

**BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday February 25th, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Kris McLean-Rohani, Janet Stringer, Christy Campbell, Karina Wood, Heather Gall, Andrie Bates, Kathy Kee and Scott Sutherland.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:35

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Expenditures:
 - \$ 583 for bus trips
 - \$ 115 for library resources
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- Revenues:
 - \$606 for the Blueridge Gear (well over budgeted).
 - \$356 in popcorn sales.
- There are planned expenditures to take care of the money in the gaming account.
- It is time for the teachers to prepare their wish lists for the 2015/2016 budget.
- Nicole attended a staff meeting in January to let the staff know what resources were still available in the current budget.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hot Lunch :
 - o The new session, running from March break to the end of the school year, is now open.
 - o Having the grade seven students delivering the lunch is going well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming Fundraisers:
 - Parent Social:
 - Have sold more than 80 tickets.
 - Cut-off for ticket sales is mid-night Thursday (Feb. 26th).
 - There many silent auction items and fabulous raffle baskets.
 - Tickets will be sold for the raffle at the school.
 - Card Project
 - The art works is due on Monday.
- Class Reps:
 - Jennifer Bigwood and the class reps are coordinating the raffle baskets for the social.

DPAC:

The DPAC has schedule two upcoming speaker events that may be of interest to families at the school:

1. The Problem with Discipline" featuring Christopher Burt - Wednesday March 25, 2015
2. Foods that Fit Workshop - Wednesday April 15, 2015

Family of Schools Update:

- The meeting took place January 30th.
- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Has a very healthy bank account (over \$100,000) and are fielding complaints for not spending it.
 - The PAC has voted to purchase equipment for hearing impaired students.
- Sherwood Park
 - Brought in \$2,500 from a Trivia Night in December.
 - Will be doing another parent social in May with an 80's theme.
 - Had organized a Seymour Mountain Ski Club – postponed due to weather.
- Lynnmour
 - Struggling for volunteers.
 - Brought in \$1,400 from their Christmas Market (with vendors).
 - Doing a "Cash for Clothes" fundraiser.
- Windsor
 - The Student Council ran the Pancake Breakfast and will be using the proceeds to by a water filtration system for the school (located by the gym).
 - Will be doing a fundraiser with Ford which will offer test drives for cash.
 - Their biggest expenditure is for the music programs.
 - There will be some disruptions in the coming year due to seismic upgrades.
- Pancake Breakfasts
 - These were very successful at all of the schools.

BPAC Scholarship Update:

- A photo of last year's recipient is posted on the PAC board.
- The practice will continue every year.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Extra Curricular
 - Volleyball season has wrapped up thank you to all the volunteer coaches: Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Davis, Mr. Wyatt, Ms. O'Brien, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Madill and parent Bruce Bourden.
 - Choir performed today at the Intermediate Music Festival, Intermediates on Tuesday.
 - Staff are going to start talking about Track and Field at our next staff meeting
2. Testing and Data
 - Satisfaction Survey for Grades 4 and 7 and FSAs are completed
 - Kindergarten students have done the TOPA test and K Numeracy
3. School Plan
 - PAC Committee members – Jennifer Bigwood, Jennifer Dickson, Heather Gall
 - We attended a SPC meeting last week with all of our FOS teams.
 - Next steps, enter in the data for the 2014-2015 school year and develop goals for the upcoming year
 - The SPC will be meeting after Spring Break once the data is in

4. Performance coming up:
 - Thursday Feb. 26 – Windsor Band is coming up to perform at Blueridge 9-10:00
 - Friday Feb. 27 – 2:00 Blues Berries presentation
 - Thursday March 5 – Band Festival @ Mountainside 11:15-2:45, Strings performing @ Mountainside 7:45-10:20

5. Registration and Transfers for the 2014-2015 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.

6. Report Cards – coming home Thursday March 5. 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.

7. Waste Management
 - In April we will be receiving the first of our recycling bins. There will be 9 stations throughout the school
 - We will be looking at an education group and assemblies on teaching students about how to use the bins
 - Asking parents to look at litter-less lunches and students are to take hot lunch recycling boxes home

8. I.T. Committee
 - In the near future we will be obtaining a new-to-us computer lab
 - An IT committee has been established with a mixture of Primary and Intermediate staff, and Nicole Dent from the PAC, and looking at the needs of the school
 - Looking forward, we are thinking that laptops would serve the students well as well as looking at a maintenance plan for the SmartBoards as bulbs, etc are wearing out

Other Business:

- Jerseys:
 - There has been concern that the students are wearing the jerseys outside of their sporting events (gym class, lunch, during the weekend, etc.).
 - The students should only be wearing the jerseys during events where they will be representing the school.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Garlic is growing
 - Karina will speak with Andrie about the spring planting.
 - They will be addressing the litter problem in March.
 - April 22nd is Earth Day – there will be a litter pick-up on that day.
- EduPac:
 - Will try to have the lists finalized by Spring Break.
 - Plan to get the supplies to school by mid-June.
 - There will be on-line ordering again this year.
- Yearbook:

- Is chugging along.
- Need to have the doodles scanned.
- Team photos will be taken after Spring Break.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 (motion by Nicole, Kris seconded)

NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 29th at 7:30PM