**Stride Avenue Community Council**

**General Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7pm on Teams**

**Attendance**:

**Executive Members:**

Kotesh M.(Chair) Amy H.(Secretary)      Slama H. (Treasurer) Munibah I(Education Chair)

Joan Z.(Fundraising)  Priya A. (Special Events Chairs) Colleen O.(MAL)

**Class Parent Representatives**: Ada Z., Ivette N.T., Kam M, Sandy H

**Parent & Community Members**:   Kayla W, Priya R

**City of Burnaby Staff** : Brett Boland(Parks Rec. & Culture)

**School Staff**: Kelly Chow    Derek Cockram Cheryl Chan Sandy Krishna

1. **Territorial Acknowledgement by Chair** - Kotesh

1. W**elcome and Introduction of Attendees** (in the Chat) - Kotesh
2. **Approval of this Agenda** – Moved by Priya, Seconded by Munibah
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Feb.4**th  - Moved by Amy, Seconded by Munibah

**5. Principal’s Update by Kelly Chow**

* **Pro-D Day** where teachers gathered for a keynote speech by Dr. Leyton Schnellert who talked about diverse abilities and acceptance. The rest of the day involved workshops under the theme of "Engage and Empower."
* **Pink Shirt Day**" and the need for better communication about school assemblies and events to parents. It emphasizes the importance of inviting parents to these events and ensuring they are well-informed through the school calendar and classroom teachers
* **Online Reporting** information will be sent home in the near future
* **Construction** Meeting with construction team and city staff about pathway flooding issues

**6. Coordinators Update by Sandy Krishna**

* OST Programs – Winter Programs finishing up; Spring Registration starting soon
* Gr.4/5 Poetry Slam – Feb. 24with several Burnaby and New West schools was a success!
* Gr.6&7 Girls’ Group at Edmonds Community Centre afterschool 330-445pm in April & May
* Gr.7 Legacy Mural project- underway with students and Teacher-Artist on Fri. March 7 th
* Wellness Committee – submitting a grant for some planters to grow Salad Garden at School
* Gr.4-7s fasting for Ramadan – Mar 3-14 in library, 12:05-12:25pm, Limited capacity
* Capoeira Performance-Thurs., March 13 at 9:30 in gym
* In School Residency-Mar.31-Apr 4 After-School Dance Team – Performance at Dance Festival in mid-May-registration soon

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**6. Coordinators Update by Sandy Krishna continued…**

* Primary Games in Gallery @12:25-12:55 – Tuesdays & Thursday – starting April 1st
* Intermediates in Gallery @12:25-12:55– Mondays & Wednesday -starting March 31st
* Burnaby Family Life – Parenting Workshops with free childcare on Tuesdays, April 15- June 3
* Southeast Bikeway Improvements - Survey Active Transportation Community Engagement

project is scheduled to launch during the week of March 24, which will include the launch of

the project website with an online survey and an interactive mapping activity to solicit

feedback. Pop-up events are planned for the week of April 7, tentatively on April 9 (Wed)

from 4–7pm and April 12 (Sat) from 1– 4pm: Location TBA

* Burnaby Neighbourhood House – Fundraising Gala – Sat. March 15 – looking for donations.

BNH 20th Annual Fundraiser Gala Silent Auction. <https://trellis.org/bnhgala/auction>

* Donations also needed for the Burnaby Children’s Fund – Trivia Night Fundraiser in April –
* Raffle items needed, if you have any item(s) – contact Sandy at 604-838-6280.

**7. Treasurer Update by Slama H.**

January 3 weeks of Hot Chocolate & Popcorns Sale $315

* + - Receive Cheques from -Big Brother clothing Collect Fundraising $87.5 ,
    - Burnaby School District Grant $127.91
    - Hot Chocolate Supplies – 3 weeks of Milk $41.47
    - Class Support $75

8. **Education Chair Update by Munibah J.**

* Ramadan Read-alouds in the library for a few classes, as time permits
* Pre-school registration begins this week on Monday and Wednesdays through the online system
* 2025 Junior Youth conference is being held for students in Gr 6 to Gr 9, March 15 & 16 11 am to 6 pm Ticket $20

9. **Fundraising Chair Update by Joan Z.**

* + Safety Kits – ordered and will be arriving by the second week of April
  + Upcoming Big Brother Clothing Drive  planning to organize the Big Brother clothing drive again this year (April 1-11) and is also considering a walkathon event after spring break
  + Walkathon Event Proposal A walkathon, similar to the Terry Fox run, is proposed to encourage students to set goals and get support from family and friends without going door to door. It is described as a low-cost, high-incentive event. Suggested incentives for participants include lunch with the principal, front-row seating at assemblies, and other creative, low-cost rewards.

10. **Special Events Chair Update by Priya A.**

* upcoming events, including special event for kids aged 3-12, a capoeira performance on April 4th
* Scholastic Book Fair from April 8th to 10th. They also seek parent volunteers to help with the book fair setup and packing up on April 10th. Please Contact Sandy for more information

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1. **City of Burnaby - Parks, Recreation & Culture Update by Brett Boland**

* **Spring and Summer Programs Registration**: Registration for spring programs (April to June) and summer camps (July and August) has open for Burnaby residents. Non-residents will be able to register starting Friday.
* **Playground Development Grant**: A playground development grant of up to $4000 is available for schools every four years, covering 50% of the cost. The remaining funds need to be raised through fundraising efforts. Applications will open in approximately 10 days
* **Playground Installation Process**: The installation of new playgrounds involves coordination with the school district, obtaining necessary permissions, and using specific local suppliers. The timing of the installation is crucial and usually occurs after building demolition and landscaping

1. **Other Business**:

Correspondence – from Priscilla P: stepping down from Special Events Chair and Div. 9 Rep

1. **Questions, Comments, Discussion** – n/a

1. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm on Teams