

# BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date:	September 11, 2023
Time:	7:00 PM
Chair	Michelle Krywolt
Note-taker:	Tasha Murray
Attendance:	Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator), Effie Aadland (Principal), Laurent Scaligine (Vice Principal), Maria Gunner (Member at Large), Mel Primeau (DPAC Rep), Melissa Curtis (member at large), Michelle Krywolt (Chair), Mimi Lim (Vice Principal), Sam Nelson (Treasurer), Tasha Murray (Secretary) and approximately 38 parents

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Meeting called to order 7:02 PM. Tasha completed a land acknowledgement.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Motion to approve minutes of June 5, 2023 meeting (motion Maria/seconded Mel/all in favor). Minutes approved.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

It was noted that the June minutes need to be amended to include discussion about the Earthquake bin. With this amendment, minutes were approved.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

No student representatives were able to attend the meeting.

### TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

No teacher representatives were able to attend the meeting.

### COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR'S REPORT – BAL DILLON

Byrne Creek is a community school. Families from the Stride/Edmonds Schools may be familiar with the model of community schools. As a community school, there is no parent advisory council (PAC) but a community council. Members and executives don't need to have a child at the school to be part of the council.

The 6 Goals of Community Schools in Burnaby are:

1. To use the school and other neighbourhood resources and facilities more effectively for desired community programs.

2. To strengthen the existing school curriculum and programs through greater involvement and use of available human, physical and financial resources.
3. To develop a variety of educational, recreational, cultural, and social opportunities for children, youth and adults in response to needs defined by the community.
4. To build community capacity as residents become involved in community activities, services and issues.
5. To strengthen communications and engagement within the community.
6. To facilitate interagency coordination, cooperation and collaboration.

The Burnaby School District has the only community school model in BC where the community school coordinator is a teacher. Bal and Sandra Medeiros (new Community School Assistant) staff the community room (website available at [Byrne Creek Community Room](#)). A student may access the community room for many reasons, including:

- School supplies
- Warm breakfast program (atrium) 7:35-8:30 AM daily
- Lunch program
- Eyeglasses – can arrange testing and pay for glasses
- Winter jacket
- Afterschool programs
- Holiday hamper drive (run by student government)

Are there opportunities to volunteer or support the community room? The community room operates on an asset-based approach and taps into resources to the strengthen the community. If you have a particular skill (e.g., want to run a club or after school program), contact Bal. Volunteers are needed to pick up Cobs Bread donations for the community room (pickup in the evening at 7PM, need a large car, sign up for a date, come to school to get the bins first). Bal passed around the Cobs Bread pick-up volunteer sheet. Please contact the community room to sign up.

## **VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MIMI LIM & LAURENT SCALIGINE**

New Vice Principal Mimi Lim comes from Alpha Secondary after 5.5 years. Laurent Scaligine is in his second year at Byrne Creek Community School.

It's been a smooth start to the school year. Line-ups outside of counselling office have dwindled. Families are invited to the parent walkabout September 21 starting at 6PM; additional information coming to families by e-mail.

There are several adults in the building that are resources for our students – 3 administrators, 4 counsellors, safe school specialist (Arthur Arnold – makes sure all students feel welcome and safe), Indigenous youth & family worker, Success program staff, international student support worker, community room staff, etc. There are also many supports in place for Grade 8s such as first day orientation, dedicated flex time sessions in September, and the BARC event (icebreakers, engaging activities, sports and opportunity to bond).

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – EFFIE AADLAND**

Effie Aadland presented the new Provincial reporting order for kindergarten to grade 12 students. The focus of the new research-based order is on communicating with each other about student learning. Staff want ensure students are engaged as much as possible in their learning and that parents and caregivers are well informed.

#### Presentation highlights:

- Learning is continuous
- Same number of report cards and student learning conferences will be provided; continued communication by e-mail/phone calls with families when necessary
- Proficiency scale is used to represent learning
- Separating behaviour/attending from learning
- Broad learning goals, not necessarily related to a course (social or general learning goal)
- Inclusive reporting – A student who uses assessment supports or has an individual education plan (IEP) is assessed more fairly

Students will be setting core competency goals this month. Important dates are all available on [Byrne Creek School calendar](#) (learning conference dates, report cards, etc.). Student conferences in October will be held online and in-person.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT – MICHELLE KRYWOLT**

Council meetings are open to anyone. Attending meetings is a good opportunity to get to know the school and what's going on, ask questions, and meet administrators/teachers. For more information about getting involved at the school, please contact the council (see bottom of this document).

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – SAM NELSON**

The Community Council has 2 bank accounts with funds used to support student events and clubs, by request. Current balances are below with some expected expenses to come out soon:

Gaming account: \$7,942.00

General account: \$2,600

#### **DPAC REPORT**

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) meetings are held once a month, and Byrne Creek Community Council sends a representative to report back. The first DPAC meeting of the school year has not yet been held (schedule available at [Burnaby DPAC Monthly Meeting Schedule 2023-2024](#)).

#### **PARENT QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

No questions.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

October 16, 2023 in the school library.

The meeting ended at 7:48 PM.

*Questions, Comments, Thoughts or Suggestions?*

*Email the Byrne Creek Community Council*

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