

MEETING MINUTES

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, April 3, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Library, Byrne Creek (in-person)

IN ATTENDANCE

Effie Aadland, Lisa Parsonson (Teacher/Librarian), Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator), Marty Graham (Social Studies and Robotics), Kirsten Sawatsky (Social Studies), Moreno Stefanon (Director of Athletics), Sam N. (Chair), Sandra M. (Vice Chair), Maria G. (DPAC rep), Michelle K. (Treasurer) and 13 community members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meetings from the February 2023 meeting will be approved at the May meeting

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Robotics Team

- Robotics team did a presentation about the First Robotics competition they attended in Victoria.
- 15 students attended
- This years mission was to build a robot that could pick up cones and cubes and place them in specific locations.
- Byrne was one place away from being in the finals for the competition.
- Competition hosted student teams from all over the world.
- Competition was streamed in the library so students could watch as Byrne competed.
- Thank you to parent Greg who volunteered his engineering skills to help the team and travelled with the group to Victoria.

Student Government – Kai

- Student government is the acting government body of the school. It's a way for students to connect and come together.
- Bull Dog Bash in June. This year's event is June 12 from 2-3pm (not last day of school). The theme is y2k.
- Culture week May 1-5. Many events like a potluck and Folk Tales planned.
- Wellness Week April 25-28 highlighting mental health.
- Family feud and talent show

GUEST SPEAKER: MARTY GRAHAM

Presented about School Goals.

- Previously the school has always created goals for the school. Missing link was to ask the students about the school goals
- School goals revolve around Social Emotional Learning, Indigenous Education, Anti-racism training.
- School held a student forum where a group of students were invited to attend and were asked questions about the school goals. Students were divided into groups with a staff facilitator in each group.
 - Questions about safety at school, support at school, awareness, cel phone use, washroom safety, has school changed from last year to this year.
 - Staff were then asked the same questions

Q. How did the school determine which students attended the forum?

A. Staff were asked to name students they felt would be brave enough to contribute to the conversation. Names were brought forward and discussed. If a student was named a couple times by different teachers, they were added. School ensured representation from all areas / interest of school were present (academic, athletic, fine arts etc.).

- Byrne is currently doing studies on the washrooms and how they can be made more welcoming and safe.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

Moreno – Athletics

- Senior Boys Basketball
 - finalist vs Burnaby South.
 - Fraser North Finalists.
 - Provincials – came in 6th.
- Senior Boys Table Tennis
 - BNWSAA finalist
- Senior Boys Wrestling BNWSAA Champions
 - Qualified most wrestlers in the province (19)
 - Unfortunately due to illness, only 8 attended.
 - 4 got on podium
 - 1 student one provincial championship Gold medal
- Spring sports season
 - Badminton
 - Tennis
 - Netball (Girls Jr.Sr.)
 - Track and Field (has a community coach)
 - Volleyball (Boys Gr.8)
 - Rugby (Boys Jr.Sr.)
 - Rugby 7s (Girls)

Q. For track and field are all the track events offered? Or just running?

A. All events at the competitions are open. If a student shows interest in wanting to do a certain event, we will help train them.

Lisa Parsonson – Teacher/Librarian and Teacher Rep. for Community Council

- Parents are welcome to come to the library and take out books

- Chess club started and is very popular. Parents are welcome to attend and share talents if they want.
 - Penny Pham, top female chess player in Burnaby is visiting the chess club this monthly.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR REPORT – BAL DHILLION

- Byrne students are looking to host a Wellness conference and invite students from across Burnaby. Possible date May 19th.
- Pedal Club. Community room received funding for kids to learn how to build and maintain a bike.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – EFFIE AADLAND

- Feb. 7th hosted a Trades Career Fair organized by Steve Cook
- Student learning conferences in March were held virtually.
- Internet safety presentations by Police liaison for grade 8 students.
- Happy Nowruz (Persian New Year) events held. Students organized food and dance.
- Robotics competition was a great success.
- Japan Trip over spring break. Society in Japan hosted students from Byrne and Moscrop for a free exchange trip to Japan. Students interested in Japanese language, culture and leadership were invited to apply.
- Affordability grant. The government awarded each school district money. The district gave money to each school.
 - Specific guidelines on use: school fees, school supplies, food security,
 - In consultation with the community room, grant money was spent on school fees, grade 10s CPR courses, grade wide field trips, hamper drive, athletic fees. Usual costs that families would have had to pay for.

CHAIRS REPORT – SAM NELSON

- Thanked Byrne Creek students for volunteering at the recent Coldest Night of the Year event. The Senior Boys basketball team, Leo Club and Global Issues students volunteered.
- We are working with Bal on a Community Room website that will better communicate and connect the school to the parents. Websites will show what items the school needs donated or what volunteer help they need. Will also show if there are any parents with special skills that are willing to help.

TREASURERS REPORT – MICHELLE KRYWOLT

- One cheque for \$7562.40 was written from the gaming account.
- Gaming account balance - \$29,288.75
- General account balance - \$1242.95

DPAC REPORT – MARIA GUNNER

- Emergency preparedness
 - 10 ways for your family to prepare for an earthquake or emergency
 - Discussion about Byrne Creek's earthquake kiosk. Where is the bin? What is inventory? Effie to look into it.

- DPAC meeting talked about list of items each PAC is supposed to supply each year for the safety equipment.
- BCCPAC is holding a town hall on the BC Affordability credit that was given to each district (and then to each school). Were PACs consulted about how to spend the money?
- Next DPAC meeting is budget meeting.
- April 17th DPAC meeting about Long Range facilities.
- BCCPAC Conference in May.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

No questions from parents.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 1, 2023

Byrne Creek Library.