

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2009

Present:

Administration: Dave Rawnsley, Pam Bloom

Parents: Janet Reid, Naz Jakir, Julia Tajiri, Antonia Beck, Jasvinder Kaur, Natalia & Serge Smirnova, Amy Mendez, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Svetlana Osman

Students: Nazampal Jaswal, Serina Ram

- 1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm.**
- 2. MSC to adopt agenda with changes**
- 3. MSC to adopt September 14, 2009 Minutes**
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Student Government Report**
 - 2 events have done already, Auction & Car wash for teachers on Pro D Day. Goal to raise \$10,000 for Free The Children Sierra Leone. \$1,000 has been raised to date.
 - Halloween dance on October 29th. There are events every day leading to this date. Theme is Mad Zombie.
- 6. Principal's Report & Presentation by AP Coordinator**
 - Presentation by Pam Bloom AP Coordinator. Brochure on AP programs.
 - Grade 8 retreat was on September 23rd. Team building activities were successful.
 - Meet the teacher night was successful. Request for another study skills night.
 - Grad photos are done
 - Month of September leading up to September 21st has been busy with Class size composition. Detailed information provided on Class size composition at high school. When there are more than 30 students in a class at high school it triggers consultation with the teacher. Dave met with 40 teachers who had more than 3 designated students in their class. Designated student requires extra support in terms of behaviour or learning support. We have 137 designated students. The process has been very positive. Out of 39 classes 21 were agreed upon. ½ of the 18 remaining were resolved. Both sides required to provide Educational rationale.
 - Parent teacher interviews on Thursday with early dismissal on Thursday and late start on Friday
 - Interim report cards will be distributed on Friday but they are available for pickup on Thursday at the conference
 - Collaboration time starts this week
 - Computer refresh – upgrade to our lab. 30 brand new computers to arrive shortly
 - Governor General Award presented to Trudy Wong who had the highest GPA

7. Correspondence & Chair's Report

- Dry Grad information correspondence with Janet in a file if anyone interested
- Local Optimist club to sponsor Essay Contest for 2010, deadline January 31, 2010
- SPC Information & Networking Evening on Tuesday October 6th @ Burnaby Mountain 5.30pm to 8pm
- French Immersion programs in Burnaby parent information sessions on October 14th and 15th @ Marlborough Elementary
- Burnaby's Got Talent show at Michael J Fox theatre on April 1, 2010, cut off is March 1, 2010
- Options Solutions presentation to learn more on Post secondary admissions
- BCTF magazine
- Legion Poster contest, entry deadline is November 15th
- BCCPAC fall conference November 12-15th @ Hilton Burnaby
- SPC members: Janet Reid, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Amy Mendez, Antonia Beck

8. Treasurer's Report

- As of September 1st balance in general account was \$1,999.77
- Gaming account balance \$5,972.72
- \$5,000 from gaming has been allocated to Field Trips, Dry Grad, Grad Council, Technology but not spent. \$890.72 remaining. Field trip, dry grad money to be put back to these events.
- This year we will receive about \$12,000. We will be meeting to see how this money is to be spent. Do we want to spend the money or save for future. How do we support students with budget cuts, look at ways to support all students? We would like to support Scholarships and Awards every year. Department heads have submitted their requests.
- \$1,165 donation money is in school account
- We received a cheque for \$1,257 for dry grad and money is sitting in the account as start up

9. DPAC/BCCPAC Report

- Video presentation on "I Believe" by Dalton Sherman a grade 4 student in Dallas to the School District in Dallas
- Funding – cuts to annual facilities grant by \$4.3mm
- Budget consultation done on September 28th by Government
- Parent Education on October 24th @ Cascade Heights from 9 – 3.30pm. PAC will pay if anyone interested
- October 28th Treasurer's workshop
- DPAC looking for people to sit on committees

Adjourned – 8:20pm

Next meeting: November 2, 2009