

## Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting September 12, 2016. – Minutes

**Call to order by Chair:** 7:00 pm

**Approval of June 2016 Minutes**

Moved: L McIntosh  
Second: J Agujo  
CARRIED

**Student Council Report:** Two student body clubs were highlighted.

The Leo club is a service based organisation which is not only actively involved in the school but in the community. The Leos plan events around the school such as the thanksgiving dinner and the Korean festival and invite community members to be involved. They also participate in neighbourhood clean-up days and picnics/festivals around South East Burnaby

The student Government Council is the elected voice of the student body and organise events and initiatives within the school itself such as the bulldog bash, winter hamper drive etc. The student government meets weekly under the sponsorship of teacher I falsetto.

The student representatives stressed the importance of paying the \$25.00 student activity fee each September. This money helps pay for school activities such as dances, bulldog bash, fieldtrips, locks, etc.

**Chair's report and correspondence:**

Community Council looking for ideas and suggestions for upcoming speakers and topics of interest to the parents of Byrne Creek Students and for community involvement opportunities. Please contact Naz or Bal through the community room with your input.

Suggestions:

- "think ahead" posters to remind kids that what they do now impacts what they are able to do later (criminal behaviour/online profile)
  - transitioning to post-secondary workshop
  - BBY DPAC also has parent education nights throughout the year.
- The grade 8 tea was well attended

Be engaged. When your child says they don't want you here...don't believe them!!

**Treasurers report:**

general account: \$1155.00

Gaming account: \$6800.00

**There are STILL outstanding invoices for teacher's requests which were made in the Spring.**

**Principals report:** David Starr

-He has spent 9 of 11 years here working in the Edmonds neighbourhood at Byrne Creek and at Edmonds community school.

-Byrne presently has 45 kids over projected population. It has been 7 additional blocks to accommodate these students. Timetables are still being adjusted.

-kids regularly involved in programming through leadership, clubs, and the community room. A caucus is held weekly to hear student's ideas.

-There are 200 students in formal leadership roles at Byrne most are receiving credit. 120 Leos in the school

-grade 8 and 9 Honours classes are being integrated into regular classes. Honours classes allow for more in-depth, enriched, learning through deeper understanding. Grade 11 and 12 honours programs are still held as standalone classes.

-Ministry of education's new curriculum is now up and running for grade eight and nine students.

Discussion: Honours classes. What are the post-secondary benefits?

**Teacher rep:** Trina Moulin

-We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish on whose traditional territories we teach, learn and live.

-Trina runs the district program for visual arts/tech and has twenty kids each year in this specific course. She also teaches media arts and French.

-Byrne Creek was featured in the BCTF Social Justice Issue for the outstanding project 'The HEART of Reconciliation'

-Technology at Byrne Creek has been improved. We now have 2 mac labs, one just upgraded, running creative cloud. 5 or 6 computer labs in the building. Grade eight wood working etc is being moved to grade nine in order to provide a technology based course for all grade eight students.

**Community School Co-ordinator:** Bal Dhillon

-Cobs Bread Pick up. Please let the Community Room know if you are able to pick up Cobs Bread on a Monday evening. This Bread is donated to the school on a weekly basis and used for breakfast/lunch programs and any family or community member in need. Parents and teachers volunteer to pick up the bread at Market Crossing each Monday evening.

-Byrne Creek is Burnaby's first Secondary Community School. Edmonds and Stride are sister schools to Byrne. It follows the tenants outlined in the article "What's a Community School" as found on Byrne Creek website under community room.

**-Neighbourhood project (grade ten?)**

A multidisciplinary enquiry based project on this area of Burnaby. A teacher rep from each department will provide leadership in guiding students to explore their neighbourhood through the following perspectives; science, history, geography, art, language, phys ed, English. The students work may be represented in a physical form through poetry, art, video, photography, oral and written statements which may culminate in a "museum" type of presentation. Planning will continue this semester and work will begin in January. This is a very exciting undertaking!

**New Business:**

Nomination:

To nominate Hazel Bakker as new secretary for Byrne Creek Community Council.

Moved: N Jakir

Second: L McIntosh

Carried

Welcome and thank you Hazel!!

**Adjournment: 8:30**

**Next meeting October 3, 2016**

Chair: Naz Jakir

Vice Chair: Melanie Walkus

Treasurer: Laura McIntosh

Secretary: Ellen James

