

## **Byrne Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes**

Date – Monday, May 2, 2022

Meeting held Via Zoom

Attendees: Effie Aadland (Principal), Sara LaBrash (Teacher Representative), Alison Atkinson (English Department head) Sam N (Chair), Sandra M (Vice Chair), Michelle K. (Treasurer), Maria G. (DPAC Rep) and 10 parents

### **1. Called to order at 7:03PM by Sam Nelson**

### **2. Aubrey and Hannah – Student Government**

- Have been busy planning events to bring school spirit
  - o Upcoming events include karaoke and musical chair
- Bull Dog Bash June 24<sup>th</sup>. Last day of School
  - o Theme is Disney
  - o DJ, Bouncey castles, food, game stations

### **3. Alison Atkinson – English Department Head**

Provided information regarding the new Indigenous requirements for graduation.

- All students now required to take an Indigenous focus course in grade 11 or 12 for graduation.
- All schools found out about this change after Spring Break and have been working to implement
- Students can take Indigenous option with English Classes, BC First Peoples 12 (Socials studies).
- Still figuring out implementation for English Classes. Likely will have novels and novel studies with Indigenous authors and writing assignments.
- Students will still learning the same writing skills required in the English class.

### **4. Effie Aadland – Principal**

Principals Report

- May 3 reports card will be ready in My Ed
- AP Exams this week
- Live in person performance for dance and theater this spring.
- School Planning Committee Meeting at our school May 17. Administration, members of district and Community Council will go over the 3-year plan for the school.
  - o Current school planning goals surround Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and Literacy/Numeracy
  - o Because of Covid, focus of the last 2 years has been mainly SEL for students.

- Student fees for next year mainly staying the same. AP exams will raise by \$10.
- Bell Schedule staying same next year
  - o Parents and students were sent a survey regarding bell schedule
  - o Overwhelming response is that most are happy with current schedule and times of classes
  - o September will have same bell schedule and flex schedule in AM
- Parent Questions – June 24<sup>th</sup> is last day of school. Can we plan vacation after this date or are kids to be in school after? Answer – you can plan trips after June 24.
- Parent Question – Is Band linear or semester. Answer – Effie thinks that the younger years of band will be linear, and band will rotate all year with PE. Older years band may be semester.
- Reminder for students to do daily health check before coming to school and stay home if sick.
- Reminders for parents and students to drive and walk safely during student pick up and drop off. Very busy at school during these times.
- May 10 presentation at school – SFU Burnaby Festival of Learning. Considered to be an in-class field trip for this who want to attend the virtual presentation.
- Long discussion regarding student safety at school in response to recent incident when a student was injured during a PE class. Effie learned new information and will be following up at school.
  - o Effie said that there had been a few incidents at the beginning of the school year involving students from other schools coming to Byrne and police were involved.
  - o Police and City of Burnaby did a school safety report and overall they said our school is safe (lights and cameras outside, easy to access exit doors). School camera system has been updated
  - o Outdoor washrooms are sometimes a problem
  - o Police have been doing more bike patrols of Byrne creek area

## **5. Bal Dhillion – Community School Coordinator**

- not in attendance

## **6. Sara LaBrash – Teacher Representative**

- Rugby season in full force
- Lots of sports happening
- Happy Edi to those who celebrated. Happy to see students in celebration.
- Field trips starting again.
- Report cards coming tomorrow. Teachers have been busy preparing marks.

**7. Sam Nelson – Chairs report**

- very quiet month. Nothing to report.

**8. Michelle Krywolt – Treasurer Report**

- Have mailed some cheques for reimbursements. More will be sent in June.
- Gaming grant application due at end of June.

Meeting Concluded at 830pm.