

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2010**

**Present:**

**Administration:** Dave Rawnsley, Kori O'Hare

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Sidley – District Program Consultant for Math & Sciences

**Parents:** Janet Reid, Naz Jakir, Julia Tajiri, Karen Swanson, Amy Mendez, Svetlana Osman, Celso/Joan Galvez, Fatima Haq, Gillian Gallson, Abdelhak Daghouche, Maria Chavez, Corina Ehrenholz, Suzan Anbari, Haitham Ajje, Rose David, Klaus Kallesoe, Pam Chan

**Students:** Nazampal Jaswal

**1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm.**

**2. MSC to adopt agenda**

**3. MSC to adopt November 2, 2009 Minutes**

**4. Introductions**

**5. Student Government Report**

- December – Hamper Drive for families in need. There was a competition between boys and girls. Boys won and the prize was pancake breakfast. Hampers were distributed to 31 families. There was some extra money raised.

**6. Math Presentation – Rob Sidley**

- Rob's role is to support teachers to grow
- Province wide changes to the Math curriculum from K – 12
- Emphasis is now placed on understanding the concepts rather than computation. Yesterday: Focus was on memorization of facts, procedures & methods for solving problems. Good at Math meant getting the correct answer. Today: more emphasis placed on thinking and understanding. No matter how well you calculate ability is not useful if you don't understand.
- Current Path involves: Principals, Applications and Essentials. Students placed based on ability. Post secondary does not recognize Applications so it is not offered under the new path. Principals: for students going to Post Secondary. K-9 common curriculum. Grades 10-12: 2 Math courses offered – Apprentiship & Workplace Math. Most students go through the common course. Once students know what they want to do in Grade 10, 11 and 12 follow. Example: Grade 10 Apprentiship, Grade 11 Apprentiship and Grade 12 Apprentiship or Grade 10 Common Course for Math – Foundations of Math path or Pre Calculus path.

**7. Correspondence & Chair's Report**

- Letter from Sylvan Learning
- Thank you from Wendy Amy for funds for Library Read program
- Thank you from Student Government

- Xmas cards from Raj Chouhan and Student Government
- BCCPAC Conference. Nominations for 2 positions open.
- Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> Seminar at Schou on Nurturing a gifted child
- PAC spent \$88 on candy canes for last day of school
- Parent FSA info kit by BCCPAC. Also on Website. This was created by parents.
- Board of Education invites parents in naming the new school by January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Draft policy for Environmental issues
- BCTF magazine
- Topics and speakers for PAC meetings information from District
- Burnaby Teachers Association on Education Cuts – Petition on the following website: <http://www.stopeducationcutsburnaby.com>
- Dry Grad coordinator needed
- SPC meeting dates – parents to meet

### **8. Treasurer's Report**

- General Account balance \$1,935
- Request from library \$250 and Music \$?

### **9. Principal's Report**

- School had lots of Xmas events in December
- Toys delivered to Stride
- Leadership students & staff had Xmas carols & events at 2pm on the last day before Xmas break
- January 4<sup>th</sup> - @ 7.30am Leadership students welcomed students with hot chocolate
- Performing Arts Show on Wednesday/Thursday & Friday
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Gr 7 parent evening at Byrnecreek
- Wendy Amy and students involved in newsletter. Looking for feedback as students are taking this seriously
- Bulldogs Read 2010 bookmarks
- Honor Roll – most students have received their certificates. Over 45% of students are on the Honor Roll.
- Olympics – school based events occurring around this theme as students and staff have shown initiative

### **10. DPAC/BCCPAC Report**

- BCCPAC all conference held at Hilton Burnaby. Even with the budget cuts event was very successful.
- All information on happenings in schools are on DPAC's website
- Gary Anika – Speaker at BCCPAC conference. We would like to bring him here to speak to students and maybe parents.
- BCAA – 1 ½ hour presentation on – In The Drivers Seat – no charge if anyone is interested in attending see Janet
- We would like some benches outside. Janet suggested we work with Parks & Rec and the District. Janet contacted a company that does playground

**Adjourned – 8:30pm**

**Next meeting: March 1, 2010**