

**Stride Avenue Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 29, 2024, Meeting at 7 pm via Team**

**Attendance:**

**Executive:** Kotesch M.(Chair), Amy H.(Secretary), Andre I.(Treasurer), MunibahI.(Education), Joan Z.(Fundraising Chair), Priya A.& Priscilla P. (Special Events Co-Chairs), Colleen O.(MAL)

**Class Parent Representatives:** Beimeng G., Ada Z., Kam P., Nita C., Mandi M., Santoshi M, Sandy H. Claudia G.

**Parents:** Priya R., Nicholas W., Jude I

**School Staff:** Kelly Chow, Derek Cockram, Cheryl Chan, Sandhya Krishna

1. Territorial Acknowledgement by Sandy
2. Welcome and Introduction of Attendees
  - Everyone introduced themselves and their connection to Stride such as kids and/or grades
3. Approval of this Agenda
  - Nita made the motion to approve and Kotesch seconded the motion

**Principal Update by Kelly Chow**

**Halloween** is coming up on Thursday

- don't want students to bring weapons/replica weapons, masks not to be worn during learning time
- have a conversation with your child regarding the costumes, the worst thing to happen is to have them come to school in costume then go out and play and their costumes may get ruined
- bags of candy-something that we don't encourage at school, hopefully you can monitor at home

**Pro D Day**

- a Professional Development Day for teachers to engage in professional learning
- many sign up for different associations to attend to local workshops to direct their learning
- to shows the accountability, staff tell me where they are going and what they're focusing on
- I absolutely loved a workshop on neurodiversity, a looking at our unconscious bias and what we hold about students with disabilities and diverse abilities

**Safety and Traffic**

- concerns about blue fencing around construction site, panels weren't secured with a coupler
- we made sure that the contractors are putting couplers in around the actual perimeter
- 14th Ave going to be a one-way street as they work on the water main and sewer system
- all of you doing really well with it in terms of managing different ways to get to school

### **FSA exam - Fundamental Skills Assessment (for grade 4 and grade 7 students)**

- teacher created: involves literacy (reading + writing) and numeracy (math)
- collect information for school districts as well as provincially
- part of the exam is online, and part of the exam is open book where information read to them or they read themselves and then they answer the questions in exam book
- you can't study for it since it's an assessment looking at schools skills learned in our system
- students have working on them from kindergarten up until the end of grade 3 and the grade 7s the assessment is of everything they have been learning up to the end of grade 6
- schools and parents get the results of FSA assessment before Christmas break
- our school district looks at results of FSAs and puts resources towards the schools
- FNEC, First Nations Education Steering Committee absolute support FSA
- use it as measure since direct correlation students on how well they're doing and Gr.12 grad,
- we can provide some supports for students who want to do the FSA but we would never put a student who is unable to meaningfully engage in part or all FSA's in that situation
- ex.:Gr 7 ELL student, consultation with teachers to write certain parts of the exam like math

### **Construction of New school**

- took a tour of the site: it's going to be an amazing building
- so much thought that's been put into the design and layout
- looking forward sharing with all of you and your children
- completion date is end of February 2026 and occupancy date is April 2026(after spring break)
- will meet with Derek and Sandy to discuss plans for alternatives to playground equipment since for some time during the transition and demolition of old school and landscaping of the new area
- currently Derek is running lunchtime intramural games in the gym for students
- Sandy has purchased a variety of large games for students to use at lunch break with youth grants, in
- grant funds from BNH to be used to buy outdoor items for primary students to use during lunch break
- some funding for playgrounds comes from grants provided by the Ministry & more to be fundraised

### **Additional info**

- Safe adults/staff in school yard wearing black safety vests with a bright neon yellow reflective stripe
- Share information in monthly newsletter which will be emailed with snapshot of some things important
- Nov. 7th, talk about Assessment and Reporting(letter grades vs. Proficiency Scale in Community Room
- Planning another session about it on Zoom/Teams will organize with Sandy in the coming weeks

### **Coordinator's Update by Sandy Krishna**

- Breakfast & Snack Program supporting 35 to 50 students daily in the Community Room
- Out of School Time Programs – variety of OST for Gr.1 to Gr.7 (12 progs – 168 students)
- Terry Fox Fundraising : final total \$1,722 (including t-shirt sales & cash donations)
- Drop in Time for Parents/Caregivers 9-10am - Tuesday-Friday in Community Room
- Parent Info meetings – for everyone alternate Thursdays with SWIS Team (see flyer)
- World Cooking in Gallery (10-2pm)– Oct.30 Featuring Egyptian Cuisine; Nov.x2 (TBA)
- English Conversation/Community Engagement: Starting in Nov. (need ECE childminder)
- UBC MEd student Focus Groups in Nov. with SWIS identify social needs/concerns in community
- In-Person: Spanish Nov.12 1pm; Arabic/English Nov.14 at 9am; Online: English Nov.21@7pm)
- Poverty Reduction Stakeholders Meeting – Wed. Oct.23 – Listening Circles to engage community members about the challenges they face with high cost of living – what is helping/gaps in service.
- Food Security Meeting at Bonsor Community Centre – Wed. Oct. 30 – look at various options/opportunities to increase food security and promote food justice for families
- Burnaby DPAC Parent Information Evening – Nov.5 at Burnaby Central 7-9pm rsvp by Nov.1
- Building Attachment Communities to Raise Children in with Dr. MacNamara on Nov.5 at 7pm
- <http://dpac.burnabypac.ca/parent-education-evening>

### **Treasurer Update by Andre**

- Budget for 2024-2025  
Kotesh made the motion to approve the proposed budget and Nicolas seconded it

### **Fundraising Update by Joan**

- Big Brother Clothing will be picking up on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Stay tuned for Poinsettia & Purdychocolate fundraising information coming soon
- Popcorn and Hot Chocolate sales will be starting soon

### **Other Business**

**Vacancies on Council** – nominees presented to attendees and acclaimed to their new positions

1. **Chair** - Kotesh Rao Maddi
2. **Education Chair** - Munibah Irshad
3. **Special Events Co-Chairs** - Priya Arunmozhi, Priscilla Pandez sharing the role

**Next Meeting:** November 26<sup>th</sup> Dates for General Meetings at 715pm on Teams