

**BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES  
Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:** Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Kris McLean-Rohani, Jennifer Bigwood, Karina Wood, Cheryl Sauve, Kathy Kee and Erin Primas.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:35**

**AGENDA:**

- Approved with additions (moved by Jennifer and seconded by Nicole).

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION:**

- All voted of welcoming our newest member at large, Karina Wood.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

- Highlights of the budget thus far:
  - Income:
    - Income for the year is higher than anticipated thanks to higher sales in Blueridge Gear (\$27.56).
  - Class Funds:
    - Nicole has sent email to the teachers to let them know that receipts for classroom expenses need to be submitted before spring break.
    - Mrs. Desmarais has purchased books on behalf of 3 divisions for their class libraries.
    - Karina will publish lists on the PAC website from class libraries so that parents can see what the PAC has purchased.
  - Expenses:
    - First Aid training: \$600
    - Most of the funds have been spent for library resources and for the Primary Team.
    - Sports Equipment: the committee expects to spend the full \$25,000.
  - Bank Accounts:
    - Current General Account: \$41,114.66
    - Current Gaming Account: \$3,512.88

**UPDATES:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mt. Seymour:
  - Still waiting for a cheque from Mt. Seymour.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fundraisers:
  - Parent Social
    - Will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - We still need to sell more tickets.
- Yearbook:
  - This year will be the last year for the yearbook. It has become too big of an undertaking to continue as it has been.
  - Going forward we will transition to a Grade 7 year book.

- If a viable option can be arranged the yearbook could potentially continue (another format, other parent involvement, possibility of a company producing it).
- Eco Kids Club:
  - Will be planting seeds before spring break.
  - Will have the first meeting of the spring next week.
  - Karina is looking to involve the kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 7 classes (Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Bates).
- Class Reps:
  - Grade 3s will be planning the Staff Appreciation Lunch soon.
  - Baskets are being prepped for the Parent Social.

## **FAMILY OF SCHOOLS:**

- Seymour Heights:
  - Have held a family photo night using a professional photographer. They waived the sitting fees and just paid for the actual photos. In 2 hours they booked 20 families and made \$700.
  - Held their Christmas concert at Centennial Theatre where they held a 50/50 draw for a grade 7 fundraisers.
- Lynnmour:
  - Held a Cash for Clothes event, making \$500.
  - Are operating a Snack Shack and selling gift cards.
  - Their Christmas Market brought in \$2000.
  - Are holding a Parent Social and considering trying a Tree Chip-up.
  - Will try to begin having class reps next year.
- Dorothy Lynas:
  - Are having a guest speaker concerning Club G.
  - They will be offering tennis as their extra gym subject.
  - Have held both English and French movie nights.
  - Increased their scholarship to Windsor from \$500 to \$1500.
  - Have a psychologist coming to the school to talk about kids and screens.
- Windsor:
  - Music Night for Band & Choir:
    - Not everyone heard about it.
    - Need to make sure that the information gets out to all the feeder schools.
  - Are having an Anxiety and Stress presentation.
  - The capital project is coming to an end (renovations).
- Georgina O'Flynn and Jennifer Bigwood will be taking over as Family of Schools representatives next year.
- Message Board by the K Area (revisited):
  - There is a need for some form of message board attached to the wall, outside the school, close to the Kindergarten area where school information can be posted for those families who do not come into the school in the morning.
  - Kathy will put in a work order for it.
- Hot Lunch:
  - Pink Berry:
    - The store closed
    - Families who had ordered Pink Berry were credited for missed dates.
    - We will try fruit bars from Max Fruits for the next session and possibly into the next year. We will also sell them at Sports Day.

- Correspondence:
  - Organizers of Blueridge Good Neighbour Day have asked if the PAC wants a table this year for Tombola Jars.
  - We will go ahead with the sales this year with the help of Erin's grade 6 class.
  - We will need a table.

## **PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:**

1. Extra-Curricular
  - Volleyball season wraps up next week
  - Intermediate Music Festival is coming up Tuesday Feb. 28 and Wednesday Mar. 1. Parents are invited to attend the Centennial Theatre. We are performing in the AM but don't have specific times.
  - Staff will start organizing Track and Field at our next staff meeting
2. Testing and Data
  - FSAs – Grade 4 and 7 tests are completed and results will be sent home at the end of March
  - Kindergarten students have done the TOPA test and K Numeracy
3. School Plan
  - PAC members – Jennifer Bigwood, Jennifer Dickson, Heather Gall
  - Staff – Ms. Primas, Ms. Kee, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. MacNeil
4. Registration and Transfers for the 2017-18 school year are currently in progress. If you know of any families coming to the area, please remind them to watch the deadline dates for registration and transfers.
5. Report Cards – Reports will be published on Thursday March 9, similar to Term 1. Just a reminder that parents should save a paper and/or electronic copy of your child's report card. Please make sure that your email information is current.
6. Lockdown Drill – District-wide lockdown drill is Tuesday February 28 @11:00. A letter was sent home to all parents on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will still continue to have our fire and earthquake drills throughout the year.
7. Walk for Autism – Wednesday April 12 @ 1:00. Students will be asked to wear their Blueridge gear or blue in support of Autism Month and our walk. We're out to have some community fun!
8. Traffic – We have had a number of complaints about parking and drop-off in our school area.
9. Young Actors' Project – The project was well-received by parents, staff and students.
10. Club Blueridge
  - Buddy Bench has been installed and will be introduced to children in the upcoming weeks
  - Grade 4s are taking a leadership role with our Club
11. Food Access program

- The school district has invested in a Food Access program which is available to all students who may be hungry

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Track and Field:
  - Windsor has opened up training practices and conditioning sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:30pm
  - Students from all feeder schools are welcome to attend as long as a parent is present.
  - Ralph will write something up about the sessions for the next newsletter.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37** (motion by Kris, Jennifer seconded)

**NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:30PM**