

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

September 2016



The Community Council of Byrne Creek (formerly known as the Parent Advisory Council) welcomes all families to the 2016 - 2017 School Year. We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the new and exciting challenges in this new school year. As schools implement the new curriculum it is imperative that parents stay abreast of the changes that affect our children's education. Community and Parental involvement in schools is strongly encouraged by our School District and Byrne Creek School believes that student success is achieved when we have a community that is involved and engaged.

If you are a parent or guardian of a student attending Byrne Creek Community School, if you live or work in the community you are entitled to belong to our Community Council. Our goals for this school year are to enhance relationships and partnerships with the greater community thus increasing engagement and working with the school in developing and implementing our school plan.

FIRST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016
6:45 PM—Tea, Coffee and Treats
7:00 PM – Meeting Starts
Byrne Creek – Centre for Dialogue

What Does the Community Council Do?

Every school in BC must have a Parent Advisory Council or a Community Council in Community Schools such as Byrne Creek. Each school creates and maintains its own PAC or Community Council constitution which defines its purpose, objectives

and rules. At Byrne Creek our council is dedicated to education and the well-being of the whole child and the community. We host monthly meetings for the parents and the community, provide parent education through guest speakers, volunteers at school events and serves in an advisory role to the school. We are not a fundraising body although fundraising is an activity that is undertaken by most Councils to support extracurricular activities.

If you have any ideas for community engagement or topics you would like to hear about we would like to hear from you. Please leave a message at the school for the Community Council and someone will be in touch with you.

Community Council Dates

September 12, 2016 - Welcome and Community School 101

October 3, 2016 - TBA

November 7, 2016 - Grad Transitions/Scholarship information

December 2016 - No meeting

January 9, 2017 - TBA

February - 2017 - No meeting

March 6, 2017 - TBA

April 3, 2017 - TBA

May 1, 2017 - TBA

June 5, 2017 - AGM



Our Community Partners

Byrne Creek works in partnership with several organizations to assist in supplementing their students' education, needs and activities. Listed below are some of these partners:

Friends of Simon
Rotary Coats for Kids
Burnaby Children's Fund
CHILL
Cobs Bread

L.O.V.E.
Big Brothers
Camp Jubilee
Tzu Chi Foundation
Breakfast for Learning