

Motion: Approval of minutes January 11, 2016

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CARRIED

Student Council Report

-Pink Shirt day was a huge success. The students created a “wall of love” with positive quotes and comments written about each other and posted outside the Centre for Dialogue .

-The Air Band competition will be happening this week

-Planning for the annual Byrne Creek Celebration Day which is held in May is under way

Byrne Creek Democracy Project

The Byrne Creek Democracy Project is a student run initiative consisting of seven students. Their target project is to democratize schools by convincing the sd41 School Board to allow a student trustee on its roster. When asked why current Community Council attendees were at this evenings meeting the general consensus was to learn about and participate more in the school and its greater community / to volunteer and to contribute to the community/to be informed.

The Diplomacy Project identified the moto “Voice-Knowledge-Power” as being very reflective of their focus. Just as a company must listen to its customers, the board must listen to students as well as parents. Equal representation is the goal.

Chair: report and correspondence:

- A volunteer appreciation dinner is being held by the city of Burnaby on April 22 at Riverway Golf Course. Byrne community council has received one complementary ticket.

-Neufeld conference information was distributed

Treasurers report:

Present balance:

Gaming funds: \$31,291.53

General account: \$1060.98

- Treasurer is still waiting for many invoices to reimburse for teacher purchases. It was stressed that there should be no carry over of these funds to next year.

### Principals Report: Dave Starr

- Byrne is starting to prepare for September. Course selection is under way and timetables are being worked on. Septembers grade eight population is growing.
- There was some difficulty experienced with the online sign- up for parent teacher conferences. Byrne creek has welcomed 8 Syrian refugee families and 1 Tibetan refugee family. All are settling in.
- There was a police presence at the school recently which was related to a rash of street thefts in the neighbourhood recently the police were advising students to be careful when walking, be aware, ear phones out, don't text and walk.

### New Provincial Curriculum Presentation: Dave Starr

- A new provincial curriculum is being phased in for all students in grades k to 12. The new curriculums focus is on the following core competencies.
- Communication – thinking – personal/social
- The students will be required to:
  - Know: essential topics and knowledge
  - Do: skills strategies and processes the students develop
  - Understand: big ideas and how they relate to their lives
- All students in BC will be taught under the new curriculum by September 2017.

For more information: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

### Community School Report: Bal Dhillon

- Thinkwell mental health event is being held at south Burnaby neighbourhood house on Thursday at 4:00 pm
- All partnerships are going very well
- A grant of \$750.00 has been received to be used on the community garden project. The hope is for students to grow vegetables and sell them at a local farmers market. Funds raised would enable the garden to be self sustainable.
- Red Cross Bullying Prevention will do a workshop with twelve students. These students will then go into feeder schools to present to those students.
- English language learners night coming up after spring break. A speaker from Burnaby family life will be highlighting two of their programs. Date to be determined
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### Teacher representative: regrets

### DAC & DPAC reports:

- DAC meeting at Byrne Creek 7:00 this Thursday March 10

### New business

- Next meeting moved to April 11, 2016

Adjourned

Chair- Naz Jakir

Vice chair-Melanie Walkus

Treasurer; Laura McIntosh

Secretary; Ellen James

Next meeting April 11, 2016