

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2009

Present:

Administration: Dave Rawnsley, Wendy Amy

Parents: Janet Reid, Naz Jakir, Julia Tajiri, Karen Swanson, Amy Mendez, Svetlana Osman, Petina Bosiak, Charles Baraba, Majdolin Mekhail

Students: Serina Ram

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm.

2. MSC to adopt agenda

3. MSC to adopt October 5th Minutes

4. Introductions

5. Student Government Report

- First school dance on Thursday went well. Lost \$600 on ticket sales due to low turnout. More events to be planned to recoup some money. Free the Children meeting last Friday. Donation letters being done.
- School Completion and Beyond next meeting on April 8th.
- Benefit concert for Sierra Leone – District event but will be held at Byrnecreek and will be open to all schools in Burnaby to make it a community event.

6. Library Presentation – Wendy Amy

- On-line Resources are available. Books are available for all kinds of readers
- Overview of the library program
- Book Club 2010
- Destiny – All Burnaby School libraries catalogued
- Novelist – User ID: bbybyrne, Password: byrne08 (can also be found on page 22 of Student agenda)

7. Correspondence & Chair's Report

- Dry Grad, BCTF magazine
- DPAC – School of computing science on November 5th. Speaker Microsoft on Software development presentation @ 6pm
- Full day KG survey on web
- BCCPAC Fall conference on November 12th to 15th at Hilton. Fee is \$285 for the weekend. See Janet if anyone is interested in attending.
- Aviva Community fund grant – Janet to apply

8. Treasurer's Report

- As of September 30th balance in general account was \$1,934.85
- Gaming account balance \$5,973.21
- Received \$12,110 this year

9. Principal's Report

- Student events – dance events are phasing out
- VPA plays starts November 19th and 20th
- Remembrance Day Assemblies
- SPC meeting on Friday
- Youth in Transition – joint school and community event helping Refugee families, Grad & Career program information on Friday, Youth program – 40-50 kids. This program is held on Wednesday nights from 5pm to 7.30pm
- Independent Directed Study – pilot project in Semester 2. This is a way to increase student engagement – enable students to initiate their own area of learning and to receive credit towards graduation – allocation of teacher, info to students next week, will be open to grade 10-12

10. DPAC Report

- Committee Reports – Early learning, SPC training sessions, round table
- All information on happenings in schools are on DPAC's website

11. Disbursement of gaming funds

- VPA will not be receiving anything this year as we have supported them in the past. Vast majority of items have been purchased
- Request for \$12,980 to be fulfilled. Items have been reduced.
- Science department is looking for high quality microscope – late request for under \$1,000
- Technology invoice is at \$1,700 so \$500 remaining.
- Motion to spend gaming on the Recommendations (Karen/Amy)

Adjourned – 8:30pm

Next meeting: January 11, 2010