

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

June 2020

Message from the Chair

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community members,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. The 2019 – 2020 school has brought many challenges and we have had to adjust to new norms in these unprecedented times. Despite the challenges Byrne Creek has remained resilient. The staff of Byrne Creek have worked very hard to ensure student learning continues through online learning and in class support. Not only did the learning continue but the Community Room has been actively supporting the health and wellness of our communities through programs such as the bi-weekly grocery program, Cobs Bread donation deliveries etc. We are grateful for the support of our community partners, staff, students and volunteers who make this possible.

The Community Council (PAC) has been hard at work this past year. We kicked off with our first community engagement event in September, our Grade 8 parents welcome tea. We had a great turnout with parents starting their own connections and support group. During our monthly Council meetings, we had guest speakers from the school who presented on several topics such as scholarships, redesigned curriculum, course selection information, career life connections and Capstone project, graduation requirements to name a few. We have continued to work with the school in keeping you informed of what has been happening at the school via our virtual Council meetings in May and June. I trust you have found these virtual meetings convenient and informative.

We will be holding our Community Council Annual General Meeting and Elections in September. The following positions are open for nominations: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Members at Large (2). I encourage you to get involved with the Council either by joining the Executive Committee or attending the council meetings. You will find this to be a rewarding experience. I have been involved on Byrne Creek Council since it was formed in 2005. I joined the Elementary School PAC when my oldest son started

kindergarten. That was 23 years ago. My oldest son graduated from Byrne Creek in 2010, my middle son graduated in 2014 and my youngest son is graduating this year. I have made many friendships and connections through my involvement at both schools. Byrne Creek is a Community School which entitles all community members to belong to the Council. You do not need to have a child at the school to be involved.

If you would like to learn more about the Executive Committee positions, please visit the school website under "Parent" tab you will find our Constitution which outlines the roles and responsibilities for each position. You may also email me at jakir@shaw if you would like to seek nominations for September. Your Council needs you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 2019 – 20 Executive Committee: Maria Ferrarresso, Sanjay Grover and Isabela Chaves for your commitment and dedication to our community.

On behalf of the Council I would like to congratulate and wish my fellow graduating parents and students the very best as you transition out of high school to the next chapter in your lives.

Naz Jakir

Executives 2019 - 2020

Chairperson: Naz Jakir

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Treasurer: Isabela Chaves

Secretary: Sanjay Grover

Member at Large: Maria Ferrarresso

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Council Meetings 2020 – 2021

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September 14th – Welcome Back

October 5th – Scholarship Presentation

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November 2nd – Grad Information

January 11 – TBA

February 1st – TBA

April 12th – TBA

May 3rd – TBA

June 7th – AGM

