

**BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday April 27th, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Jennifer Bigwood, Jennifer Dickson, Kris McLean-Rohani, Karina Wood, Heather Gall, Georgina O’Flynn, Cynthia Rusnak, Christine Blakeney, Heidi Kuzik, Paola Portaro, and Kathy Kee.

GUEST SPEAKER:

- We were joined by Lisa Hogan, Community Health Nurse to talk about lice prevention and treatment.
- Nothing really new in the treatment area with the exception of a new spray called Nyda which kills lice by cutting off their oxygen. Reportedly kills the nits as well. Combing is still required though.
- Treat and come every 4 days and then treat a second time.
- Children are not to be excluded from school because of lice.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 8:02

AGENDA:

- Approved (moved by Nicole and seconded by Kris).

FINANCE REPORT:

- Highlights:
 - Deposits:
 - \$344 rebate from EduPac at the end of March
 - \$217 rebate from Stongs from last year.
 - \$284 for popcorn sales.
 - \$5,823 for the Spell-a-Thon.
- Expenses this Month:
 - 1 bus trip (with about \$500 remaining in the bus fund at this time).
 - Class funds receipts are coming in.
 - The last performing arts presentation, Green Thumb Theatre.
 - Went slightly over budget on Emergency Prep supplies but that was approved by vote at the last meeting.
 - Math/Science expenses for butterflies.
 - Scholarship for Windsor for a former Blueridge student (\$500).
 - Fridge replacement, \$2,932.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Hot Lunch:
 - Going well.
 - New fridge was delivered.

NEW BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Fundraisers:
 - Spell-a-Thon: \$5,823 raised thus far.
 - Sports Day Concession:
 - Nicole needs the receipts for purchases in as soon as possible or by the day of the event at the latest in order to issue cheques and close the books for end of the year.
- Track & Field:
 - Jerseys will be handed out Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week.
 - Deposits must be in, in order to receive a jersey.
- Track Club:
 - There is talk of forming a Track Club at Windsor for the family of schools.
 - The Athletic Director has offered up the use of one of the gyms and possibly the bubble for training through the fall and winter season.
 - Parent volunteers will be needed for this next fall.
- Yearbooks:
 - Coming together well.
 - The price will increase slightly due to the need for extra pages to accommodate the extra division.
 - Photos are still needed for upcoming events.
 - Should mostly be done by the first week of June with Swangard being the last event that will be included.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Held an Earth Day clean-up of the school grounds, with about 50 children and 8 adults attending.
 - Picked up over 19 pounds of garbage and 2 pounds of recycling.
 - Are growing lettuce and radishes with the K and 1 classes.
 - Have started cleaning up the front garden and planting annuals.
 - Considering planting something between the front doors. Hoping to place a planter there.
 - Clean the front of the school every Wednesday.
- Class Reps:
 - Busy preparing for upcoming events such as the Staff Appreciation Lunch and Sports Day.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Meeting took place last week.

- Lynnmour:
 - Their current PAC is leaving. They have approached the family of schools to see if they can offer help in running their meetings.
 - Are holding a Fun Day at the end of May which will include a Run & Roll event.
- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Having a Splash & Dash in May.
 - Are running a Drama program.
- Sherwood Park:
 - Are running a non-contact football program.
 - Are trying to create a new school logo.

- Lice: the PAC has bought lice kits. If the teacher suspects a child in their class has lice, they can send the kit home with the child with an accompanying letter. This is confidential.
- Seymour Heights:
 - Are selling hanging baskets.
 - Doing a fundraiser with Two Rivers Specialty Meats for Father's Day.
 - Held a Spring Social in their Outdoor Classroom. This included a liquor licence.
 - Have started an Ultimate team.
- Windsor:
 - Have 15 children on a Japanese exchange trip.
 - Their main fundraiser will be a Cabaret Night.
 - Are planning a big gala fundraiser for next year to raise money for furnishings for the new student common areas once the seismic upgrades are completed.

DPAC:

- Meeting is same night as BPAC.

WINDSOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- Require that the recipient be a Blueridge graduate who intends on attending post-secondary school.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None at this time.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

- The flashlights are in the classroom containers.
- The large container on the field has been organized and replenished.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. BC Childrens' Hospital Fundraiser - Jeans Day

- Thank you to all the families and the Education Services Centre (School Board Office) for supporting this fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital. Jeans Day is tomorrow.

2. Fine Arts

- Primary Days of Music Friday May 13. Notices are being prepared. Time TBA
- NVSD Art Show at Capilano Mall in May – some of our student's artwork will be on show

3. Outdoor School

- Grade 3s to the Outdoor School Wed. May 4-6
- Grade 4s to the Big House Mon May 9/10
- Just a reminder that Grade 3s will go every year, Grade 4s go to the Bighouse every year, Grades 5/6 not go in 2016-2017 (alternate years). The purpose of this is to allow a larger group to go therefore providing more opportunities for grouping, teaching and learning.
- ODS is having their open house this Sunday. Hope families will go to it.

4. Track and Field

- Practices have started, thank you to volunteer staff and parent coach
- All track notices have been posted to the web-site for our meets

5. School plan

- Committee – Jennifer Dickson, Heather Gall and Jennifer Bigwood
- Staff – Kathy Kee, Erin Primas, Michele Denny and Bridget O'Brien
- We've asked two questions of staff, parents and students in the last few months: What makes Blueridge a vibrant learning community? What else can we do to further enhance Blueridge's learning community? We are also waiting for results of the student and parent satisfaction surveys and gaining information from the staff survey.
- We will meet as a group with parents in May to come up with a plan.

6. School fees for 201617

- Will be sent out by May 31, 2016 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
- We will be having one school fee which will include: Agendas, and extra-curricular activity (eg. Tennis). Kindergarten students \$40 school fee

7. Kindergarten Orientation

- Orientation for new families is on Monday June 6 and 13

8. KM Club

- Wednesday May 4- Friday June 3
- There is a sign up schedule on the BPAC board for parents wishing to sponsor the KM club in the mornings 8-8:40. More information will be in the newsletter going home this wee
- Teachers will also be doing the KM club in class time

9. Family Appreciation Ice Cream Social

- Thursday June 2 – 6-7:30 PM
- Invitations will be going home in May
- Families can register numbers on Munch a Lunch starting May 11-May 19 so we can ensure we have enough ice cream.

10. Book Fair

- Monday May 16-Thursday May 19

11. Lifetouch

- Some parents are not satisfied with photos this year
- We are going to look at using Mountain West if their prices and customer service are competitive

12. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Succession planning and volunteers.
 - We need more volunteers to join the PAC as the current executive will be exiting the school in the next 1-3 years.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10(motion by Kris, Jennifer D. seconded)

**NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 25th at 7:30PM**