

## **Byrne Creek Virtual Community Council Meeting - AGM June 09, 2021**

*Attendance: Naz Jakir (Chair), Samantha Nelson, Sanjay Grover, Maria Ferrarresso, Sandra Medeiros, Effie Aadland (Principal), Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator), Sara LaBrash (Teacher Representative), Liliane De Oliveira (Vice Principal), Moreno Stefanon ( Athletics Coordinator) + **14 participants on-line***

Meeting was called to order at 7.09 pm

### **1. Approval of Agenda:**

Naz gave a background of her association with the Community and informed that group that she will be leaving the council this year. She introduced the staff and executive to the group.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting:**

Naz introduced motion to adopt the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting which was adopted. Sanjay seconded the motion. A poll was taken from the participants and all were in favor of the minutes which were approved.

### **3. Student Government Report (Sana and Syona):**

- Year end event, Bulldog Bash details were shared and how they were conducted in view of Covid-19 restrictions.
- They explained how the event was conducted and how the teachers helped.
- The principal praised the students for the excellent event

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

Principal briefed about the following:

- The details of the school closing (June 24)
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Graduation event details
- School schedule for the next year:
  - Daily schedule for next year with 4 rotating classes. Schedule is being adopted by all Burnaby high schools. Flexible support time

every morning before class for students to meet with teachers or student groups.

- Thanked the parent community for the support extended throughout the year with the changes happening.
- A few parents raised questions about the starting of school sports, school times, and school schedule in the new session, extra year requirements for Grade 11 students, which were replied to satisfaction.

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

- Explained the concept of community schools and talked about community school review.
- Talked in detail as to what happens in the community school review and explained about the needs, requirements and strengths. The objective is to strengthen our learning.
- Briefed the group about the 6 goals of the community schools and explained each one of them in detail.
- A question was raised regarding the cut in the budgets and how it impacted our school. This was replied to by the principal.
- A question was raised regarding events for parent's involvement in the coming year which was replied by Bal. The parents will be informed.

#### **6. Athletics Update (Moreno Stefanon):**

An update was given to the group regarding the Terry Fox Run. Update on the athlete of the month. This month, 2 students were selected. The students spoke about their achievements.

#### **7. Teacher's Representative (Sara LaBrash):**

- Talked about the weekly meetings happening regarding the gardening group, anti-racism group, global issues etc.
- Talked in general about the year that has gone by and what to expect in the coming year.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report (Naz for Isabelle) :**

- The Gaming Account balance at \$36,398.11 and General Account balance is \$1695.11.
- Otherwise, no account activity.

## **9. Chair's Report (Naz Jakir) :**

Naz talked about the allocation of the available funds and how they were used. Two additional Council scholarships were given to the students. This is over and above the 2 scholarships offered every year. These will be given to the students once they graduate. Gaming grants have been applied for for 2021/2022 school year. The details of the various reports due for submission were shared with the group. A volunteer Service Award details which was received by Byrne Creek School was shared with the group.

## **10. Elections for the Council (Naz Jakir): Voting happened electronically:**

The following people were elected to the Byrne Creek Community Council for the next 2 years by voting:

- Chair: Samantha Nelson
- Vice Chair: Sandra Medeiros
- Secretary: Sanjay Grover
- Treasurer: Elena Generalova
- Member at large: Maria Gunner
- Member at large: Aniz Jiwani

The meeting was closed to order at 8.21 PM

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2021**