

Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting

January 9, 2017 - Minutes

Call to order by Chair: 7:10

Approval of October 2016 Minutes

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: M Walkus

CARRIED

Student Council Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

The gaming funds came in. The balance in the gaming account on December 1 was \$29,799.62. The general account balance is \$1,081.07.

Presentation: Mental Health - Nick Christofides

Nick Christofides is the new Vice Principal. He was formerly the Vice Principal at Burnaby South Secondary. He spoke to how our schools support students as it pertains to stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, self esteem, medical and health concerns.

Students can self-refer to the school counsellors, or speak to a teacher or administrator. Parents can also bring mental health and wellbeing issues to the school's attention.

He spoke to resources available in the community. The Ministry of Children and Families have social workers, parent-child mediation, and the ability to send workers to the school to do education around self harm, drug use, etc. There is a youth crisis program which is a self harm and suicide outreach program, that comes to the school if needed. If a child is 16 or older, they can access these resources without the parent's involvement, however parental involvement is encouraged. There are also other free public services available through the City of Burnaby for family counseling, youth mental health and substance abuse.

Secondary school representatives visit the feeder elementary schools to do grade 7 integration meetings, and will connect with counselor if needed, to find out about the students that are coming to us.

Principals Report - Nick Christofides on behalf of Dave Starr

Mr. Christofides presented the Principal's Report on behalf of Dave Starr who could not attend due to personal commitment.

Key upcoming dates:

Festival of the Arts dance performances will take place on January 11-13 at 7pm.

January 20 is the end of semester 1, with exams during this week. Some teachers are doing finals on January 20th, but they're not Provincial Exams.

Semester 2 begins on January 30. Report cards will be distributed on February 3.

With the recent announcement of the court case and new money coming in, we may see some new classes and teachers for semester 2.

Parent Information Night is on February 2, at 6pm. The purpose of this event is to assist parents and students with course selection. It is a popular event with kids starting grade 8, however it is recommended that all students and parents attend and ask questions.

The new curriculum is delayed for 1 year. Our school is moving forward with more skill based teaching rather than content based. Beginning in September 2018 the new curriculum is going to be mandatory.

The school has completed all computer upgrades.

In 2017, we will upgrade the VPA and Applied Skills departments with new equipment.

Snow clearing was discussed. There have not been enough resources to keep up with the amount of snow we have had through the months of December and January.

Community School Co-ordinator: No report as Bal Dhillon could not attend.

Teacher Representative: None

Chair, DAC & DPAC Reports:

The next DAC meeting is this Thursday.

Report Card Survey was discussed. The results of the survey goes to the Ministry of Education, parents are encouraged to participate.

For gaming grants, we receive \$20 per student. We rely on gaming grants to support activities at school. We received \$19,960 this year. The Department heads prioritize their needs and submit to council.

Discussion around the request for jackets for Year book club in the amount of \$500. Gaming grants cannot be used for personal items. It can only be used for uniforms to be kept at the school. Nick to confirm if the jackets are to be kept at the school or given to students to keep. Council will pay if they are to be kept at the school.

Motion to accept Department requests without the jackets until clarification received: M Walkus

Seconded: L McIntosh

Carried

Adjournment: 8:16 PM

Next Meeting: March 6, 2017

Chair: Naz Jakir
Vice Chair: Melanie Walkus
Treasurer: Laura McIntosh
Secretary: Hazel Bakker