

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, November 30, 2017
Library @ 7:30pm

- Welcome 7:30pm
- Attendees
 - Jen D, Jen B, Katie, Cyndie, Janet, Cheryl, Jaimie, Deanna, Karina, Erin
- Agenda and previous minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - Cookies and pies fundraiser earned \$166 over estimate
 - Rebate program earned \$133 – added P&T Cobs
 - Monthly summary of finances will be prepared and go up on the website every month (there is a glitch on the website where it is displaying funny, Karina will check)
- Update on fundraising
 - Directory
 - 45 people have requested it, will publicize on the BPAC
 - Hot Lunch / Recycling
 - Learned a lot of garbage overflowing on hot lunch day, which doesn't need to happen because vendors use compostable and recyclable packaging. Would like kids to take packaging home and then parents can recycle it appropriately. Asking admin to share with monitors to provide guidance, etc
 - Question about lunch monitors and if they can assist with this
 - Cookies and Pies
 - Went well, worked really well to distribute from the back room behind the library
 - Raised more than expected.
 - Tree chipper – Saturday of Jan 6/7 weekend, advertised to the whole community, will be a grade 6 allocated event.
 - Movie Night
 - January, maybe towards the end of the month (Jan 26), still TBD
 - Grade 1 allocated event
 - Blueridge Gear
 - Going well as of meeting date, about \$1000 in sales
 - Gift Certificates (skoah, Deep Cove Brewery)
 - We can fundraise with these, emails and how to buy are coming soon. Jen D will be getting these together soon.

- Current business
 - EcoKids
 - Have cleaned up the school yard a bit but need some assistance from the district grounds crew – requesting through Deanna to put in a work order
 - Welcome new member of BPAC
 - Motion by Janet to elect Jaimie to PAC executive. Seconded Jen B. Passed.
 - FOS report
 - Windsor FOS talked to B.Voight to do a presentation \$75 fee
 - Then spoke to NS Emerg Preparedness but B Voight concerned about message and whether it aligned with the district messaging – Jan 17 at 7pm
 - Windsor FOS was going to host an emerg prep session for parents, but there may have been a cost and/or conflicting info presented. Since NV District PAC going to be hosting a similar info session for parents that is aligned with school board direction, we will promote the NVan district PAC which was going to happen in January.
 - Dorothy Lynas – snowboarding lessons
 - Dr Davidson talking to each individual grade on stress, anxiety and devices
 - Feb 24 Seycove auction – wildwest theme
 - Snow angels – parent snow removal
 - Seymour Heights
 - Card project – profited \$1200
 - Santas breakfast
 - Santa mall, stuff that isn't sold is donated to LynnMour
 - District counselors and community people come in to do hot chocolate and read to kids and talk about jobs in the community
 - LynnMour
 - Monthly PAC shack, great fundraiser for them – may get shut down due to parent complaint
 - Organic meats fundraiser
 - Santa's breakfast and bottle drive
 - Windsor
 - Gala - \$15,600 raised– 180 people attended. but problem with people buying tickets but not showing up. \$3000 – jerseys, \$7000 – sewing machines, plus special ed donation.
 - Crisis centre – grades 8 + 9
 - Donations survey
 - 60% would rather donate than fundraise

- 13% would rather fundraise
 - People didn't donate b/c forgot, only care about kid programs. Now if teachers receive money from PAC, will comm with parents about where the money is going.
 - Also bringing in Dr Davidson re stress and anxiety, will speak to kids and also a parents night
- DPAC report
 - Sanaz went to the meeting last night, Leah Peskett will be the regular attendee. Notes from Sanaz (she was unable to attend the BPAC meeting):
 - The topic was "Seven Core Components for celebrating and supporting complex learner". This topic is on the NVSD website at the very bottom of the home page that parents can leave their feedback or comments . They discussed how we define complex learners and how we can support their learning at home. This is a very good topic for those who have kids at school who needs special or more support. They provided the name of this Provincial Non-profit organization " Inclusion BC" . The speaker's name from Inclusion BC was Karen De Long. At the conversation with the other school's reps or chairs , we thought the best would be to communicate the name of the InclusionBC to the school parents as those who they need it to contact her. I am not sure how we want to communicate. Website: www.inclusionbc.org
 - Karen De Long (Director of Community Development) :[604-777-9100 Ext 530](tel:604-777-9100)
 - There will be another meeting in Jan open to parents with this topic and also Specialists will join on that one.
 - We also talked about different reporting system. As the Carson Graham Family of schools are changing their reporting to something with no grades, no numbers. I talked to the the NVPAC chair and she was not too sure yet how it does work, so don't have much information yet. Ours (the Windsor family) not changing for now.
 - We talked about better and easier communication between BPAC and parents. As we had the online consent, hot lunch, etc... they mentioned Mail-chimp is the best as it allows everything to be online with only one link, which I believe we are already using.
- Emergency preparedness and Comfort Kits
 - Shelves were built in the container and water delivered, water is good for two years. An action will be added to the grade 4 fun day that we need to use the water at the fun day before

- they expire– Cheryl will take care of this. Grade 4 binder will be updated with this info. Jen is also on it.
- Comfort kits are overflowing (reported by teacher) -> parent volunteers need to go through and pack it carefully and remove any unnecessary items to make them fit.
 - Parent concerns
 - When parents are concerned about school rules, please go directly to Deanna Robertson with any concerns.
 - Principal / Vice Principal report
 - Principal report
 - Report cards coming out next Friday. Reporting is changing (big ideas, curricular competencies and content), focus will now include the big ideas and the curricular and core competencies (ie. critical and creative thinking and problem solving). Report cards will contain some different language, still working through it, Deanna invites parent feedback.
 - Focus on inquiry-based learning and would welcome feedback in whether that shift into inquiry-based learning is apparent in the report cards.
 - Would also like feedback on what kind of reporting parents feel is useful or not as useful. Different schools in NVan are piloting different things.
 - Christmas concert coming up. Unfortunately, on the same night as the Windsor concert. Deanna will email the principal of Windsor to coordinate in future. Good point for the FOS.
 - Vice Principal's report
 - Santa Mall – Dec 20
 - Grade 6/7 ski program at Mt Seymour – 55 students out of 77. Includes the pass. Will need parent volunteers, and 1 parent driver.
 - Other Business (time permitting)
 - Tombola jars – an extra box was found so let's find some way to make use of them – possibly do the Tombola jar wheel at movie night.
 - Adjournment
 - Motion Jaimie, seconded Cyndie

Next meeting Thursday January 25 @ 7:30pm