

Byrne Creek
Community Council Meeting (formerly PAC)
September 14, 2015

Call to order by Chair: 7:00 pm

Introductions

Approval of the agenda:

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: M Walkus

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes from June 2015

Moved: L McIntosh

Second: S Chowdhury

CARRIED

Student Council report: No report

Chairs Report and Correspondence: Naz Jakir

- Reminder to those attending that the council does not do fundraising. Gaming money is used to support the school while individual departments, dance/choir etc. may do fundraising individually
- It is time to set up a dry grad committee. Request for volunteers could coincide with grad information meeting in November
- Dpac will be offering a pac101 course to all interested parents. Please visit their web site for more information
- New book coauthored by D Starr is now available regarding k to twelve education in the Province of British Columbia. Copies are available through Pacific Educational Press. Congratulations was extended to Mr Starr for the publication of this resource book. The Community Council will purchase several to be used as give aways and to make available to the greater Byrne Creek parent population

Treasurers report: Naz Jakir

Balance as of August 1st 2015,

Gaming fund: \$14,216.01

General Fund: \$28,653.00

Principals Report: Dave Starr

- Start-up of the 2015/16 year is now fully in progress. Changes to schedules and classes is being addressed as quickly as possible but the new provincial web program is operating very slowly. Thanks to everyone for their patience during this time of adjustment. Priority is given to grade twelves and then the rest of the student population.

-A member of the faculty Mr. Larson, passed away during the summer. A scholarship in his name has been set up. The Community Council expressed a desire to contribute to this scholarship

General discussion: Parent education regarding courses offered each year was discussed. Perhaps a parent information evening? Some classes are only offered if there is enough interest amongst the student body. Perhaps sharing more info about course selection opportunities with [arents could encourage children to pursue alternate courses.

Community School Co-ordinator Report: Bal Dhillon

-see attached information

Cobs bread- food is picked up weekly and available before, during and after school to students. Drivers are always needed. Contact the community room to volunteer

Highlight of several community room partners;

- 1- Friends of Simon. Simon Fraser students tutor our students in the library two days a week
- 2- Leave Out Violence. Workshops promote anti oppression and social/emotional learning. Students in this group meet once a week for the entire school year.
- 3- Breakfast Lunch program

Teacher Representative Report: Trina Moulin confirmed the frustration at having timetable changes take so long. BC Ed computer Program is very slow.

DAC, DPAC Reports. DAC first meeting in October

Adjournment

Next meeting October 5th

Chair: Naz Jakir

Vice Chair: Melanie Walkus

Treasurer: Laura McIntosh

Secretary: Ellen James

Member at Large: Shams Chowdhury