

Second Street Community and Parent Advisory Council General Member Meeting

Monday January 9, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

*We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Nations
of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish on
whose traditional territories we teach, learn and live.*

Attendance

In Person: Jeff, Principal; Gayle, Community Coordinator; Balwinder, Brad, Florence, Jaun, Blanca, Lisa, Laura, Shelley, Natalya, Simerjit, Anne, Margaret, April, Stefanie
Via Zoom: Malkit, Sandra, Fatema, Bahman, Krystle, Heather, Syeda.

1. Welcome and Introduction (Anne)
2. Review of previous Council Meeting minutes

Motion to Approve meeting minutes: Simerjit; seconded by Laura; motion passed

3. Connecting Activity

Gayle prepared an activity related to Community Schools.

4. Community Coordinator Update (Gayle)

4.1. Upcoming events (Register through the links on flyers)

- Social Media/Online Safety evening – Tues. January 17, 6 – 8 pm
- Calm and Confident Parenting – Fridays, 12:30 – 2:30 beginning Friday, Jan. 20

4.2. Register online or by phone to Parks and Rec:

- Adult art class – Feb 2 – Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 6 sessions \$25

- 4.3. **Community Event: Celebrations of Cultures event – March 2.** Potluck and hopefully some cultural groups sharing their dances/instruments. South Asian, Tibetan, maybe the folk dancers? Wear traditional clothing. Connect and learn about and celebrate each other. I will put a call for volunteers out soon.

- 4.4. **Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators:** every two years we invite these professionals to bring age-appropriate content to our students and parents. More details about their presentation to come.

- Parent evening – Monday, **March 27** @6:30 (on Zoom)
- Student sessions: March 30, 31 n grade groupings. More info will be sent home.

4.5. For our kids:

- **Kevin** is organizing and registering for Out of School Programs
- **Breakfast program** – going really well. Sometimes 20 students. Diyalla would love a volunteer to help her. 8:15 – 8:45. (hot stuff, like waffles served until 8:30)
- **Math Buddies!** – here Mondays after school, bit of a waitlist for our kids. Currently 25 kids in program (between grades 4-7), matched with Big Buddies (Cariboo Math Students)
- **Mentorship** (at both schools) – 50 pairs = 100 kids. Our students individually, intentionally matched with a Cariboo student. Fridays 8:50 – 9:30.
- This Friday is **popcorn day**. Ms. Farina's class is advertising and promoting each morning.

- 4.6. **Thank you's!** Santa Breakfast, schoolwide breakfast and for the hamper campaign. So many contributors, volunteers and helpers. Big success and lots of fun! I will be writing letters to all orgs/folks who contributed funds/gifts/food.

4.7. In the works (what else is filling my professional plate?):

- Next week – there is a **Healthy Kids Preschool Fair (HKPF)** meeting. We will see if we will/should get it going again at Edmonds community centre. It is for children 0-5 with parents – all resources/services/Fraser Health in this area come and give demos, free info. Hopefully it happens again! I am in charge of the volunteers who are grade 7's, from both schools.
- **2 after school programs** at Cariboo – promoting and registering
- Association for Community Education of BC (**ACEbc**) – I am President of that provincial professional organization. We are currently planning a provincial coordinator for Spring, and provincial meetings are ongoing.
- Supporting Burnaby Youth Society (**SBYS**) – I am Chair of that org and we meet and fund requests around district to help with program costs for kids and schools, such as camps and bringing speakers in, etc. In a restructuring phase to see if we can continue operating at this time.
- **Food Hub** – continues every Tues. morning at Edmonds. Three other coordinators and I supervise/organize this. About 1/3 families pick up from Edmonds, the rest get food delivered. Each week. Many volunteers working their and delivering. I am in charge of volunteers and drivers. About 90 families on the list. Many newcomers to Canada. Every school that has some families on the list has some representation volunteering. Building connections, work experience, and community 😊

5. Principal Update (Jeff)

5.1. **School Sports** programs are starting up again:

- Boys Basketball had 18 people at first meeting!
- Girl's Basketball as a parent volunteer leading the team, with four teacher supporting

5.2. Gr 7 going to **camp** for first time in 4 years

5.3. **Field trips** beginning again, with lots of engagement from teachers and students. Gr 5-6 classes are planning a trip to Victoria, including a Legislature tour. Other classes have gone to the Britannia Mines. Thank you to the Council for the additional funds this year.

5.4. **English Language Learners Teacher** vacancy. This is a very specialized position and the school has been struggling to fill the role. It has been reposted this month and Jeff is hopeful it will be filled soon.

5.5. **Farewell:** This is Jeff's last week at the school, after 5.5 years as Principal. He is going to Chaffey-Burke elementary school. Our new principal is Christy Redmond, currently at Lochdale elementary. Ms Redmond has community school background.

6. Update on Fundraising (Stefanie)

- **Bottle drive April 1.** More details to come. Refundable items can also be dropped off at a Return It depot at any time. Use the school phone number for our account number.
- **Popcorn days:** more volunteers are always welcome. Speak with Stefanie or Gayle
- **Me n Eds Pizza fundraiser** is being organized again. More details to come.

7. Update from Treasurer (Simerjit)

Key things to note this month:

Four popcorn sales so far have raised approximately \$1000. Two pizza days have raised approximately \$745. Santa breakfast raised approximately \$700.

8. Update from District Parent Advisory Council Representatives (Laura)
Laura provided a summary of what DPAC is and how it fits into the overall structure of parent and guardian representation in schools. There are 3 levels of representation, which include the 1) school based advisory councils (PAC/Community Councils), 2) the district level councils (for example the Burnaby DPAC) and 3) the provincial BC Council of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC). DPAC information can be accessed via their website: www.dpac.burnabyschools.ca

9. Those in attendance were invited to write a note of Thanks for Jeff.

10. Discussion & Questions

A question was raised regarding how parents and community members can find out about volunteer opportunities:

- Speak with your child's teacher
- On the Council's section of the school website (<https://secondstreet.burnabyschools.ca/how-to-help-out/>), there is a list of volunteer roles at the school: date specific, flexible or ongoing. If you are interested in more information, speak with Gayle Beavil, our Community School Coordinator: gayle.beavil@burnabyschools.ca

Zoom link for General Membership meetings:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/5852237462>

Meeting ID: 585 223 7462

General Membership Meeting Dates (in person and on Zoom)

Daytime (9:30 am): ~~Oct 17, Dec 12~~, Feb 13, Apr 17

Evening (6:30 pm): ~~Nov 12, Jan 9~~, May 8

Community & Parent Advisory Council Executive (2022/2023)

Chair: Anne

Communications Coordinator: Eva

Member at Large: Margaret

Past Chair: Lisa

Fundraising Coordinators: Stefanie & Malkit

Vice Chair: Lindy

Social Conveners: Harmit & Nasira

Treasurer: Simerjit

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Representative: Laura & TBC

Secretary: Shelley & Florence

District Community Schools Advisory (DAC) Representatives: Stefanie & Malkit