

**Byrne Creek Community Council meeting
AGM, June 4, 2018**

Attendance: Naz Jakir (Chair), Laura McIntosh (Treasurer), Hetty Alcuitas (Secretary), Shams Choudhury – DPAC rep/MAL, David Starr, Bal Dhillon, Trina Moulin, 2 parent volunteers

- Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm
- Motion to adopt the minutes from the May 7 meeting. (Laura/Shams)
Carried.

1. Student Council Report

- Mr. Starr reported that the Student Council is busy organizing the Bulldog Bash on June 15

2. Chair's Report (Naz)

- BCTF magazine was received.
- The two recipients of the Community Council scholarship awards are: Becca Pan and Amarpreet Powar

3. Treasurer's Report (Laura)

- Slowly receiving requests. Expecting more in the next few weeks.
- Including the 2 cheques for scholarships, the account balances are as follows: Gaming \$19,066.98 and General Account \$1,354.91

4. Principal's Report

- Mr. Starr has accepted a position in Coquitlam at Terry Fox school. It was a very difficult decision for him to make as he has spent the past 10 years at the school and has had connections to the school for the past 13 years. Has attended 8 grad ceremonies and spoke at 5.
- Good numbers for next year, 50 over the target. Excellent response to the STEAM program.
- Do not know who will replace him.
- Parents expressed their thanks to Mr. Starr for being such a good support to the students. We will miss him and good luck!

5. Community School Coordinator (Bal Dhillon)

- City of Burnaby got back to him today. Not much has changed. Will forward to us.
- Coordinating programs for next year. Friends of Simon will need to find funding. Funds were secured to offer an after-school girls self-defense boxing program for girls next school year.

6. Teacher's Report (Trina Moulin)

- Maya Arradaza was awarded a Citizenship Award along with Justin Mah another student last month by Burnaby Council.
- GSA attended the district breakfast.
- Still issues in the school but we are developing more allies.
- Community Council grant allowed Out in Schools to come and present. Had a very open dialogue.
- Grade 10's won a trophy at BC Student Film Festival
- Students achieving a lot and are supported by parents and administration
- Thank you to Mr. Starr for all his support.

7. DPAC & DCSACC Reports

- Naz reported that District Parents Advisory Committee (DPAC) had elections and the Burnaby School District made a presentation on the new curriculum. Interesting to see Aboriginal content included in Science and Math. Burnaby has more in-house programs than any other district.
- No District Community Schools Advisory Coordinating Committee (DCSACC) meeting this past month.

8. Elections

- Given the few number of parents, a suggestion was made to table the elections until the Sept. meeting
- A discussion ensued about the positions open, the current terms and how to increase participation.
- Hetty said she would like the secretary position to be open to a new parent if there is interest. Naz said the positions are for 2 year terms.

9. Other

- A thank you and farewell gift was presented to Mr. Starr on behalf of the Community Council.
- Mr. Starr reported that the School Leaving Ceremony was a success. Thanks to Naz for helping on the stage and to all the staff who assisted. Jory won the Bulldog award which is given to a student who exemplifies involvement. This is not a monetary award. A lot of scholarships and awards were given. Very proud of our students' accomplishments!
- Dance show this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 pm. Friday is sold out.

*Next meeting: Sept. 10, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm*