

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday February 24th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Jennifer Dickson, Kris McLean-Rohani, Sanaz Kashani, Karina Wood, Heather Gall, Kathy Kee and Erin Primas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:33

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- We currently have \$40,805 in the General Account and \$2,880 in the Gaming Account. There are still lunch day costs to come out.
- Expenses this Month:
 - There have been more bus trips.
 - Teacher receipts are still coming in.
 - Emergency Preparedness:
 - Receipts have been submitted for supplies for \$357.
 - We are still waiting for the receipts for flashlight purchases.
 - Expenses will put us \$153.73 over the budgeted amount.
 - Nicole moved to increase the budget this year to cover the cost of the extra expenses. All voted in favour.
 - Library Resources:
 - Library expenditures have gone over budget by \$129.84.
 - These extra expenses have already been paid for and the executive has voted to increase the budget for Library Resources for this year to cover the added expenses.
 - Choir:
 - Has used budgeted funds for a bus.
 - Primary Team:
 - Have finished their spending for the year.
 - One planned item was not purchased due to issues with the exchange rate. This will be included in the purchases next year.
- Nicole has requested that when staff provides quotes on items they wish to purchase that they include all expenses such as taxes and delivery fees.
- Fridge:
 - The current BPAC fridge no longer works.
 - Repairs to the fridge (which is estimated to be at least 11-15 years old) will come in at around \$1,000.
 - It has been determined that repairs would be a poor use of funds and as such Ralph has collected several quotes for new fridges.
 - The executive has narrowed the choices of fridges down to a 26 cubic foot or 28 cubic foot refrigerator made by Habco and supplied by Dunlevy. These choices were arrived at based on cost (including delivery), and available warranties.
 - Following some discussion it was proposed that the PAC purchase the SE28 28 cu foot model at an estimated cost of \$3,100 (including taxes and delivery). All voted in favour of the purchase.

- Ralph will put the order in tomorrow with an expected delivery time of 7 days.

UPDATES:

- Hot Lunch:
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Hot lunch delivery has not been affected by the demise of the fridge.
- Popcorn:
 - Popping will resume after spring break, although Ralph may start up again the week before the break.

NEW BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Movie Night:
 - Grade 1 allocated event which will take place on February 26th.
 - 50 families have ordered pizza with \$600 in sales (projected profit of \$112).
 - They will run a 50/50 draw with Ralph handling the paperwork.
 - Concession food and popcorn are all ready.
 - A reminder will be sent out with regard to bringing cash for concession purchases and the 50/50 draw and also to suggest that attendees may not wish to bring pillows and blankets given the current school-wide issue with lice.
- Spell-a-thon:
 - Nicole and Kathy have settled on dates, with word lists provided by teachers by March 9th, lists and letters going out to the children/families after spring break and the tests being administered between April 18th-21st.
 - Nicole has prepared letters which for parents and the staff to explain the process.
 - The two divisions (one primary and one intermediate) which raise the most money will be awarded a popcorn party.
 - As always, student participation is voluntary.
- EduPac:
 - Teachers need to look at the lists and finalize.
 - We will look more closely at the comfort kits that EduPac sells and see if they are compatible with our needs.
- Emergency Preparedness:
 - The committee has inventoried the field container, replaced the water and given away the food which had passed the acceptable use date according to the CSA.
 - They have inventoried the grab and go kits and replenished the supplies.
 - They have switched out last year's comfort kits for updated ones.
 - Still waiting for flashlights (wind up ones), which will be placed in all of the grab and go kits as well as the field container.
 - May look at organizing a speaker to present Emergency Preparedness information to the Family of Schools next year.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Started up again today.
 - Will be running every Wednesday.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Meeting took place February 12th.

- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Have had both Jessie Miller and Saleema Noon present.
 - Have another speaker coming to present “You’re not the boss of me”.
 - Parking continues to be a huge issue.
- Windsor:
 - Still under construction.
 - The music department has completed their tour.
 - Will be having a Cabaret Night put on by the music program.
 - Will be having an Entertainment Night on February 25th.
- Seymour Heights:
 - Are concerned with how safety information is conveyed to their families and communities (specifically regarding cougar sightings).
- The FOS has produced a letter outlining the reasons for the formation of the FOS (reasons behind the organization, purpose, etc.). This document will be made available for anyone who wishes to read it.

DPAC:

- Meeting is same night as BPAC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Blueridge Community Association:
 - Through email exchanges the BCA expressed an interest in co hosting an evening with the BPAC to discuss the future of the lands occupied by the school.
 - The BPAC has determined that they do not wish to take part in this event but will notify the school community of the content and date (April 4th).

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Extra Curricular
 - Volleyball season has wrapped up thank you to all the volunteer coaches
 - Intermediate Music Festival – Tuesday March 1 – 10-3:00 Choir (performing around 10:45) and in the afternoon, Gr. 4-7 12:30-3:00 (session starts at 1:00)
 - Strings Festival – Thursday March 3 12:45-2:00 with Lucy Chang
 - Band Festival – Friday March 4 12:45-2:30 Continuing Band only. Ms. Ross will be on the bus with students.
 - Staff are going to start talking about 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 Ms. O’Brien
 - Thank you to parents for contributing to the Vibrant Learning Community questions
 - Next question: what can we do better or add to our school community to make it the best school we can be?

- What does meaningful feedback mean to the PAC? Newsletters, PAC meetings, web-site.

4. Registration and Transfers for the 2016-2017 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 – coming home Thursday March 10. If families are leaving early for Spring Break we will hold them until after Spring Break. Just a reminder to return the envelopes to your child's teacher.

6. Lockdown Drill – District-wide lockdown drill is Thursday February 25 @ 1:30

7. Lice – seem to have an increased number of reported cases of lice. A notice went out to all parents to do a check.

8. Walk for Autism – Wednesday April 6 @ 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!

9. Traffic – We have had reports of a number of drivers speeding in our school zone. Please note that parents are asked to report speeder's license plate numbers to the RCMP non-emergency line.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 (motion by Jennifer Dickson, Janet seconded)

**NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 27th at 7:30PM**