

Minutes
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
January 13, 2014

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Approval of Agenda: approved

Approval of Minutes: September 2013- tabled

Student Council report: Students were able to put together 78 hampers this year at the annual hamper drive. Most hampers were distributed to Byrne Creek families with left overs going to Armstrong and Windsor schools to support some of their students and families. There will soon be a benefit concert called "Byrne Creeks got Talent". The winners of this will go on to compete in a district wide competition held at Michael j fox theatre.

Treasurers Report: recommended gaming disbursements reviewed.

Motion: to approve gaming funds disbursements as outline in attached document

Moved: Petrina Bosiak

Second: kelvin chow

Carried

Principals Report: it is a fantastic year with the climate and tone of the school full of positive energy. Semester one ends on Thursday Jan.23, semester two will begin on Friday jan.31. Although there are no classes during semester break some students will be writing provincial exams and teachers will be in the school and available to all students. The Festival of Arts and Dance takes place this Wed, Thur, Fri. Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Formal (a dance for grades eleven and twelve) which will be held on February 13th. The grade seven course selection evening has been tentatively booked for the evening of Feb 18th. The developer of the Summit Construction Project adjacent to the school will be holding an open house on February 26th. This will be an opportunity to see what this area will look like as future development occurs. Education in B.C. schools is facing a time of great change and adjustment to better meet the changing needs of today's students and their families. Mr. Rawnsley invites all parents to offer him their perspective on what the ideal school/calendar and effective programming, might look like. Anyone with ideas for innovation and new approaches to education is invited to share them with Mr Rawnsley.

Community School Report: Iha Hayer (nee Farquhar)

-Cobbs bread pick-up. The bread provides food for the school's breakfast program, afterschool programs, forgotten lunches and snacks. A list was circulated for parents to sign up.

-an article from the Burnaby Now Newspaper was highlighted. It recognised a group of girls from Byrne Creek that are involved in an after school leadership program “empowering a new generation”. They provide leadership to younger girls in the school and are now helping grade seven girls transition from Stride Elementary to the more overwhelming environment of Secondary School. We are all so proud of these girls. A link to the article can be found on the community page of the school website

-the grads are selling ceiling tiles for eight dollars each. The purchasing student is then able to paint their tile and it will be reinstalled in the ceiling of the atrium.

-many community partners helped with the success of the Hamper Drive this year. Extras were delivered to Armstrong and Windsor schools as their hampers had been compromised with expired food items. The students showed great understanding of the greater community by including these other schools in their success and are clearly showing that Byrne Creek students think and act beyond their own walls.

- a brainstorming session was then held to come up with speaker and topic ideas for future PAC meetings and parent education events. Any other ideas for parent education may be emailed directly to lha

Old Business

Benches-a letter will be drafted asking for support for the purchase and installation of new benches with donations being accepted through cash online-this will support the student councils ambitious goal of providing some homework areas on the grounds of the school.

New Business

Dry grad

-will take place on June 24th at Castle fun Park

-plans are in place to sell tickets at forty dollars each.

Motion: to carry-over fourteen hundred dollars from last year’s grad fundraising to go toward this year’s dry grad.

Moved: Petrina Bosiak

Second; Christine Stover

CARRIED

DPAC BCCPAC- Naz Jakir reporting-meeting will be held the last Monday of each monthSPC- School Planning Council -subcommittee of the pac-Byrne Creek had a very successful visit last year-every three years an outside team visits the school

Adjournment-8:50 pm

Next meeting March 3rd, 2014

7:00 p.m.