

Community Council meeting

April 11, 2016

Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Introductions

Motion: Approval of agenda:

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: M Walkus

CARRIED

Motion: To approve minutes of March 2016 meeting

Moved: L McIntosh

Second M Walkus

CARRIED

Student Government report: Not Available

Chair's report:

- April newsletter sent on list serve, thank you Ellen and Evette for putting it together
- Attended grad student led interviews. Asked what students like about Byrnes Creek? Teachers, friendships, cultural diversity, feeling safe at this school, belonging, community spirit. What advice would they give to incoming grade 8s? Join clubs, sports teams, volunteer. Did these students join clubs or sports teams in grade 8? No most didn't in grade 8 as they felt they did not know much about what was going on at the school. Support to Grade 8 is lacking in the school. We need to do more to make them feel less intimidated.
- All PAC's have received additional gaming grants at the end of March. Byrnes Creek received additional \$2,108. We will need to spend this.
- As there are no school planning councils, DPAC would like the District to explore options of how parents can be involved in the accountability framework, including the development of the school plan, the communication of the plan, and the review of the plan. The new committee will include parent reps, teacher reps and admin staff. Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent met with a number of parents to start the process.
- Burnaby Board of Education DPAC Budget Presentation was on April 4th. The updated document can be found on the District website. Highlites: Key Budget Timelines, 2016/2017 Status Quo Operating Budget, more funding released to school districts on April 4th. The increase in provincial funding for 2016-2017 is \$43mm up by \$13mm. Therefore student base allocation has increased from \$7,158 to \$7,218. Burnaby received \$1.2mm additional funding. District has made a preliminary assumption that International Education program Fees will increase by \$2mm. Increase per student is \$1,000 so that's where this is coming from.

- DPAC chair presented a report after the budget presentation. This showed the cuts over 5 years. Cumulative cuts were \$10mm. PAC's were asked how they felt their schools were affected by these cuts and the most affected was custodial services and support for special needs students. This was echoed across most Elementary schools.

DPAC report and community events:

Burnaby Central's Drive 4UR School event is taking place June 12 (time TBD). For every valid test drive completed at the event, Ford will donate \$20 to the school. Burnaby Central is hosting pub night and silent auction at the Burnaby Fire Fighters Club. Visit their website for details. Burnaby Central drama dept is running "The Diary of Anne Frank". April 13 -15th at 7pm and April 16th at 1pm. Tix are \$8 for seniors and students and \$12 for adults.

The next DPAC PIE is scheduled for April 27 at Burnaby Central. The PIE is titled "Self Regulation in the Early Years: Home to School" and will be presented by Deb Simak and Elizabeth Gardner. Preregistration is required and is available at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2016-self-regulation-in-the-early-years-home-to-school-tickets-18854725993?ref=ebtnebregn>

Carnivals and Family Fun Nights

Buckingham Elementary is hosting their annual Family Fun Night on May 6 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Carnival games and food trucks are part of the evening's line.

Brantford Elementary is having their school's spring carnival on May 27 from 5 to 8 PM. The event will feature a bouncy castle, pony rides, and other community partner groups.

Maywood Flea Market

On April 23, Maywood Community School is hosting a flea market from 10 AM to 2 PM. Admission is \$0.50. Tables are available for \$10 each. To book a table, please call [604-664-8208](tel:604-664-8208).

Public Presentation on Sleep and Your Child's Energy

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is presenting a free public presentation on April 14 at 6 PM at their location (4460 Beresford Street). The presentation, by Dr. Wendy Hall, will provide information on sleep and how it plays an important role in the development of children from babies to 12 years old. Advance registration is required; please call the Burnaby Public Library at [604-436-5420](tel:604-436-5420).

School/PAC Grants

Montecito recently received a \$3,000 USD grant from Whole Kids Foundation to support their school garden. He added that there are grants available for school/PAC emergency preparedness supplies through Shell Canada. Kinder Morgan also provides grants to schools.

BCCPAC AGM and conference will be held in Kelowna from April 28th to May 1st. A number of DPAC executives are attending so they can vote by proxy on our behalf. There are a number of resolutions that DPAC is endorsing. Quite a number of the resolutions are on Ministry funding. I sent the Executives a list of resolutions to review and we will need to decide whether we want DPAC to vote as

they see fit or do we have instructions on each one. Since our DPAC represents us well I suggest we let them vote. Motion from the floor required.

New Business

BCCPAC Conference & Resolutions: It was decided to allow DPAC to vote on our behalf by proxy at the AGM in Kelowna April 28th to May 1, 2016.

New Gaming Money Allocation

Motion: To allocate new gaming funds received in the amount of \$2,108 to be spent on field trips.

Moved: Laura McIntosh

Second: Melanie Walkus

Carried

Treasurers report:

-March Statement has not yet been received. As of end of February the balances were as follows.

General account: \$1061.02, gaming account: \$30,123.99.

-Still awaiting many staff invoices for this year's funds. They must be in as soon as possible to avoid carry over into next year's budget.

Principal's Report-D Starr:

-April 22, 23 drama Olympics/April 25 pro dev. day with keynote speaker Anita Chapman .topic: First Nations Learning/April 26-new curriculum day/April 28; report cards issued

-Grad exit interviews were held recently. These are empowering for the students and very meaningful to those conducting the interviews.

-Soccer, volleyball and track are all underway.

-staffing projections for September are based on student population. A large grade twelve class is leaving with a much smaller grade eight class starting in September.

-real estate development continues around this area. A 32 story tower is planned for beside the Red Brick development. There will be a significant growth in population over the next few years.

-Robotics pilot project with Taylor Park has been very successful and expansions to other schools are anticipated next year.

-Lack of permanent housing is still challenging a number of refugee families. Anyone with information or resources is asked to go to iss.bc.org/housing website.

Community School Co-ordinator Report- Bal Dhillon:

-Saturday May 7th there will be a Ted Talk type of event with community members. It is hoped to include 100 people from the community including students and staff. Presentations can include stories, dance, poetry, rap, anything reflecting voices in the community. Lunch will be provided followed by tea from around the world. Contact the community room for more information.

-Think Well was a success with 50 or 60 kids participating

Teacher representative -Trina Moulin:

- extended an invitation to a Memorial social to remember past teacher Jake Larson. To be held at Riverway Clubhouse, April 19, 430 to 730.
- Aboriginal Education resource was developed three years ago. Last year the BCTF created the project of heart. There were ten classes involved funded through community council and BCTF. This program included visits from elder Lillian Daniels. Presently there is the goal of creating a 5.5 by 5.5 blanket to be hung in the atrium. This would be a community effort.
- invitation was extended to a film screening of the movie "HiHo Mistahey". This will take place on April 29th in the centre for dialogue.

Guest speaker: Greg Neumann Dept head Social Studies - presentation on the Socials program at Byrnekreek.

Chair: Naz Jakir

Vice chair: Melanie Walkus

Treasurer: Laura McIntosh

Secretary: Ellen James

Next meeting May 2, 2016