

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Acting Chair Sam Nelson

Note-taker: Tasha Murray

Attendance: Bal Dhillon (Community School Coordinator), Ben Paré (Principal), Manvinder Kaur (DPAC representative), Mimi Lim (Vice Principal), Monica Pelletreau, Recreation Programmer, Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre, Neelu Din (Member at Large), Samantha Morrison, Coordinator Recreation Programs, Rosemay Brown Recreation Centre, Tasha Murray (Secretary), Yu-Han Chen (arts and Mandarin teacher), 2 student representatives, and 10 parents/family members

Parent social at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Land acknowledgement made. Regrets from Michelle Krywolt (Chair).

Motion to amend the agenda to move the guest presentation to first on the agenda (motion Neelu/seconded Mel/approved).

INTRODUCTIONS

Round of introductions completed.

GUESTS – ROSEMARY BROWN CENTRE STAFF

Samantha Morrison and Monica Pelletreau from the Rosemary Brown Centre attended to make a connection with the Byrne Creek community and share upcoming activities at the Centre: summer camps, fitness classes (no weight room), summer drop-in sports, 2 rinks for skating lessons (for all ages), inline skating, ball hockey, and other activities. Many Byrne students come over at lunch and enjoy using the amenities including free wifi, large open spaces with tables and chairs, cafeteria, 2 multi-purpose spaces, and outdoor patio. The Centre is planning activities for students during school breaks during the next school. The public is welcome to use the common space at the Centre during opening hours.

A summer fun pass is available for youth ages 5-18 years for \$20 which provides access to all City programs at all City facilities. [Fair Play](#) is a financial access program offering credit to eligible youth, adults, or seniors for registered activities/passes. Applications are accepted online and staff support is available if needed to complete the application.

Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre staff provided their contact information (see below) and are open to taking any recommendations for programming for any ages. They are also open to feedback on how facility and program accessibility can be improved.

Samantha Morrison & Monica Pelletreau
Coordinator Recreation Programs
Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre
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The City offers volunteer opportunities during the summer. Students need to be 14 years and can sign up through the [City's volunteer portal Better Impact](#).

MANDARIN FIELD TRIP 2025 – YU-HAN CHEN & STUDENTS BRENDAN & NATHALIE

Students thanked the Council for their sponsorship that allowed 88 students to attend the Mandarin field trip (students from other classes also attended). Students learned about the origin of dragon boat racing and visited the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen or the Chinese Canadian Museum. During the afternoon, the students participated in dragon boating.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Agenda approved (motion Melanie/seconded Manvinder/approved). The minutes from the April meeting will be approved at the June meeting due to lack of attendees who were present at the May meeting.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR – BAL DHILLON

22 Byrne Creek students left for Camp Potlach today (for 2 nights). An Interfaith Conference took place and Byrne Creek students participated in a panel. Byrne Creek athletic staff and Bal met with Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre staff to talk about building a strong relationship. Starting September, a leadership program will be offered during lunch once a week; this will be an opportunity for all students to participate in structured activities during lunch while providing mentorship/leadership opportunities for senior students.

Bal reminded us that the Byrne Creek Community Council is not a PAC, it is a community council and therefore you don't need to have a student attending Byrne Creek to sit on the Council (anyone is welcome).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – BEN PARÉ

The school has a goal to improve outcomes for all students by removing barriers, using principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL). This is achieved by developing practices that focus on creating a school culture where participation and belonging of all learners in all classroom settings is the norm. Since some students with diverse abilities don't get to participate in sports the same way other students do, the Inaugural Unified Basketball Playoffs was initiated. Senior basketball students at Byrne acted as mentors and coaches.

The first school renaming committee meeting will be held on June 16, with 10 committee members participating.

There is strong interest from families in hearing from the school. Ben invited parents to suggest topics that parents are interested in hearing about at future meetings. The school will revisit ways parents can contribute to the school – donating items, time, expertise, etc.

Laurent Scalagine (Vice Principal) is leaving Byrne Creek for Alpha Secondary. Alan Tsang is coming from Alpha. These administrative changes are decided at the District level.

CHAIR’S REPORT – SAM NELSON FOR MICHELLE KRYWOLT

Nothing new to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT – SAM NELSON

Nothing new to report. No activity in the accounts since the last meeting. End of year treasury report will be presented in September.

DPAC REPORT – MANVINDER KAUR

The last few meetings were focused on the School District budget. Michelle Krywolt was elected to the DPAC. No more meetings until the fall.

PARENT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Bulldog Bash is happening on June 3 from 1-3PM with many activities and band performances for the entire school.

ELECTION OF 2025/2026 COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Manvinder Kaur, Michelle Krywolt, Neelu Din, Sam Nelson, Tasha Murray, are willing to stay on the Executive. Janet Salvador, Michael Tanaka are new members willing to join the Council (motion Mel/seconded Sunny/members elected by acclamation, no vote needed/approved).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in September.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 PM.

Questions, Comments, Thoughts or Suggestions?

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