

Byrne Creek Community Council Minutes

Date: April 4, 2022

Location: ZOOM

In Attendance

Effie Aadland (Principal), Bal Dhillion (Community School Coordinator), Sara La Brash (Science), Moreno Stefanon (Athletics), Marty Graham (Socials Studies), Arthur Arnold (Safe School Specialist), Aman Rai (Counsellor), Sam N (Chair), Sandra M (Vice Chair), Maria G (DPAC Rep), Student representatives from Robotics and Student government and parents

1. Welcome and Introductions – Sam Nelson

2. Minutes from March 2022 meeting approved.

3. Agenda changed slightly to accommodate student speakers at beginning of meeting.

4. Student Government Update (2 students)

- wellness week. Different event each day (tea, karaoke, coloring, word search, positive messages)
- April 18-22 Spirit Week. (dress up like first letter of your name, bring anything but a backpack, wear your elementary grad hoody)
- Door painting fundraiser for Bull Dog bash
- Currently planning Bull Dog bash. Food and event stations. June 3.
- Multi Cultural day (March 11). People shared folk stories of their heritage and dressed in cultural clothing

5. Robotics Club update (student)

- robotics club is part of First Robotics and that program is sponsored by NASA. Every year they get a challenge, and they build a robot to complete this challenge.
- Building of robot uses many skills from the robotics team includes numerics, coding, mechanics, STEAM.
- This year's challenge was to build a robot that could climb on monkey bars.
- Team did not compete in the competition in Victoria due to uncertainty around COVID protocols.
- They set up a demonstration for the school to show their robot and what it could do.
- Building a robot was a lot of work for the team. It took a few attempts for the robot to climb the monkey bars but was successful in the end.

6. Arthur Arnold – Safe School Specialist

- Has been at Byrne for few months. Transferred from Burnaby North.
- His role is to keep the school safe. Deals with social media use, bullying, safety, making sure kids go to class, mentorship, drug awareness presentations. He is also there as a support to the teachers.
- coaches wrestling team

7. Aman Rai (School Counsellor for last names A to G)

- May 7th is National Child Youth Mental Health Week.
- Website "Family Smart"
- Presented Wellness Article on happiness
- Read a book called "Fortunately" by Remy Charlotte
- Look for micro moments of joy.

8. Effie Aadlad – Principals Report

- April 10 Student learning conferences with teachers.
- April 20 Term 3 ends. Interim reports posted May 2.
- PHO changes after spring break. Masks now worn by choice. Schools encouraging people to take Health and Safety precautions.
 - hand hygiene
 - social distancing and spacing
 - masks still available as needed
- Easter long weekend
- Professional Day April 25
- School is working on school calendar and time table schedule for next year. At next CC meeting, school will present to parents for approval.
- School working on school plan. Will be presenting to district May 17th. Next CC meeting will share school goals and accomplishments this year.
 - school goals continue to be numeracy and literacy

8. Bal Dhillon (Community School coordinator)

- community room supported robotics club with \$1500 towards building their robot.
- financial literacy workshop later in April for parents of ELL students or new to Canada.
- Girls / Non-Binary skateboard club starting again.
- Edmonds Junior Youth leadership. Grade 11/12s mentoring grade 8s. Will start mentoring grade 7s at Edmonds. When they come to Byrne, they will continue to mentor.

9. Moreno Stefanon (Athletic Director)

- Senior boys basketball won Fraser Valley North AAA basketball tournament. Finished 7th in provincials.
- Jr Boys basketball finished 2nd in Burnaby and 4th in Fraser North.
- Grade 8 basketball qualified for provincials.
- Wrestling. 5 qualified for provincials.
- Table Tennis seniors boys won in Burnaby. Finished 2nd in BC and girls finished 4th.
- Spring sports starting. Netball senior team, boys' rugby (Junior and Senior) looking for members, girls rugby looking for members.
- Track and Field looking for members. First competitions starting in early April
- Badminton. 60 tried out. Very popular. Practiced every day over spring break. Previous Canadian Olympic Champion helping to coach.

10. Sara LaBrash

- Table Tennis coach. Provincials this weekend.,
- Many families celebrating Ramadan. Relearning as a community what this means. Rooms set aside for private prayer if needed.

11. DPAC

- Mental Health presentations. Lots of information on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM