

Blueridge Parent Advisory Counsel (BPAC)

General Meeting : September 29, 2021, 7:00PM

Location: Blueridge Elementary School Library

Present: Rachel Harper, Jennier Dickson, Katie Garrett, Amanda guest, Kim Cairns, Elham Nasser, Jayshree Schnurrenberger, Keely Smith, Kristy Hunt, Bianca Bujan, Maryn Quarless (teacher rep), Cathay Jefferson (Vice- Principal) , Susan Teegan (Principal)

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING BELOW

1. COMMENCEMENT

Jennifer Dickson opened meeting and introduced Rachel Harper as new Chair for the meeting, Katie Garrett was the Recording Secretary.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

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

4. OUTSIDE GUESTS - NONE

5. Principal/ Vice Principal Report - Traditional welcome acknowledging the lands on which we live, work and play. Recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Shared today's school events. More to come on Newsletter. Formally introducing Cathy Jefferson as Vice Principal and Maryn Quarless (teacher rep for this meeting) who has stepped into librarian:

- a. **New Safe Arrival System** - email came out to community earlier in the month , goes live Oct 1. It is meant to make it easier on parents end. Can pre- book known absences.
- b. **Technology**- COvid has allowed for faster access to laptops. All teachers have laptops, desktops have been removed. Desktops have been refurbished and now make up the computer lab and library computers. Also have a laptop cart. iPads are about 4 years old. Staff is working towards making a tech plan which it will share with BPAC once developed. Hope is that the funding will start coming from the district vs relying on BPAC.
- c. **FSA**- start next week Gr 4 and 7. Ministry assessment, doesn't count for grades. Used to guide teaching and at a district level. Online- literacy and math. 2 weeks.
- d. **Basketball** - meeting yesterday with FOS- there will be some form of basketball but as of now it's difficult to say what that will look like at this point. ? Parent Volunteers? - TBD

- e. **Strategic Plan** - presentation- Video can be accessed on North Van district website. Can access Blueridge school plan on school website. Focus on increasing diversity in Library - resources, authors, illustrations. Introducing a new Goal - addressing honouring the indigenous/First Nations People's principles of Learning. Staff is asking for a parent and student voice. **Looking for 2 parent volunteers to attend 2-3 meetings/ year to sit with school planning team. Welcoming perspective, feedback etc. Out of the box thinkers please apply**

6. Review and Discuss:

- a. **Treasurers Report** - profit of \$7000 last year. Thanks to new ideas to offset the fundraisers that were cancelled. Expenses were also down. Plans going forward - combo of 2018/2020
- b. **Hot lunch program** - it's back. Orders can be set now via Hotlunch website. Credits can be used. Add-ons- tbd - requires volunteer to purchase, organize and hand out.
- c. **Ecokids** - want to tie in the Indigenous component as per school plan. There is a grant available.
- d. **Class reps** - more information coming. We need more reps for many classes
- e. **Family of Schools (FOS)**- Jen D is the FOS rep. Meets once a month, Dorothy Lynas, Seymour Heights, Blueridge, Lynmour, Sherwood Park.
- f. **DPAC** - District PAC- Jen D is the rep.
- g. **Budget** - Jen D presented and explained report- Income and expenses
 - **Action:** Jen making a motion forward to change speakers budget to \$5000 this year. Rachel seconds it . No nays. **Approved**
 - open floor for questions on current budget
 - **Action:** Motion to approve budget (Jen D). **Approved.**
- h. **Upcoming Events/Speaker/Fundraisers**
 - Saleema Noon- booked Oct - parent online Zoom meeting on the Oct 25. Will be virtual. Children will follow after. Sexual health and Body Science
 - Grit- Alex Dunham- in the process of being booked
 - a. Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Coffee
 - Blueridge gear- coming soon.
 - Seymour passes- offered back in June. Not running again this fall.
 - Mugs- TBD
 - Card project- Feb or April- TBD
 - Neufelds- very successful last year. Hope to do this again instead of Cookies and Pies. - before Christmas. And then again in the spring.
 - Purdy's- very successful last year. Potentially running 2 rounds again.
 - Tree chip/ bottle drive- need someone with a "ticket" to be present.
 - Spring bulbs- TBD if it is a go will be run in the spring.
 - Panago and Cobb's
 - Future - Santa's breakfast, parent social,
 - Popcorn- unable to run as of yet. Hopefully in the spring.

i. **Current/ongoing Business**

- COVID - reporting has resumed so that there will be parent notification. It will be more specific to those directly involved. North Van School Board has not yet mandated a mask policy across the grades. PAC and school will not put out any rules that have not come down from the district.

Addendum: Province-wide mask policy implemented on Thursday Sept 30 by PHO for all grades K-12

- email weekly bulletin-
- parking and safety- ongoing traffic issues. Please don't park in the round-a-bout

- j. **New business** - Cora's bench is now in place- more info to follow in weekly email
Open to suggestions for new hot lunch vendors.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

UPON MOTION duly made by the Chair and seconded, IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting conclude at 8:52 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