

MEETING MINUTES

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: February 6, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Zoom (online)

IN ATTENDANCE

Effie Aadland, Janisha Haywood (Department Head, Student Services), Lisa Parsonsons (Teacher/Librarian), Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator),

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January meeting minutes from January 2023 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: JANISHA HAYWOOD

Department Head, Student Services

- Janisha did a presentation on course selection for 2023/2024 school year. Presentation is available on Byrne Creek website on the Student Services Page ([Course Selection PowerPoint 2023](#))
- Introduced all the counsellors in the department.
- Talked about the Student Services section of the Byrne Creek website. Website shows names of counsellors and who is responsible for which last name groupings of students, course selection info, course descriptions, graduation information.
- Talked about specific graduation requirements. Change this year, Indigenous focused course required for graduation. More information on the Student Services section of website.
- Talked about the 3 different math streams available.
- February 13 course selection opens on-line via My Ed. Janisha went through slides about how to register for classes via My Ed (presentation is available on website).

Question – Will this years English 11 count for Indigenous Focus component?

Answer - If student is taking a specific Indigenous focused course that will count. If student is in straight Grade 11 English, they will need to take Indigenous focused course next year.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

Lisa Parsonsons (Teacher Librarian)

- Comicon event was a great success. Thank you to the Community Council for funding 2 guest speakers at the event. Event also had Dungeons Dragons games, Costumes, Art, Burnaby Public library. Hopes to do event again in the future.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR REPORT – BAL DHILLION

- Senior Boys basketball won their tournament in Richmond.
- Boys wore the new uniforms purchased by the Community Council gaming funds.
- Community Room was able to fund 15 students to attend the 1st Robotics competition in Victoria.
- Food safe courses are being offered to students and parents in the community room. Limited space available
- Summer camp subsidies available
- Funding for community mural project available. Looking for a place in the community to do a mural. Discussed locations along Edmonds. Rona?
- Outdoor community gathering place rocks will be delivered and installed soon. We have been waiting for almost a year for delivery.
- 90 food hampers delivered at Christmas. Program great success.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – EFFIE AADLAND

- Winter dance show was January 13th at MJF theatre. Performances by Moscrop, Byrne, Burnaby Mountain
- Black Excellence Day. Byrne hosted the virtual event. Students and guest speakers from all over the province attended virtually.
- Black History month. Teachers engaging in various projects with classes.
- During semester turnaround, Literacy and Numeracy exams and Capstone Presentations will be held.
- Report cards posted today on My Ed. Separate documents with proficiency scale reporting will be posted for teachers doing the pilot program.
- February is course selection month. Important month for planning.

CHAIRS REPORT – SAM NELSON

- Reminder for parents to check the student bulletins posted on Byrne Website for important information and dates.
- Nothing further to report.

TREASURERS REPORT – MICHELLE KRYWOLT

- No financial transactions to report.

DPAC REPORT – MARIA GUNNER

- DPAC meeting is February 21 – Earthquake preparedness. Will have a report at the next CC meeting.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Q. Parent said that his ideal Community Council meeting would include discussion or a list of what supplies or volunteer help teachers need at school. Would like to see more discussion and ways to support the school.

A. Bal and Effie said they will bring this up at the monthly school staff meeting and we will find a better way to communicate to parents.

A. Lisa said she could use weekly help in the library shelving books, anytime between 8-415pm. Also looking for parents with special skills they can share with the students (knitting, how to play specific board games etc.).

Q. What is the policy about extended leave at school.

A. Cal the school if the student will be away. If it's an extended leave, talk to the school and they will direct you to the correct person at the district to speak with.

Q. Who is the teacher responsible for scholarships?

A. Lisa Moxon. Lost of information posted on Teams and around school about scholarships and scholarship deadlines.

Q. At each staff meeting could an agenda item be added to ask teachers and staff what volunteer help or donated supplies they need? Then any parents in the community know how we can help the school.

A. Item will be talked about at each staff meeting.

Meeting concluded.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 3rd, 2023

Byrne Creek Library (in-person)