

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022

Attendees: Effie Aadland (Principal), Barry Callister (Vice Principle), Laurent Scaligine (Vice Principle), Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator), Janisha Haywood (Student Services), Lisa Parsonson (Teacher Rep/Librarian), Moreno Stefanon (Athletic Director), Sam N. (Chair), Sandra M. (Vice Chair), Michelle K. (Treasurer), Parm W. (Secretary), Maria G. (DPAC Rep) and many parents.

- Called to order at **7:08 PM** by Sam Nelson (Chair)
- Introductions (Executive, Administration, Teachers, Counsellors and Students)
- Approval of minutes from June 6th - Will do the approving in November once all the names are in.

1. Student Representatives: Student Government & Leos

Explained what they do:

- Put on fun events such as, musical chairs, and other events in and out of school
- Help by Community involvement and bring it back into the school
- Leadership Events
- Meal Club – in and out of school events
- Help with International Students on how to function in school

- **Principal Report: Effie**
- 1,040 students
- 100 International students
- Two vice-principals (each assigned to students by last name)
- Four counsellors (each assigned to students by last name)
- Introduction of new counsellor, Janisha Haywood
- Parents can reach their child's counsellor by looking up their last name and finding the correspondent counsellor, their email and phone number

Byrne Creek Community School prides themselves in encouraging connectivity with each other and with our community. If you have any questions or comments for the Parent Community Council, you can email, byrnecreekcc@gmail.com.

2. Community School Coordinator – Bal Dhillon

- **Community room**, where you can get snacks, school supplies and other. If you can't find something you need, come to the **Community Room**.
- Parent suggestion on making a list of things that need to be done at the school that parents can volunteer for. Pool resource...Bal will organize it.
- We are not necessarily a **PAC**; we are a **Community Council**

- Community Room is located by the garden and we do not encourage division between community and school. We help students to learn **Community**. Parents are welcome.

3. Teacher Representative and Librarian – Lisa Parsonson

Informed on what's available for students in the library such as Board Games. The library encourages students to communicate other interesting ways of communicating their ideas, providing an interactive experience.

4. Athletics Department – Moreno Stefanon

There are three seasons, **Fall, Winter & Spring**.

Fall Season (September to November)	Winter Season (December to February)	Spring Season (March to June)
Girls Volleyball Boys Rugby (Bantam) Swimming Boys Soccer (Senior) Girls Field Hockey Cross Country	Boys & Girls Basketball Boys & Girls Wrestling	Badminton Boys & Girls Rugby Girls Netball Track and Field

- Every year the Athletics Department puts on the **Bulldog Banquet** called 'The Wedding'.
- Please refer to the Whiteboard when you first walk in from the front entrance on schedules
- Spoke on the teams' successes
- Any kind of support needed to join Athletics can be available in the community room such as, can't afford the fees. There are several Community donors for example, 'Kids Sports' and grants are available.

5. Sam Nelson – Chair's Report

- Applauding parent turn-out and announcing meetings are held once a month
- Informed - In May a letter was written to the City of Burnaby presenting concerns of the upgrades on 11th Street. Some improvements have been made
- Will be sending another letter to thank the city and to indicate what else we need done

6. Treasurer Report – Michelle Krywolt

Operating Costs:

- Operating account School Board fundraising \$1,242.95
- Grants - \$22,004 available – Need to spend it within 3 yrs.

Grants used for things such as:

- Rock Garden
- Sports equipment
- Food and community
- Thing's school needs

- Teachers can write a grant request
- BC Gaming Grant
- October spreadsheet available but needs to be updated

DPAC - District

General meeting for a representative from all school PACS. Will give an update on Monday, October 3rd on the next DEPAC meeting.

Ideas of starting a new group can be given every Thursday morning.

Some of the parents' questions and concerns were to do with smoking in bathrooms and people bringing drugs on school premises. Important note was given - **COMMUNICATION** is key with your child.

Discussion on future meetings if in person or zoom. Some suggested a combination.

Next meeting Monday, October 4th will be in person and will discuss Community Thanksgiving, for example donation of Turkey etc. includes our Leos with our catering class.

Next meeting discussion on hybrid October meeting.

Important Dates:

- Thursday, **September 22nd, 6PM** – School Tour with parents/students, meet and greet with their teachers.
- **September 26 - Clubs Day - Leo Club** organizes a lunch time event of all the booths from different clubs to introduce what they do and students can join.
- **September 23rd - Pro D-Day**
- **Terry Fox Run** will be held **end of September**
- **Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30th**, in honour of the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.
- On **October 4th**, grade 8 students will attend Edmonds Community Centre to connect with the community known as **BARC**.