

## **Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes Jan 14 , 2019**

*Attendance : Naz Jakir ( Chair ) , Shams Choudhary – ( Vice Chair ) , Bal Dhillon , Effie Aadland , Laura, Jean Woo , Trina Mullin , Jeanne Davy, Sanjay Grover, Isabela Chaves, Maria Ferraresso*

- Meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm

### **1. Approval of Agenda :**

- Naz proposed a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting , which was approved by majority.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of Nov 5 '2018 Meeting:**

- Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the Nov 5'2018 meeting which was adopted.

### **3. Student Govt Update ( Sajeeda ) :**

- Sajeeda gave an update regarding the hamper drive and the success of the same. It was informed that \$6300 cash was donated during the drive. Total of above \$ 10,000 was collected and it was an all time record. The support of various agencies was mentioned and applauded by the group. Update was given regarding the VPA ( Visual Performing Arts ) show which was to be held from Wed to Fri.

### **4. Course Selection Presentation ( Jeanne Davy ) :**

- Course Selection overview was given. The timeline for the same was shared. The group was updated regarding the graduation requirements. The teachers were requested to talk to the students during the current semester, which was coming to an end soon, regarding the course selection process particularly for grade 9 and 10. The deadline for the process was fixed at Monday, Feb 11, 2019. The grade 9's will be counseled in the class on Feb 12 , 2019. The students of grade 8 will enter their courses in the lab with the counselor. The students were encouraged to come and see the counselor in case they have any confusion. All information is available on the website. The due date for course selection is fixed as March 15, 2019. The student help resources were also updated to the council. On April 15 , 2019 the students

will get the printout of the courses that they have selected and it will be the last time that they can make changes. This is to be signed by the parents and return back to the counselor. The graduation requirements were discussed and the changes were highlighted. The over credit requirement has not changed. The students were requested to choose the courses carefully as per their interest and the graduation requirements. In case some course cannot be offered due to less number of students they will be given an option to change the courses during May/June. A parent raised a concern regarding honor classes getting cancelled in Sept and that was acknowledged and it was promised that some suitable action will be taken for those unique situations like lack of staff etc. The group was informed regarding the open house being held in Burnaby Central on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019 from 6.30 to 8.30 for all trades and industry connect programs.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report ( Isabela Chaves)**

- No new transactions / movement was reported since Nov 2018.
- General Account Balance is \$ 1163 and Gaming Account Balance is \$30,000 was presented.
- Cheque received of \$273 from the district was informed.
- The chair (Naz) informed the group that the request for gaming money request for \$24,216 has been approved by the executive committee and she proposed a motion to approve the request in the meeting by the committee. The motion was approved without any questions. She briefed that the money was required for field trips and other extra-curricular activities being done in the school. The Vice Chair raised a concern regarding another approval request sent to the executive committee to which the Chair clarified that the same has been approved. She informed that there is still money left in the account after the approval which can be used subsequently.

#### **6. Chair's Report and Correspondence( Naz Jakir):**

- The chair informed that there is not much correspondence except for fund raising, TCYB. She informed the group that we don't do any fund raising at the committee level and the students have their own methods for fund raising.
- She informed the group that there is a Vancouver Neufeld 2019 conference on 1<sup>st</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at Sheraton Hotel Richmond and asked

whosoever is interested in the school can attend it and briefed about the fees for the same. She informed about the key note speakers of the conference.

- Gave an update on the Teacher's Magazine received.

### **7. Principal's Report ( Effie Aadland):**

- Ms.Effie Aadland briefly about the December events particularly music festival , multicultural pot luck level dinner. She requested the group to attend if they failed to attend this time. She talked about the hamper drive and congratulated the group. She also talked about the winter formals for the senior school students.
- She briefed about the upcoming events. Talked about the dance show , IO week , Numeracy assessment for grade 12 and the current grade 11 , English 12 provincial examination. She informed the group that this is the last year for the English 12 provincial and from next year onwards we will have grade 10 English provincial and numeracy assessment. Requested the parents to contact the school and the counselor for any issues / concerns.
- Gave an update on the Honors and AP classes to catch up on the studies during the week.
- Informed the group about the open house evening being held on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 6 PM onwards and encouraged maximum people to attend the same. She said it an important evening for each of us.
- Also briefed the group about the hello's and goodbye's about the teacher's.
- Informed the group the 3<sup>rd</sup> position by the senior boys in the basketball tournament. Bal Dhillon also intervned and briefed the group.
- Briefed the group about the two Numeracy days , Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Feb 7<sup>th</sup> being held in the school. This will help the kids prepare for the numeracy assessment and is in the line with the new curriculum.
- For March 2019 , about the next community council she said it would be a good idea to share with the group about the good things which have happened over the year and take their feedback so that when all the teachers meet in April 2019 the feedback can be incorporated into the plan.

### **8.Community School Report ( Bal Dhillon):**

- Mr.Bal Dhillon briefed the group about the activities of being run in school in the second semester.

- He briefed about the Coding Program which is going to be 10 weeks in a row. He said that the program was being run from the past two years and has been appreciated. Its an after school program.
- He briefed about the Red Cross being brought to the school for conducting a two day program for senior classes , for grade 11 and 12. He said that the program was done last year as well and we have couple of grade 12's who are trained in it. He talked about what is going to be discussed from spectrum of topics from bullying to cyber bullying and other topics around relationships. The students trained will deliver this training to grade 8's and grade 7's from the elementary schools. The students will get a DVD , training material etc.
- He briefed about the Basketball Tournament being held in the week.

#### **9. Teacher's Representative ( Trina):**

- Ms.Trina Mullin briefed about the dance show on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 being conducted by Vibe.

#### **10. DAC & DPAC Reports ( Shams and Naz)**

The Vice Chair ( Sham ) requested the Principal for a greater participation in the next council meeting through email / posters by the school. Being no further agenda , the Chair ( Naz) adjourned the meeting at 8.15pm.

**Next Meeting : March 4, 2019**