

Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting September 09 , 2019

Attendance : Naz Jakir (Chair) , Shams Chowdhury – (Vice Chair) , Bal Dhillon , Effie Aadland , Phil Dulton, N.Christofides ,Maria Ferraresso , Isabela Chaves , L Falsetto, S Labrash ,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 June 3 '2019 Meeting:

- Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the June 3'2019 meeting which was adopted.

3. Student Government:

- Students Govt. representatives from Grade 12 briefed the group about the various activities they do in the group. The following was discussed :
 - BARC : Building a respectful community
 - Lunch Events
 - Halloween Events
 - Club Schedule
 - Invited Grade 8's to join the group
 - Thanking the community council for the support and fund-raising.
 - Ms. Falsetto encouraged the Grade 8 students to join the club and get involved.

4. Safe School Discussion (Phil Dulton):

- Phil Dulton briefed the group about the safe school activities . The following was discussed :
 - His role as a safe school representative and what does he do
 - His focus on not letting the large problems become big ones
 - His involvement in the social media and on-line issues arising out the social media
 - Primary focus to build trust ad relationship with students

- Encouraged parents to get in touch with him in case there any issues with their kids , which they cannot handle
- Gave his contact details to the parents
- Some questions were asked by parents on social media issues. Phil explained as to how can those be avoided / handled
- Assured the parents that the school is an extremely safe place for the kids.
- Workshops conducted on the social media affects were discussed and Phil explained as to how they are being conducted and being used by students and parents.

5. Administration and Student Services (N.Christofides):

- N.Christofides told the group about general administration and student services. The following was discussed :
 - Role of administration and counselors in helping students
 - Counselors activities and role division (by last name)
 - Administration activities and role division (by last name)
 - Helping by the counselors on grad requirements , admission requirements , grad activities etc
 - Credit Requirements a various class levels and how can credits be taken from other activities apart from studying
 - University / College sessions on the admissions in the school , particularly important for Grade 10 onwards
 - List of mandatory courses for Grade 10 , 11 and 12 were discussed , CLC-11 , CLC-12 details were provided to the parents
 - Challenge Exams for Grade 10 ,11 and 12 were discussed
 - On-line courses , how can they be used to complete credits
 - University stipulations and deadlines for UBC and SFU
 - Post-secondary visits and timelines for admissions were explained and discussed

6.Principal's Report (Effie Aadland):

- Effie Aadland briefed about the events which happened since June '2019.
 - NASA Competition : Designing of space settlement , in which 4 students of the school participated. They were a part of the winning Canadian team of 35 students
 - Overview of school , students , staff , ToC and open positions

- Student schedules: Advised to check with the counselors in case there are any issues.
- Assured the parents that issues, in any, will be settled within this week.
- Flex time details explained and video shown for clarity
- Flex time schedule for the month of Sept 2019 was shared with the Parents and explained as to how will it unfold Oct'2019 onwards
- Upcoming events for Sept'2019 were discussed ;
 - Meet the teacher evening (open house) : Sept 19
 - Prody day : Sept 20
 - Terry fox run : Sept 25
 - BARC(for all Grade 8's) : Sept 26
- Communication methods with the school were discussed
 - School website
 - Emails
 - Absence notification : Auto dialer
 - Phone calls
 - Parent meetings
 - Community council meetings
 - School events participation
- Future events :
 - Scholarship information by Ms.Falsetto in the next community council meeting
 - Redesigned curriculum with core competencies , career life connections , New graduation requirements which will include numeracy assessment , literacy assessment etc
- Requested the parents to advise on any topic on which they would like to know more to be informed to the school
- Talked about the technology activities in the school to a question raised by one of the parents. N.Christofides also added to the various initiatives taken by the school in the field of science and technology

7.Community School Report (Bal Dhillon):

- Bal Dhillon told briefly about the community school coordinator role and also discussed about the following :
 - Running of the community room and the various facilities provided to the students like free meal, free supplies, safe and secure place to sit.

- Partnership with various other communities for the benefit of the school were discussed
 - Whole Child learning
 - Frontier College
 - Friends of Simon
 - LOV (Leave Out Violence) Map : Media Arts Program
 - Leadership program
 - Food Scape
- Breakfast and Lunch program details were provided
- Warm jacket program details were told
- COBS bread pick-up request was made to the parents and they were requested to volunteer for pick-up. Details of the pick-up were provided
- Canadian Red Cross participation was discussed. Healthy relationship program was discussed.

8. Chair's Report and Correspondence (Naz Jakir) :

- Naz read the report and informed the group that there was no correspondence. Grade 8 parents Tea meeting was discussed. Whatsapp group (outside of School or Council) created by a parent Ash was told to the parents, they could join , if they wish to. Talked about the various sources of funding for the council. These are PAC grants from the District for meeting expenses and parent education. Gaming grants from the Gaming commission of \$20 per student based on prior year's September enrolment.

9. Teacher's Representative (S Labrash):

- Introduced herself to the group. Talked about BARC and the activities which will be in focus

10. Treasurer's Report (Isabela Chaves)

- General Account Balance is \$ 1346.52 and Gaming Account Balance is \$13402.29 was presented.
- On track on the budget and will present the new expenses in the next report
- Naz explained the group as to what the council does with the grant as to supporting all events, sports , field trips and extracurricular activities. Gaming grants cannot be used for curricular purposes.

- Naz proposed a motion to approve the account and treasurer's report which was done.
- Naz requested a cheque for \$75 to pay for BCCPAC membership for upcoming year.

11. DAC & DPAC Reports (Naz Jakir)

- Naz briefed about the Council that she will give an update on the on the reports in the next community council meeting as the DPAC meeting was scheduled in the coming week. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm.

Next Meeting : October 7, 2019