

Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting

May 2nd, 2016 Minutes

Attendees: Naz Jakir, Melanie Walkus, Laura McIntosh, Shams Chowdhury

Administration: Dave Starr, Bal Dhillon, Trina Moulin

Regrets: Ellen James

Adoption of Minutes and Agenda - Adopted

Student Government Report – 2 major events coming up for students.

Creek Fest May 16th – 20th to give bring a festive mood

Day 1: Bulldog Blue

Day 2: Teacher Tuesday

Day 3: Formal Day/Summer Theme

- Photo Booth and collection of photos

Day 4: Talent Show CD – free for students

Bulldog Bash Meeting during A/B blocks and lunch to collaborate for ideas for a theme. Students treated it like a field trip with permission slips. Student council received \$1000 from Community Council. Event is scheduled for June 16th, 2016 last Thursday of school year. Parent volunteers have been requested.

Principal's Report

1. Education Fund: Seeking Council's input into the request
School identified areas include:

- Using funding to create smaller classes
- Fewer multi-grade electives
- Focus on numeracy
- Learning Resource

2. Planning Day: May 20th

This is a day given to schools to plan school goals, growth plan. Have invited a facilitator to join us to maximize the time and provide structure. Have extended invitation to executive to join us. Would like council's input on:

- Expanding the role and the size of Council
- Parent's view on where we need to go over the next 3-5 years
- General thoughts and input

3. Updates for the next school year

- COOP program moving to Byrne. Current mandate is students in Grade 11-12 on school leaving (Evergreen) Path. Widen to Grades 10-12 to support students on Dogwood, Adult Grad Potential, Evergreen who face barriers to school success
Key Elements or Coop are:
 - a) Extra academic and social emotional support
 - b) Work placements and support
 - c) Youth worker support to help with attendance and other issues

4. Staffing

- Ongoing process
- Currently 20 over projection at Grade 8

Vice Principal Mr Papathanasiou will be moving to Cariboo.

Community Coordinator's Report

The Democracy Project is presenting to ED Committee in June about what they have working on which is getting a students to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

Community Garden: Currently we have a small group of students working the garden consistently as part of their inquiry projects on being connected to your food and food security. A meeting with Strathcona to collaborate.

English Language Learners Night: We had a concert for the parents of ELL students. Parents came, had dinner and watched an invigoration concert featuring the Bell Choir and A Retired Teachers Choir. Between 80-100 people attended. May 7th, 2016 Tea Talks were cancelled, moved to next school year.

Chair, DPAC, DAC report

- DAC report

- Vicky Ma (Community member) and Gayle Beavil (Maywood Coordinator) presented highlights of the new community schools educational video. It should be available to us in September. Discussion on what else we could do to educate the community. It was suggested that DAC should provide Community Schools 101 workshops similar to PAC 101. We also need to teach new teachers about community schools as part of the orientation process.

- Wanda Mitchell (Assistant Superintendent) presented the 2016-2017 Budget for Community schools. The formal request was to include in the City's operating budget, the sum of \$464,923 as its share of the funds required to support Burnaby's Community School program for the 2016/2017 school year. The increase is \$4,267.

- Doreen George is retiring this year.

Parks & Rec

May 10 - is Move for Health Day in Burnaby. There will be free events at all Burnaby Recreation Centres. Visit website at Burnaby.ca/moveforhealth for more information or register on line: burnaby.ca/webreg

May 1 - May 8th is Emergency Preparedness week. On May 7th there will be a Quake cottage set up at Metropolis at Metrotown from 12:00 to 5.30pm where you can experience what an Earthquake feels like.

May 1 - 7th - Burnaby Festival of Learning. There are several free community events for the entire family. Visit: <http://festival-of-learning.ca/> to learn more.

No DPAC report as meeting is on May 30th.

Notice should be sent to Byrne Creek Feeder schools for invite and information to attend the Community Council Meeting in June as we will be inviting the City to do a presentation.

Adjournment: 8.30pm

Next Meeting: June 6, 2016