

Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting

June 5, 2017 – Minutes

Call to order by Chair: 7:10

Approval of May 1, 2017 minutes & agenda

Moved: LMclntosh

Seconded: Melanie

CARRIED

Student Council Report: none

Chair's Report & Correspondence

Received Teacher magazine. Dry grad materials were received.

DPAC Report - Naz

DPAC presented ideas on student voice. New topic was the lack of opportunities for average students to present their ideas. The idea is for all students to have an accessible venue to have their voices heard. Student areas of focus: student health, resources, student/teacher relationships . Very few students said they understand who makes decisions about their education. It was suggested to have an event in October or November with Baljinder Narang our school Trustee to talk about what a Trustee's role is. Baljinder Narang is interested in attending our Council meeting.

Custodial services review. Facilities planning and funding, did surveys and review resulted in 17 recommendations. Lack of training, washrooms were not clean enough, only 65% satisfaction. Task force with parents and district to address concerns.

DPAC Treasurer presented his report. PAC executive thank you event on Wednesday. Nick Christofides is off for the week due to a family emergency so Dave Starr is unable to attend the event due as Dave needs to take over Nick's place at an event. Suggested that Bal attend.

DAC - Naz

Looked at big ideas community schools inquiry. Wanted to see if schools are doing what they're supposed to be doing. Worked with a small group. Looked at what Byrne has and compared with the community school model. We focus on health and wellness. Community development creating a sense of belonging by providing opportunities for learning and development. Social and emotional learning. All of these four elements are included in Byrne's strategic plan. Intent is to give to new parents. Dave suggested graphics students could assist with putting together a poster.

Treasurer's Report - Laura

There is a lot outstanding. Invoices are supposed to be in before year end. We didn't approve expenses for decorations for the pride dance as ticket sales should have paid for the event. It was a district event,

so our council should not pay. We are paying for the flag for the parade as this could be classified as Extracurricular event. Motion to accept report: Naz. Seconded: Melanie

Principal's Report:

School leaving ceremony was last Tuesday, we were in and out in 2 hours and 10 minutes. We had a graduating class of 190, kids earned just over \$250k in scholarships.

Spring music concert was June 2.

Play to Learn students were recognized for the coding program and were invited to EA Studios last week.

Bal Dhillon was nominated as coach of the year by Province newspaper. He was also recognized as an Unsung Hero by News 1130.

June 7-9 is the Festival of the Arts. Bulldog Bash June 15. Awards Day is June 19 at 7pm. Last day of classes on June 20. Grad dinner/dance June 27. The school is only printing paper copies of report cards for grade 12, everyone else should be able to access through the parent portal. Contact Sandy at the office if you need assistance. The school will print paper copies on request. Email reminder will be sent to parents.

Surveys and studies at the school, cultural differences and conflict, worked with UBC.

UBC doing Muslim female experience in school.

Administration is looking at reconfiguring and modernizing the Centre For Dialogue. Looking at modernizing equipment, sound, lights, etc. We want to replace the fixed tables, as the current configuration limits our ability to do things in the room. We are looking at a flat floor with retractable theatre seating.

Enrolment numbers are expected to be around where we thought they'd be. We did not lay off any teachers or put any on surplus. Some teachers will be leaving to work at other schools.

PAC helped us upgrade computers, and we replaced half of the machines in the shop classes. The school got a \$40k grant from the Ministry Of Education.

Intra-District Memo regarding Student Learning Grant: Deadline for report was May 31, it has not been sent in because we hadn't discussed with the Council yet. Schools are getting a one-time grant of \$25 per student to spend on activities and resources from the District to defray costs for parents. Grand total of funding is \$38,808. The school proposed to allocate \$20k to pay for next year's student activity fee. Staff and students want to put money into alleviating costs for parents. We collect from about 70% of students. Proposed to allocate \$1k each to departments, including AP, ELL, English, Social Studies, Science, LSS, and the library, giving them discretion to use towards things that cost parents money. Proposing to provide \$3k for Applied Skills to pay for consumable products. Holdback of \$3k remainder to keep in the fund for students with financial need as there is never enough money to support those

kids. There is a drive to carry on aboriginal content in curriculum, via speakers, field trips, etc. Council is happy with proposal, will send to district.

Waiting for confirmation, but looks like Brandon Kerr, VP of Aboriginal Learning is looking at having a cedar dragon boat made at the school for the Dragon Boat Society. The project is a 12-14 week build in A Wing, and will involve students.

The only exams this year are English 12 and Communications 12.

Community School Coordinator's Report

Hoping to get girls basketball team up and running again.

Current partnerships will continue, hoping to expand on some of them. Last parent dinner was 3 weeks ago, usually do dinners and workshops once a month. We are looking at expanding beyond ELL parents.

Socials 11, English10, graphics class and planning class did an enquiry about community. Wrapping up project and will have a public presentation day. Will send invitation when that is scheduled.

Teacher Representative: none

New Business

BCCPAC Conference Report: none

Elections for Executives: Chairperson-Naz Jakir, Treasurer -Laura McIntosh, Vice Chairperson - Melanie Walkus. Chairperson and Vice Chair are 2 years. Treasurer - Laura McIntosh has 1 year remaining. Secretary - to be appointed in September along with 2 Members at Large. DPAC & DAC rep according to constitution has to be Chairperson.

Will have grade 8 tea again on first day. Hoping for volunteers.

Hazel is resigning as Secretary as she won't have a student at Byrne. It was suggested to get a grade 8 parent for this position.

It was agreed to strike the February and April meetings from the calendar.

Grade 8 parents' tea will take place on September 5.

Adjournment: 8:08pm

Next meeting: September 11, 2017

Chair: Naz Jakir
Vice Chair: Melanie Walkus
Treasurer: Laura McIntosh
Secretary: Vacant for new term.