

## GCS Community Council Meeting - Via Zoom

### January 25, 2022 7:00 pm - Minutes

1. **Land Acknowledgement- Marcy McCabe (Co-Chair)**
2. **Welcome - PAC Executive**
  - Introductions of PAC Executive: Marcy McCabe, Teresa Zaitsoff, David and Cathy Auteiro, Heather Telford, Nancy Truong, Pam Warner
3. **Acceptance of Agenda & November Minutes - Teresa Zaitsoff**
  - Accepted by Nancy Truong and Teresa Zaitsoff
  - Agenda accepted by David Autiero and Deana Bobic
4. **Administration Update - Maria Perez**
  - Omicron variant - increased protocols - administration working to give information to parents in a timely manner
  - Districts have given overall guidance to schools and schools tailoring to their environment
  - Gilmore - staggered recess time and flipped lunches currently but no geographic restrictions
  - Reviewing student attendance and monitoring staffing levels (range of 40 to 80 kids away)
  - Functional Closure - determined based on staffing
  - Medical Closure - determined through the ministry and the health authority
  - Air Ventilation system - scrubbers have arrived and placed in 6 primary classrooms - new systems. Arrived last week.
5. **Community Office Update - Mischa**
  - After School Programs - cancelled due to current restrictions (mixing not permitted)
  - Hot Lunch Program - continuing but not able to have parent volunteers in the school
  - Litterless lunch program launched this month.
  - Multisport Court - now paved and fences anticipated to be installed. Painting may occur when weather is more amenable.
6. **DPAC Update - Pam**
  - January 17, 2022 - Information regarding the changes to health protocols and impacts of the omicron variant. Burnaby DPAC website has posted a presentation regarding the Districts approach/response to COVID.
7. **Financial Update - David**
  - Pancake Breakfast \$2100 expenditure
  - Coffee Fundraiser - \$600
  - Currently budget has a 10K shortfall but with planned fundraisers hopeful that will be able to make this up
8. **Yearbook Update - Steff**
  - Photos on track for this year
  - Theme - woodblock /rainbow

- Grade 7 has a new layout

#### **9. Recent Activities - Co-Chairs**

- Jinglebell walk/drive through - very successful and lead to donations to Rotary, Food Bank and Big Brothers.
- 500 pancake breakfasts delivered to school - leftovers donated to Burnaby Neighborhood house including water bottles
- Gilmore Cares - very successful inactive = 15 hampers and other family supports
- Senior Tree - 37 seniors got gifts plus extras

#### **10. New Business /Upcoming Activities**

- Jackie - Student Photos - consider Derek and Amanda Photography - alternative provider/more natural approach - have print packages and digital packages. Support to pursue this possibility for next year.
- Andrea/Camille - Music Bingo - 342 cards sold to date - Division 7, 4 and 1 in the lead for sales. Cat and Dog contests. Early Bird draw. Silent and Live Auctions. Stan's Pizza also giving 10% off pizza's for the night.

**Next Meeting: March 1, 2022**