

**MINUTES OF THE BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY
COUNCIL (the "BPAC") HELD ON APRIL 25, 2019 IN THE
LIBRARY OF BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY AT 7:00PM**

Present: See schedule "A"

Recording Secretary: Judy A. McCall

COMMENCEMENT

Jennifer Dickson acted as Chair of the Meeting and with the concurrence of the meeting Judy A. McCall acted as the Recording Secretary.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair convened the Meeting by welcoming the members and thanking them for attending the Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair referred the Meeting to the proposed agenda as circulated which was taken as read and approved.

PRESENTATION BY LIFETOUCH

Lifetouch photography representatives attended the meeting to present updates to the members on its new products, services, security and technology features being offered.

Representatives left the floor open to questions and answered concerning inquiries from members on certain security risks and BPAC fundraiser options for the future years.

A discussion ensued with respects to a yearbook option for next year. Costs would generate the pack anywhere between \$13-15 per book.

With no further questions or comments on the enlightening presentation the attendees concluded discussions and dismissed the Lifetouch representatives from the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Cyndie G Treasurer of the BPAC reported that the BPAC has allocated funds such as library and class funding that are grossly underused to date. Approx \$448.00 out of \$2800.00 in class funds have currently been allocated for and \$346.00 out of \$2600.00 in library funds have as well been allocated for. A budget of \$2300.00 has been spent to date on school bus fees leaving funding available for future field trips prior year end. The members and guest ensued on a lengthy conversation concerning the unused funding and ways to potentially allocate it to areas in need.

Cyndie provided the BPAC and its guest a current cash report which can be requested for review by contacting Jennifer Dickson.

With no further questions or comments on the current stance of the treasurer report, the members concluded discussion.

HOT LUNCH

The following hot lunch update was provided to the members on behalf of Cheryl S Hot Lunch Coordinator:

- The program has been in good working order and there have been no complaints brought forward between meetings;

Megan P. representative of Bluhouse Market and Café as well a fellow parent at Blueridge presented an alternative healthier lunch option to the BPAC for consideration of being added to the 2019/20 hot lunch plan. She included in her presentation the hot lunch coordinator from Sherwood Park to help initiate and support the inclusion of a more organic and healthier option to the Blueridge menu. A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the members and guests with specific detail to public health dietician guidelines and the use of 100% compostable products. It was agreed to consider Bluhouse in the planning list for the 2019/20 hot lunch vendors.

With no further questions or comments on the current hot lunch update, the members concluded discussion and dismissed the Sherwood Park guest from the meeting.

FOS UPDATE

Kristine D. FOS Coordinator reported that the next FOS meeting to be held would be April 26, 2019 and a full report would be provided at the next general meeting. Suggestions were made to attend the Lynnmore spring fling for future fundraising ideas and as well to consider the idea of supporting/participating in other school fundraisers to build community strength.

With no further questions or comments on the FOS, the members concluded discussion.

DPAC UPDATE

There was nothing to be reported on the DPAC. It was mentioned to the guests and members of the BPAC that the current DPAC coordinator Leah Peskett would not be standing for reelection for the following year and a new DPAC coordinator would have to be considered. The idea of making a group volunteer contribution to attend DPAC meetings was considered at the meeting.

With no further questions or comments on the DPAC, the members concluded discussion.

FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS

- Spring Bulbs:
 - \$217.00 was raised in sales; and
 - consideration to discontinue with spring bulbs is up for debate for the 2019/20 school year.
- Coffee:
 - Order forms to go out with students Monday.
- Popcorn Mondays:
 - Volunteer list is full (yaaa great work parent volunteers!);

- Consideration to provide kindergarten grades with tray delivery to class was discussed. Alleviates the small ones missing out.
- Staff Appreciation:
 - Event to take place on Friday May 24, 2019;
 - The event will be provided for by the BPAC and no longer a grade allocated event; and
 - request for volunteers has gone out.
- Funday:
 - it was discussed and decided that the money raised will go directly to the grade 6 classes;
 - idea brought forward by a parent to possibly incorporate “tape a teacher to the wall” game -idea to be discussed and decided on at further date
 - Brigit O’Brien has arranged a committee to liaison the planning of the day, ideas and questions should be brought forward to the committee;
 - parents should be active and involved in the event as much as they can.

