

**General Meeting : November 25, 2021, 7:00PM**

**Location: Blueridge Elementary School Library**

**Present:** Rachel Harper, Katie Garrett, Amanda Guest, Bianca Bujan, Johanna Moretto, Alison D'Sa (Teacher rep), Cathy Jefferson (Vice- Principal) , Susan Teegan (Principal)

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING BELOW**

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### **1. Welcome**

Rachel Harper opened the meeting as Chair at 7:02, Katie Garrett was the Recording Secretary.

### **2. Approval of Agenda/Minutes** - Minutes from previous meeting approved.

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

### **3. Outside Guests** None

### **4. Principal/ Vice Principal Report** - Began by acknowledging the lands that we are on. Giving thanks to the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwu7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation upon whose unceded traditional territory Blueridge resides.

#### ***Overview of what's happening at Blueridge:***

- a) ***District changes:*** Brad Baker (District Principal) will be moving on from this position as of Dec 1, 2021. The position of District Principal, Indigenous Education currently is unfilled.
- b) ***COVID update:*** Susan Teegan reported that she attended the principals meeting and it has been agreed that it is time to start opening up the schools more to parents and family :
  - 1) ***On site School Event sign up sheet*** - as per most recent superintendent report these will be used to ensure safe attendance at school events. Will be used next week at the Book Fair.
  - 2) ***Field trips*** - to resume. None will require proof of vaccination in order to continue to be inclusive. Ski program for Gr 6 is in planning process and looks to go ahead in the new year.
  - 3) ***Vaccines 5-11 year old-*** vaccination sites will not be held on school grounds. Is an individual decision for each family and schools will continue to be inclusive of all decisions.
- c) ***3 key goals monthly update:*** (for more details please visit the Blueridge elementary website via the NVSD [www.sd44.ca](http://www.sd44.ca) )
  1. ***Inclusivity/social emotional learning-*** teaching staff has become acutely aware of the gaps in social/emotional learning as a result of COVID within the student body. Discussions and plans set in place to focus on these over the continuation of the school year. Areas include but are not limited to : emotional regulation, hidden social cues.
  2. ***Literacy-*** no update this month
  3. ***Honouring a community that promotes the First Peoples Principles of Learning*** - No update this month.

d) **Music** - Alison D'Sa attended this months meeting to introduce herself and express thanks for the support in her initiative to make the music room a beautiful, organized and accessible place for all the students. Thanks to funding from the BPAC , she has been able to purchase shelving, decorations and equipment to further her vision. Stay tuned for great things. Unfortunately there will be no December concert but the children will performing Christmas Carols within the school to celebrate the season.

f) **Tech Plan**- a request to top up the current library of Ipads sent to BPAC chair. A request of ideally 10 but minimum 5 ipads to account for class sizes.

Cost estimates (before tax): Ipads \$3940.00

Covers \$250.00

Total: **\$4190.00**

**Action: to be presented at next BPAC meeting and voted on.**

**Add to agenda for January meeting**

g) **BPAC Parent Resource Library:** located at the front of the school library. Currently includes books on parenting, social emotional learning etc but needs to be built up and brought back to life. No sign out process as of yet but will be developed. Maryn Quarless would be teaching staff point person.

**Action: to be discussed at next BPAC/Exec meeting. Books need to be inventoried and presented to the school parent community via BPAC website , bulletin etc. Going forward from there may need a point person to cont to build library.**

## 5. Review and Discuss:

- a. **Treasurer's report** See appendix A below. Asterix denote spending details for respective columns.
- b. **Current Fundraisers:**
  - Neufelds: Raised approx \$1100.
  - Purdy's: closes this Sat Nov 27, 2021. Pickup Dec 5th. Details to follow.
  - Tree Chip/Bottle Drive : Jan 2 (both events) Lots of volunteers for the tree chip portion, Rachel looking into whether a certification is required to run chipper. Decision made not to pick up trees this year from houses. Those wanting their trees chipped will have to get trees to the parking lot on their own. Bottle Drive is a Grade 5 event. Both BPAC and school will send out reminders in bulletins to safe your bottle over the upcoming holiday season.
- c. **Upcoming Fundraisers/Events**
  - Moja Coffee (Gr. 2)- details to follow
  - Parent Social - Burger and Beer night. looks promising for late Jan/Feb. Seymours Pub location. Will have to abide by facilities COVID rules and regulations. More details to follow
  - Golf event- Possibly at Northwoods. Late spring.Still in early stages of planning but also looks promising. Communication with venues has commenced. More details to come.
- d. **Current Business**
  - Parking and Safety - This **remains** a major safety concern, despite police presence over the last few weeks. Johanna Moretto attended on behalf of concerned parents and raised 3 primary issues: parents parking in teachers lots, excessive speed at which

some cars are entering and exiting school property and surrounding streets, and continued parking on the north side of Bronte. In addition: issue of cars quickly pulling into and backing out of driveways on Bronte during high traffic times and cars continuing to stop and drop off in the upper roundabout despite explicit signage also brought up. Discussion ensued as to how to navigate this tricky situation.

**Action: BPAC to provide more signage to be displayed in the roundabout to prevent stopping, cones and parking barricade to be placed in appropriate areas to encourage proper usage of lot and decrease blockage of exit of roundabout, teaching staff to continue to educate and enable students to remind parents of these safety concerns and come up with new ways to enforce them in a positive and creative manner. To revisit monthly until this is no longer a problem.**

**To borrow from the Minutes of Sept 2019 - Follow our Children's lead - DON'T PARK IN UNALLOCATED AREAS.**

### **8. Call for other business (time permitting)**

With no further questions or comments the members concluded discussion. Mrs. Teegan and Ms. D'Sa invited attendees to visit the Music room.

### **9. Adjournment of Meeting**

Upon motion duly made by the Chair and seconded, IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting concluded at 8:10pm 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

## Appendix A - Treasurer's report

**Blueridge Parent Advisory Council**

Date Range: 2021-09-01 to 2021-10-31    Profit and Loss

**ACCOUNTS**

Sep 01, 2021 to Oct 31, 2021

**Income**

Flip Give	168.91	
Donation	26.40	**Optometry donation
Gaming Grant	6,520.00	
Program Income – Hot Lunch	1,966.79	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,682.10</b>	

**Cost of Goods Sold**

Hot Lunch- Vendors	1,132.20	
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>1,132.20</b>	

**Gross Profit**

	<b>7,549.90</b>	
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**Operating Expenses**

Fees & Dues	165.00	**Domain renewal BPAC confederation renewal
PE supplies	155.40	** Basketball - womens supplies
Office Supplies	334.68	** furniture for music room
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>655.08</b>	
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>6,894.82</b>	

**Balance Sheet**

**Blueridge Parent Advisory Council**

**As of 2021-10-31**

**ACCOUNTS**

**2021-10-31**

**Assets**

**Cash and Bank**

Class B Membership Shares xxxxxxxx4732	6.89	
GAMING ACCOUNT xxxxxxxx4740	8,582.12	
GENERAL ACCOUNT xxxxxxxx4757	48,177.98	

<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>56,766.99</b>	
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**Other Current Assets**

Accounts Receivable	100.00	
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<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>56,866.99</b>	
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<b>Liabilities</b>	-	
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**Equity**

Opening Balance Equity	37,721.44	
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**Retained Earnings**

Profit for all prior years	12,250.48
Profit between Sep 1, 2020 and Oct 31, 2021	6,894.82
Owner's Equity	<u>0.25</u>
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b><u>19,145.55</u></b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>56,866.99</u></b>