

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday April 26th, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Margaret Chesko, Nicole Dent, Janet Stringer, Kris McLean-Rohani, Jennifer Bigwood, Karina Wood, Cheryl Sauve, Paola Portaro, Louise Birch, Tosha Silver, Tanya Jefferson, Kathy Kee and Erin Primas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:40

AGENDA:

- Approved (moved by Jennifer and seconded by Margaret).

FINANCE REPORT:

- The committee for purchasing the gym equipment has reported that there will be some money left in the budget. Ms. Primas had asked if that money could be used to purchase new baskets for the outside basketball nets. As the entire hoops/baskets need to be replaced at a significant cost, the committee will instead purchase chain nets for the existing hoops and some new tetherballs (\$50). The committee is also purchasing a table cloth/cover with the Blueridge name and logo to be used at school events.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mt. Seymour:
- The cheque for \$940.35 finally came in for the Mt. Seymour ski passes. The proceeds were well over the expected and budgeted amount of \$200. Thank you to Liz Sopwith for running the program for us.

HOT LUNCH:

- Janet is stepping away from the program and a new person or people are needed to run it starting in September. Janet will help that individual become familiar with the program.
- Max Fruit:
 - The orders have been consistently messed up.
 - Janet is dropping them from the program effective immediately. Families who had ordered Max Fruit for their children will be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fundraisers/Events:
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - The grade 3 families have the event well in hand.
 - Fun Day:
 - Janet has been speaking with Graham Hill and Jill Yaworski about lunch menus and packaged meals.
 - Jennifer B will alert the grade 4 families that they need to get started in planning for the concession.
 - Tombola Jars
 - Blueridge will be hosting a Tombola table at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (June 4th).
 - Ms. Primas' grade 6 class will help run the table.

- Ms. Primas is willing to supervise the students during the event so that there isn't a need to find parent volunteers.
- Next week Jennifer B will distribute plastic bins to each classroom to collect the jars in.
- There will be a popcorn party for the class which brings in the most jars.
- Yearbook:
 - A huge Thank You! to Georgina and Megan for all the incredible work they have put into producing the yearbook over the last two years.
 - If the yearbook is to continue in the future, we will need someone with graphic design or desktop publishing skills to take over.
 - It is necessary to have more than 2 people to produce the yearbook as it is a large job.
 - Georgina has heard that the student who produce the yearbook at Windsor may be able to help with the elementary schools. Kris knows the teacher involved in the Windsor yearbook and will make inquiries on our behalf.
 - Other options include hiring a School District approved company to produce the yearbook or making a Grade 7 only book.
 - The yearbook is not produced as a school fundraiser. It is a cost-recovery service.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - One garden has been planted and they have started planting a second one.
 - The planting has been done with the help of the kindergarten and grade 1 classes.
- Class Reps:
 - Jennifer will send the concession information for Fun Day to the grade 4 reps.
 - Georgina has already sent out an email to the grade 6 parents about planning the grade 7 reception.
 - The Grade 3's are good to go for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.
- Family of Schools:
 - The next meeting will take place on May 15th.
- Track & Field Training at Windsor:
 - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school (3-4:30) there will be training sessions for running and high jump.
 - All students from the Family of Schools are invited and welcome to attend providing they have a parent present to supervise.
- Correspondence:
 - None
- Popcorn:
 - Popcorn sales will start again next week.
 - The sign-up sheet is on the PAC board by the front office.
 - If no one signs up by the preceding Friday, Ralph will place a cancellation notice in the BPAC Bulletin on Sunday evening.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Fine Arts • Primary Days of Music Friday May 1-5. Notices are being prepared. Time TBA • NVSD Art Show at Capilano Mall in May – some of our student's artwork will be on show
2. Outdoor School • Grade 3s will not be going to the Skunewas program • Grade 4s to the Outdoor School \$180, 3 day, 2 nights • Grade 6s to the Outdoor School \$255, 4 day, 3 nights
3. Track and Field • Practices have started, thank you to volunteer staff and parent coaches • All track notices have been posted to the web-site for our meets

4. School plan • Committee – Jennifer Dickson, Heather Gall and Jennifer Bigwood • Staff – Kathy Kee, Erin Primas, Michele Denny and Linette MacNeil • We have not met this term • We are continuing to work on our goals of self-regulation, Math • We received an extra 0.6 FTE in relation to the Collective Agreement and are putting that support towards Language Arts and reading support

5. School fees for 2017-2018 • Will be sent out by May 31, 2017 notifying parents of fees for the upcoming school year • \$40 for Kindergarten – Cost recovery for supplies specific for the curricular activities in Kindergarten. In line with our WFOS • Agendas \$6 • Extra-curricular activity (e.g. Tennis and one other) max \$24 for 2 activities

6. Kindergarten Orientation • Orientation for new families is on Monday June 5 and 12

7. KM Club • Monday May 1- Friday June 2 • There is a sign-up schedule on the BPAC board for parents wishing to sponsor the KM club in the mornings 88:40. More information will be in the newsletter going home in the May newsletter • Teachers will also be doing the KM club in class-time

8. Family Appreciation Ice Cream Social • Thursday June 1 – 6-7:15 PM • Invitations will be going home in May • Families can register numbers on Munch a Lunch

9. Book Fair • Monday May 13-Thursday May 18

10. Student Learning Grant • We have received \$17, 401 for the one year Student Learning Grant • Resources can be used for technology, textbooks, athletic supplies • Should help defray costs for parents

• The spending plan must be in by Friday May 5th to the school board • Resources are to be purchased as soon as possible and should involve staff and parent input • Anything not spent this year can be rolled over to next year

11. Calendar – if BPAC has events for us to put on the calendar, please submit them ASAP because staff will be setting the calendar in May.

12. Mt. Seymour ski/snowboard program next year for Grade 6 and 7 students. We will be sending out pre-info for parents so they are aware since a season's pass comes with students signing up for the 4 lessons.

13. Class Size and organization – as we move forward for planning for the 2017-18 school year, we will be having new class sizes. In addition, parents are able to provide input for student placement. Information will be coming in the May newsletter

OTHER BUSINESS:

- AGM and PAC elections next month.
- Please consider volunteering as there are many opportunities available.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 (motion by Kris, Nicole seconded)

NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 31st 2017 at 7:30PM