With no further questions or comments on the current Fundraiser/Events update, the members concluded discussion.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Book Fair:

- Volunteers are NEEDED!

Parking and Safety:

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst members and guests with respects to the ongoing parking and safety issues that have been occurring during the time of drop off and pick up on the school property. Committee members (Johanna, Georgina and Jaimie) reported that the implementation of safe road practices is a current work in progress. Feedback was provided that the students have been heard to be taking the initiative to voice their concerns to parents on the ongoing parking issues and taking the lead to educate and advocate the importance of safe road manner. The parents voiced the stress of concern at the specific intersection of Byron and Berkley and initiatives will continue to be made to the District to address the concerns.

A parent suggested the idea of having Elmer the road safe elephant attend the school to continue the education to the students on the importance of road safety.

KM Club:

The following items were discussed:

- 2-3 parent volunteers will be needed Monday-Wednesday-Friday during km club; and
- extra popsicle stick for walking to school during the morning will be provided to kids who take the initiative to walk- up for discussion.

Edupac:

A new supplier has been hired called Creative Pac.

Teachers Wishlist:

There is a wall board which has been filled daily with teacher wish list ideas. The technology ideas will require some extra fundraising next year. September 2019 meeting will mark the month that the wish list will all be accounted for and the budget will be approved.

Johanna Moretto-Watershed Tour:

Parent Volunteer and member of the Parking and Safety committee Johanna Moretto addressed the members and guests with an idea for a grade 4 & 5 watershed tour. Last dates for sign up will be the last week of August and Susan Teegan will continue discussion with Johanna in hopes to be able to arrange for the kids for the 2019/2020 school year.

With no further questions or comments on Current Business, the members concluded discussion.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

The following updates were provided to members by the school Vice Principal Ms. Brigit O'Brien:

- Track and Field is up and running- first meet will be held May 1, 2019;
- Correction email needs to be sent to parents with respects to jersey pick up for all upcoming sports teams;
- Sport schedules will be updated and available online;
- The articulation meeting for the Grade 7's with Winsdor Secondary went well and is all complete; and
- KM club starts Wednesday!!!.

The following updates were provided to members by the school Principal Ms. Susan Teegan:

- Emergency preparedness day is coming up next month, it is reminded of parents to be assure who they have noted themselves as alternate contact for;
- Grade 4's leave to outdoor school mid may;
- Learning Environment questionnaire will be going home with students next week;
- Ice cream social will be held on Thursday May 30, 2019 – reminder to parents to fill out the RSVP on hot lunch.

Ms. Teegan then ensued a lengthy discussion on the current computer replacement matter. The school district has proposed an application to schools in need and have offered the following funding packages if qualified:

15 apple mac books
1 charging pod
12 cases

Total: \$21,000.00 CAN (School District to cover \$11,000.00 CAN if application is accepted)

Ms. Teegan reported that currently the teachers and administration will need to divulge in a more thorough discussion and will report back to the BPAC.

Ms. Teegan concluded her update with acknowledging to the members and guests her Coast Salish drum that she created as part of the last Professional Day. Each teacher had an opportunity to take part in the group project and make a drum to share with their classes and as well to perform and take part in the upcoming singing of the Coast Salish anthem on June 21, 2019 (Aboriginal Day).

With no further questions and comments Ms. O'Brien and Teegan concluded discussion on their update.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

UPON MOTION duly made by the Chair and seconded, IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting conclude at 8:10 pm and there be no further business brought before the meeting. Next meeting date and time to be set at a further date.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY

NEXT MEETING SET FOR: May 30, 2019

“Schedule A”

Attendance list for General Meeting of the BPAC held on April 25, 2019 at 7:00PM

In attendance:

1. Jennifer Dickson, Chair
2. Jaimie Morrison, Vice Chair
3. Judy A. McCall, Recording Secretary

4. Susan Teegan
5. Bridget O'Brien
6. Harlan Clark
7. Megan Pareis
8. Johanna Moretto
9. Kristine Duggan
10. Georgina O'Flynn