

# BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date:	January 6, 2025
Time:	7:00 PM
Chair	Michelle Krywolt
Note-taker:	Tasha Murray
Attendance:	Ben Paré (Principal), Michelle Krywolt (Chair), Sam Nelson (Treasurer), Sandra Medeiros (Community School Assistant), Tasha Murray (Secretary), and approximately 3 parents/family members

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The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Michelle introduced Council members. Ben Paré introduced staff present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Agenda approved (motion Michelle/seconded Melanie/approved). Motion to approve minutes of November 4, 2024 meeting (motion Sam/seconded Sandra/approved).

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

No student representatives available.

### TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

No teacher representatives available.

### COMMUNITY SCHOOL ROOM – SANDRA MEDEIROS

Approx 103 hampers were given out before the winter break. Thanks to the Leo Club, Student Government, the school, staff, and other donations for supporting this initiative.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – BEN PARÉ

A number of events are coming up:

- January 20- 24 – alternate schedule week will include times for assessments (see below), students with I.E.s will have time to see teachers as needed, AP review classes, Grade 12 capstone project presentations, and open gym
- 3 Mandatory Provincial Assessments are graduation requirements: Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12. These test broad foundational skills; students can't study for them. Letters are coming home to applicable families this week about assessments. For more information:  
[graduation-numeracy-assessment-brochure.pdf](#)  
[Provincial Graduation Literacy Assessments | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum](#)
- January 23, 2025 open house from 5:45-7:30 PM; audience is typically grade 7 families, but all families are welcome
  - Department displays set up from 6-6:45 PM
  - School presentation from 6:45-7:15 PM
  - Questions from 7:15-7:30 PM
  - Michelle from the Council will also say a few words

Parents asked about criteria for grade 12 capstone projects. Parents with graduated students who presented capstones in previous years shared experiences. Ben will add this topic to a list of agenda items to cover at a future Council meeting so that families have more information about expectations for capstone projects.

STEAM is not running at Byrne Creek next year; teachers were not keen to continue it due to several challenges.

UBC and SFU recently changed their second language requirements for undergraduate admission – starting for fall intake 2026, SFU and UBC will remove grade 11 language requirements.

There were questions about band timetabling for the 2025-2026 school year. This is undetermined for next year. This is the first year that the junior band is outside of the timetable (it was combined with senior band which has always been outside the timetable). There is big concern from visual and performing arts departments within the Burnaby secondary schools that are moving to a 5-period schedule next year (Byrne will not be impacted by the change).

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

Nothing to report.

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

No activity in the Council accounts since the November meeting.

## **DPAC REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **PARENT QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

A parent asked about school dances. The grad committee typically hosts one dance for grades 11-12 plus prom for grade 12 students only. The District Diversity Dance is usually held at Byrne Creek Community School in early March and is open to students in grades 8-12.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on February 3, 2025.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 P.M.

*Questions, Comments, Thoughts or Suggestions?*

*Email the Byrne Creek Community Council*

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