

**BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 14, 2009**

**Present:**

**Administration:** Dave Rawnsley

**Parents:** Janet Reid, Naz Jakir, Karen Swanson , Melody Marbach, Julia Tajiri, Pam & Peter Chan, Carol Riviera

**Students:**

- 1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm.**
- 2. MSC to adopt agenda**
- 3. MSC to adopt June 1, 2009 Minutes (addition of Karen to Parents)**
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Correspondence**
  - BCTF offering presentations for parents on certain topics such as Anti Bullying, Born to Buy, Captive mind, supporting your child, teen driving strategies etc. Information will be in the library in designated PAC area
  - BCCPAC – list of resolutions passed and defeated
  - Direct Access Grant reduced to \$10 per student. BCCPAC and DPAC are involved in the communication process with the Government regarding this issue. All PAC's are requested to write to their MLA about what they will be missing due to these cuts.
  - Motion: Janet to write letter on our behalf to our MLA (Karen & seconded by Carol)
  - SPC – Janet Reid and Lynn Kirkpatrick are current members. Janet would like to step back and we are looking for members
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - \$2,000 from General account spent on dry grad last year and some funds used for parent education.
  - Gaming = \$5,972 balance as of end of August
  - Melody will finalize the books and pass everything to Julia
- 7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
  - H1N1 – Awareness flyer from district received. Emphasis on H1N1 as regular flu therefore preventative measures such as hand washing is important. If you are feeling sick stay home and no hand sanitizers in schools. School will monitor absences and Fraser Health determines the course of action in case of outbreak etc.
  - Staffing – 13 new teachers hired
  - 1280 students of which 64 are International students. We are very full. 30-40 families have not shown up yet. All blocks except 1 are full.

- AP – Judy Fujiki’s language class was very successful 5/5 results. Chemistry results were high.
- Rob Kim is no longer with us. Pam Bloom is his replacement. Trina Moulin has received a grant to do videography on Aboriginal program. ACE IT – 25 students joining from other schools in the afternoon. Theater & Media Graphics at our school. 2 new Counselors
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> is meet the Teacher night. 6pm – study skills, 7pm meet and greet and then go through classrooms
- Grade 8 retreat at Shadbolt Center
- Student Councils up and running
- Adult night schools at Byrne Creek now
- Cashless Schools flyer from School District – Online Parent centre service. Parents can try this out.

#### **8. DPAC/BCCPAC Report**

- Executive meeting held this summer. Parent education sessions to be offered
- DPAC has new chair – Dave Dye
- Janet to send weekly bulletins on list serve
- Voluntary Donation letter to be sent with proposed change to mention funding cuts. MSC to send Voluntary Donation letter.
- We are looking into ideas to install benches or fitness circuits outside the school. Checking for grants etc.

**Adjourned – 8:10pm**

**Next meeting: October 5, 2009**