

## **Byrne Creek Virtual Community Council Meeting February 7, 2022**

*Attendance : Samantha Nelson ( Chair) , Sanjay Grover, Matria Ferrarresso, Sandra Medeiros , Effie Aadland ( Principal), , Sara LaBrash ( Meeting Coordinator and Teacher's Representative ), Liliane De Oliveria (Vice Principal), Aman Rai, Merino ( Athletics Coordinator), Bal Dhillon ( Community School Coordinator) Phil ( Safe School Coordinator), Maria, Michelle Krywolt + 13 participants ( on-line )*

Meeting was called to order at 7.04 pm

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

Sam gave an introduction of the group, the executive and the teachers. She read out the Agenda for the meeting.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of January 10 '2022 Meeting:**

Sam introduced motion to adopt the minutes from January 10 '2022 which was seconded and adopted by the group.

### **3. Counsellor's Update ( Aman Rai) :**

The Counsellor gave an update on Family Smart and Course Selection. She gave update on the upcoming events in February 2022. She talked about and gave details about the ADHD program and the tackling difficulties program. Course selection and MyEd was discussed and explained. Grad program was discussed in details with the options the students have in Grade 11 and Grade 12. The objective was to educate the students on the post-secondary requirements. The navigation of the school website was shown for the students learning.

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

Principal briefed about the following school updates and upcoming events:

- Alternate school details were discussed and how it helped the students
- Provincial Assessments cancellation update was provided.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment update was provided.
- Virtual Open House Link details were shared.

- Semester 2 startup update provided with changed bell schedule – same schedule from Monday to Thursday – 4 Blocks.
- Posting of Report Cards update was given.
- Upcoming Events :
  - Family Day
  - Professional Development Day
  - Student Learning Conferences
  - Spring Break
- YDI - Youth Development Instrument details were discussed- it's for Grade 11 students. A survey will be sent, the participation is optional. It will be sent in the 1<sup>st</sup> week on March 2022.
- Time table and Bell Schedule Plan for the next year was discussed – how will it be finalized. Participation was promised.
- Questions was raised by the parents to the Principal and answered to the satisfaction of the parents.

#### **5. Student Representative Update (Obri & Catherine ) :**

Sam welcomed the student representatives Obri & Catherine to make the presentation to the group. Catherine, Vice president-Student government talked about Lunar New Year celebrations. Gave the an update on the upcoming celebrations of Valentine's day and their coordination with the Leo Club for this activity. She also talked about the Black history month and plans for that which was tentative. Wellness week would be celebrated before the spring holidays for mental health and wellness of students. Gave the update about the Bulldog Bash which was being planned as the part of the closing of this study year. The overall goal was to amplify diversity and hear the unheard voices-lower grades students. Build a sense of community.

#### **6. Community School Coordinator (Bal):**

- Update on the new program- Friends of Simon-conducted through Simon Frazer University. This is limited to new comer youth.
- Outdoor Classroom details were provided- approval made to be presented.
- Talked about YDI on which Effie spoke earlier. Added new details to the program and how will it help the younger students. Data collection was emphasized for taking decisions.
- Access Coffee Machine is up and running.

- District Community Council meetings details were provided to the group. The views of the students and the challenges faced by them in view of the pandemic, related to mental health, loneliness and wellbeing were shared.
- Gave a brief update on the school sports.

#### **7. Chair's Report (Sam):**

Sam briefed the group that there was nothing substantial to share.

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

- Gave an insight into challenge of teachers in view of the Covid times.
- Great to see the students back
- Questions were raised by parents which was replied to their satisfaction by Sara LaBrash and Effie Aadland, particularly on course selection.

#### **9. Treasurer's Report (Michelle):**

- Gaming Account Balance: \$ 17860. Genral Account Blance : 1620.11. She said that there were no bookkeepers. 35149.73. Volunteers were requested from the group.

#### **10. PAC Meeting Update (Maria & Sam):**

- Maria updated the group about the happenings in the PAC meeting, particularly about the discussion in the school about the ventilation.

With no new business to report the meeting was called off at 7.54 pm

**Next Meeting: April 4, 2022, both at 7 PM**