

Byrne Creek Community Council
Meeting minutes
January 11, 2016

Call to order: 7: 00 pm

Amendment to November 2015 minutes: Under principals report “converted” to read “enhance to allow for Robotics Lab”

MOTION: To approve of November 2015 amended minutes:

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: N Jakir

Carried

Student Council Report: Mateo Ferrarresso

- thanks to Community Council for Candy Cane Donation (Save On Foods - High Gate)
- Over eighty hampers were created and \$3700.00 raised in December
- Student government exercising autonomy time to see what small groups wish to be involved with.
- Presently considering, teacher appreciation, movie night, pink day, air guitar, bulldog bash.
- Grade eight elections to take place on Feb 10th

Chair Report and Correspondence: no report

Treasurer Report: no report

Principals Report: D Starr

This Wednesday, Thursday, Friday is the Celebration of Dance Presentation

- Feb 4th parent info night – for new families and enrolled students both
- Jan 22, semester one ends followed by exam week. Staff will be in the building, none testing students are welcome to come in and work
- New auto-dialer, “notify express” is now in use by the district
- Syrian refugees are expected in Burnaby with Byrne Creek welcoming a number into the school. Not clear how many but the staff and students are prepared. Welcome baskets are being created and Arabic speaking students have offered to help. Byrne has been allowed some additional staffing to assist with the transition.
- Mr Cann is on leave of absence with Mr Vince now heading the robotics club
- There will be two additional pro-d days this school year to allow teachers to familiarise themselves with the new curriculum.
- School growth plan is on hold as school planning councils no longer exist. Waiting for direction from the District.

Community School Report/presentation: F Papathanasiou/Bal Dhillon

“School Climate”

Teacher Representative: Trina Moulin.

“The Heart of Reconciliation” Friday Jan 29th. An opportunity for educators to collaborate on aboriginal education and explore the history and impact of residential schools. Parents also welcome to attend. Those interested can email Ms. Moulin

DAC/DPAC: several parent education opportunities available through DPAC. Please visit their web site for details.

New Business:

Gaming grants disbursement

Requests; the gsa toc and the swim hoodies have been removed as they don't meet the criteria for gaming grant usage. The table tennis jerseys may receive funding subject to them remaining at Byrne Creek as school property.

Total requests: (amended to reflect above changes) \$20,250.00

MOTION; To pay for school requests as written with above noted exceptions.

Moved I McIntosh

Second N Jakir

Carried

PLEASE NOTE: If we purchase items through the District we get GST back therefore the school will purchase items through the District and Council will then reimburse the school district these amounts.

Request: some of the funds carried over from the past school year be used to upgrade the mac lab for photography. Cameras will require upgrading in the near future as well.

MOTION: to allocate \$7500.00 of carried over gaming grant funds from the past years to go toward upgrading computers and photography equipment in the mac lab.

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: N Jakir

Carried.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting march 7th 2016