

## **Byrne Creek Virtual Community Council Meeting September 23 , 2020**

*Attendance : Naz Jakir ( Chair ) , Effie Aadland(Principal) , Bal Dhillon(Community Coordinator) , Sara Labrash ( Meeting Moderator & Teacher Rep ) , Isabella Chaves (Treasurer) , Maria Ferraresso (MAL), Sanjay Grover(Secretary) + 72 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 June 2020 Meeting:**

- Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the June 2020 meeting which was adopted. She informed the group the meeting will be concluded with elections to the council.

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

- The meeting started with the Principals address.
- Principal briefed about the following :
  - o Welcomed the parents to the New School Year and does the introduction of the new staff joined
  - o Introduced the Counsellors and the Safe School Specialist
  - o Introduced the Community Room Staff
  - o Introduced the Athletics Director
  - o Briefed the parents that all the safety protocols as per Stage 2 guidelines of Covid-19 are in place in the school
  - o Talked about the learning groups formed for the various grades and the instruction model for various classes
  - o Talked about the safety measures in place in school in terms of sanitization, masks and social distancing. Addressed the concerns of the lunch time protocol and advised the parents on the same
  - o Daily health checks being done in the School. Shared the daily health check details updated on the website with the parents
  - o Discussed the study options for the benefit of the parents and students , explained the various options the students have particularly for the immune compromised .

- Thereafter the house was opened for questions by the principal. There was an overwhelming response from the parents in asking questions which were replied to the satisfaction of the parents by the principal.

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

Naz invited the community school coordinator, Mr.Bal Dhillon to talk about the various projects being done for the community :

- Explained the Goals of the Community School for the understanding of parents
- Explained the concept of Community Room and the benefits it offers to the students
- Explained the Covid-19 protocols for the community room
- After school program details were provided to the parents
- Food Bank details were provided and parents were advised to inform people who could take benefit from them.
- Informed that they are able to take out over \$120,000 of food to the people who needed it.
- Gave details of the breakfast program and told that the lunch program is going to start soon.
- Gave the details of the Covid19 response team for the youth and asked the parents if their child wants to involved that can be done.
- Asked the parents that in case the student has any problem, he advised them to send them to him and he will guide them through.
- Gave details of the blog , which is updated weekly , particularly regarding the community
- Parents raised questions about sports and they were answered.

#### **5 .Teacher's Representative ( Sara Labrash ) :**

Naz invited the teachers representative, Ms. Sara Labrash to talk about on behalf of the teachers :

- Readiness of the school regarding the changed circumstances
- Talked about the clubs in the coming year

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

Naz talked about the Meeting dates to the parents. Briefed the group about the gaming grants in view of the changed circumstances. Gaming grants carried over from last year will be used to support what was approved. If there are any funds

carried over from last year, we will have to re-allocate them towards other items as gaming grants must be used within 3 years. We will receive our grants this coming year based on Sept 30, 2019 student enrollment. There is uncertainty for grants for the 2021-22 school year due to the reduced gaming revenues with COVID 19 situation. When we reallocate funds, field trip funds could be reallocated to support scholarships, school leaving, awards as these activities occur regardless and are not supported by other sources.

Meeting dates for 2020-21: Meetings will be on Wednesdays. October 14, November 18, January 13, February 10, April 14, May 12, June 9<sup>th</sup>. No meetings in December and March.

DPAC report presented by Samantha Nelson. Update on school cleaning and custodian services.

### **7. Treasurer's Report ( Isabela ) :**

The treasurer gave the account balances, the Gaming Account balance at \$19,644, and General Account balance is \$14,942. She talked about the budget \$29,475 out of which we spent \$15,558.

### **8. Chair's Closing / Elections ( Naz Jakir ) :**

Naz briefed the group about the election process for Executive committee for 2020 - 2021. The term is for 2 years. Asked for the nomination from the parents. The following nominations were received and selected unopposed :

Chairperson : Naz Jakir

Vice Chairperson: Samantha Nelson

Secretary : Sanjay Grover

Treasurer : Isabelle Chaves

Member at Large: Maria Ferreresson

Member at Large: Sandra Medeiros

The meeting was adjourned at 8.18 PM

**Next Meeting : October 14, 2020**