

## **Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting May 06 , 2019**

*Attendance : Naz Jakir ( Chair ) , Shams Chowdhury – ( Vice Chair ) , Bal Dhillon , Effie Aadland , Trina Mullin , Maria Ferraresso , Isabela Chaves , Sanjay Grover*

- 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 March 4 '2019 Meeting:**

- Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the March 4'2019 meeting which was adopted.

### **3. Student Council Update :**

- Maya and team discussed the use of funding of \$600 was discussed. Updates were given regarding the forthcoming events. Posters made were shown to the group and appreciated. The Rainbow Cross Walk event details were discussed and comments were solicited. Effie Aadland also gave an update on the role of the district ( the program has been approved by the district and a definite amount has been given to each school ) and the other school planning to do the Rainbow Cross Walk. It would be the district doing it once the school does it. Responses were collected from the group in closed envelopes. Ishan from student government gave an update on the Bulldog Bash. He thanked the council for the \$1000 given for the purpose. He gave details of the program , games and the tickets.

### **4. Chair's Report and Correspondence :**

- Naz read the report and informed the group that there was no correspondence.

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

- No new transactions / movement was reported since March 2019.

- General Account Balance is \$ 1362 and Gaming Account Balance is \$27607 was presented.
- There have been no expenses in the General Account. She informed the group that most of the expenses will happen in May2019 because of the closing.
- Cheque related to Athletics and Math Games was deposited.
- Naz informed that an expense of \$600 for the PEP : Grouse Mountain Trip was approved by Council. Combined fieldtrip with PE class was a success.

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

- Effie Aadland briefed about the event which happened from March till May.
- She congratulated the GSA for the diversity dance and said that it was a very successful event.
- The event of Kenyan Rugby Team and the article written on that. The position of the school at provincial in the event was informed.
- Robotics Team participation in the event in Victoria was discussed and she told that the team was participating for the first time and were placed in the top 30.
- Senior Boys basketball team positions were discussed.
- Community Service and Fund Raising activities were told to the group.
- Wellness / Mental Health activities done for the community were discussed.
- Grade 12 exit interviews details were shared.
- VPA : The Music students performed at Kelowna competition and got a silver medal.
- Grade 12 exam schedule were discussed in view of a question raised by a parent. There will no provincial examinations. Every teacher will be doing a flexible assessment as per the course. She told the colleges are now looking for well-rounded students rather than just academically performing students. A parent was vocal on the education system and he asked who decided the process of imparting education , is it top-down or bottom-up. Effie explained him the reason behind the change and as to how is going to develop the students going forward. Trina also added to the same logic pacifying the parent on the stoppage of provincial examinations and talked about the learning outcomes. She briefed as to where you could find the information on the curriculum changes. Another parent expressed a concern that it is now totally dependent upon the teachers to evaluate.

- Effie said the focus of the changes is on developing competencies. She asked the parents to look on the school website regarding the skills developed by the students. She justified the shift and said it is a continuous process.
- Flex time concept was discussed with the Council. The relation of the flex time with the new curriculum was discussed. She emphasized that the school is always working on improving their connect with students and helping them work towards their passion.
- Flex time incorporation in the time-table was also discussed. Update on the other schools was given. The proposal was once a week. The objective is to not to take away instructional time. The various options, which have not been finalized, were discussed and the council was updated on that. The tentative day would be Thursday. Discussions are continuing. A parent asked about the experience of other schools and Effie gave details of the other schools who have implemented the same. Sham added to the learning outcome expected out of the flex time. Trina added to the process and gave example of a Delta school which implemented the same.
- A parent complimented the process of flex time but expressed his concern whether the students are really becoming global students in Canada. His concern was decentralized of the curriculum. He asked about the minimum requirements to be achieved at the end on the class 12 course year. He explained the concept of education in east Africa. Effie complimented on the points raised and explained the learning standards at which the students at which they are assessed at. She said there are things which are very clearly laid out in every curriculum and those are the things on which the students are assessed. The structure for them is decided by the school. Bal added and explained it further by explaining content vs. concept. He added that now that it is integrated into the curriculum the teachers will have more flexibility to focus more on the concepts.
- The draft of the 2019-2020 Calendar was shared with the Council.
- The Rugby teacher was introduced to the Council. He thanked the Council for the funding to purchase scrum machine.

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

- Bal Dhillon told of the April/ May events.

- Bal Dhillon asked the group about two questions which he thought would increase the involvement of parents in the school activities and the council in particular. Time was given to the members and people came out with comments which were well appreciated.

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

Trina Mullin advised that she has sent an email to the staff advising about students observing Ramadhan so that teachers will be mindful in certain classes such as weight training etc. She advised council about free workshops offered by BCTF.

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

-Naz talked about the reports and the involvement some programs offered by the City at SFU , BCIT etc. She said Bal and She attended the DAC meetings and told about the things which she plans to do. She read the DPAC report on how Burnaby School District performs in terms of budget as compared to other schools. 2019-2020 budget for 2019-2020 was status quo and it is 250Mn for Burnaby schools. She also talked about the before and after school child care facilities. She also talked about the events in the other schools. Meeting schedule was also discussed and changes were discussed , modified and approved by the Council. Next year meetings will be in September, October, November, January, February, April, May and June. No meetings in December and March. As we have 2 weeks spring break it does not make sense to have a meeting in March.

-Naz informed the group that the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting. Being no further agenda , the Chair ( Naz) adjourned the meeting.

-Trina informed the report of the task force regarding housing , salary and affordability and welcomed any of the parents who wants to access the report.

**Next Meeting : Annual General Meeting : June 3, 2019**