

Byrne Creek Virtual Community Council Meeting May 14 , 2020

Attendance : Naz Jakir (Chair) , Effie Aadland , Bal Dhillon , Sara Labrash (Meeting Coordinator) , Sanjay Grover, Maria Ferrarresso + 47 participants (on-line)

- Meeting was called to order at 7.03 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 February 3 '2020 Meeting:

- Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the February 3 '2020 meeting which was adopted.

3. School Reports: Principal's Report (Effie Aadland), Community Council Coordinator (Bal Dhillon & Teacher Representative Report (Sara Labrash):

- The meeting started with the Principals address who invited Ms.Sara Labrash who briefed the group about the robotics event, Pacific Northwestern semi-finals in which the school team participated, and the online youth racial justice conference conducted the week before.
- Principal briefed about the following :
 - o Art Gallery available on line made by the students.
 - o Community work done by the teacher Mr.Cook , manufacturing ear savers with 3-D printing in view of the pandemic.
 - o Invited the community school coordinator , Mr.Bal Dhillon to talk about the various projects being done for the community taking all safety measures
 - Food Security for 2 weeks after springs break
 - Donation of \$3000 worth of groceries secured by the community
 - Food bank hub opening in the south east community delivering grocery to those who need it
 - Weekly grocery program

- Cobbs bread donation and the subsequent delivery to the community
 - Burnaby wide project of 20 youth , 2 from Byrne creek , for COVID response , who take up projects online with an objective of building community.
 - Starting of internet radio station and the efforts being put into that.
- Principal talked to the group about communication phase 1 , after spring break with focus on connecting with community and then phase 2 , where school did a technology rollout and distributed 128 laptops so that the teaching learning can be facilitated in the new way. Thereafter Ms. Labrash talked about the technology and the on-line teaching-learning process.
- Talked about the 3rd term report cards and explained as to how the final term report card (June 2020) would be made. She assured that no student would be negatively impacted due to this crisis.
- Talked about the Grade 12 graduation ceremony (virtual ceremony this year) and the process been recommended by the district. Bill Copeland Commencement ceremony cancelled.
 - Students will have details about the ceremony in the week of June 22
 - Students will be given a cap and a gown.
 - Awards and certificates will be given.
 - Year book will be available in the year end package.
 - Program for the grad ceremony will be produced.
- Briefed the group about the ideas being discussed and deliberated upon regarding having the graduation ceremony in small groups in series of mini ceremonies. Also talked about the Dinner Dance cancellation and discussed about the options available. The options suggested by parents were discussed. This is not possible under any circumstances this year due to restrictions on number of people for gatherings.
- A student raised a question about vacating the lockers and the various options being considered by the school were told to the group. Students will be given times to come in and clean out lockers.

4. Chair's Report and Treasure's Report (Naz Jakir) :

- Naz talked about the DPAC report scheduled in the week after this meeting and said that the group will have more information about that thereafter. She gave the account balances , the Gaming Account balance is 26256.14 ,

and General Account balance is 1494.82 . Also told the group that next year's grant application has been submitted. AGM has been postponed till Sept 2020. Talked to the group about our constitution constraints regarding School District or Ministry of Education employees joining the executive. Some parents have shown an interest in joining the Executive. Proposed a motion for amendment to the constitution so as to give all parent an equal opportunity. There does not appear to be any conflicts except perhaps the Treasurer role so we propose amendment: Section IV. Election Procedures to "No employee/elected official of the School district or Ministry of Education shall hold the position of Treasurer". The Constitution and Bylaws governing our Council can be amended at any time depending on the Council's interests and needs. She also asked all the parents that if anyone is interested in taking up the executive position he/she can leave their contact information at the school and we will contact them thereafter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.08 PM

Next Meeting : June 9, 2020