

**BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday January 25th, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Karina Wood, Jennifer Dickson, Maria Chiappora, Georgina O'Flynn, Kathy Kee and Erin Primas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:30

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Highlights of the budget thus far:
 - Income
 - Blueridge Gear numbers were low at \$253.85
 - The Card Project brought in \$1,223.50
 - Popcorn sales were \$107.00 in December and \$135.00 in January
 - Tree chipping brought in \$1,053.60
 - Mt. Seymour passes – Ralph to follow up for rebate
 - Expenses
 - Bus trip funds have been allocated.
 - Waiting for more receipts from the class funds. Reminder to teachers the amount is \$200, not \$150.
 - Esteem team – Kathy to follow up whether they are coming
 - First Aid in October – Invoice not received, only one instructor showed up, Kathy to follow up.
 - Sports Equipment received, \$2,460.36 spent

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tree Chip: Went well despite date of December 31. Each year will differ depending on date of the weekend.
- Brew Pub gift certificates: numbers are not in yet.
- Movie Night: raised \$791.44

NEW BUSINESS:

- Blueridge Gear: Lowest year to date. May hold a second sale in the spring.
- Fundraisers:
 - Parent Social set for March 4. Tickets to be sold on Munch A Lunch. Class reps have been advised to put a basket together for raffle. Baskets due Feb 27. Staff will donate a basket as well.
- Yearbook: going well.
- Eco Kids: on hold for weather.
- Class Reps: nothing to report
- FOS: meeting on Friday Jan 27
- Teacher Luncheon: date set for May 29. Grade 3 allocated event.

- Correspondence:
 - Received a thank you from Windsor Secondary Gala Committee for our basket donation.
 - Received parent thank you for the Mathletics program from division 8.
 - Track and Field: Ralph had a meeting with the Athletic Department and Coaches from Windsor. They are interested in running after school program for grades 4-7 to help with training. A school rep from Blueridge would need to be in attendance when the kids are there.
 - Received letter from Lisa Walsh who is offering coding camps during spring break and summer.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

- Extra Curricular
 - Volleyball has started – thank you to all of the coaches – Mr. Davis, Mr. Wyatt, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Bisaro, Mrs. Bates and Ms Donaldson.
 - Choir - Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Bates
- Learning Room – completed, waiting for a few more pieces of equipment
- PE Equipment Room
- Primary Purchases – completed and waiting for delivery
- Student Assessment
 - February – Kindergarten TOPA – This test looks at phonological awareness and readiness for reading. The Kindergarten Numeracy test looks at numeracy readiness. This will assist the staff in early intervention strategies for the Kindergarten students.
 - January/February – FSA tests for Grade 4 and 7 students
 - February/March – Satisfaction Survey for Grades 4 and 7
- Interviews
 - Tuesday February 7 and Thursday February 9, early dismissal on both days 2pm
 - Teachers are offering student led or parent/teacher or parent/teacher/student conferences
 - This is a mid-term conference time, please contact the teachers if you have any concerns throughout the year.
 - Sign up will begin on Monday January 30 @ 8:15am outside the music room
 - Report cards will be uploaded to the MyEd Portal on Thursday March 9th
- Grade 7/8 Windsor Transition
 - Wednesday February 8 – Grade 7s visit Windsor from 9-12, parent evening at 7pm
 - Articulation will be in April
- Young Actors Project – well under way, have needed to adjust some schedules but all classes will have 3 booked sessions.
- Registration and Transfers for the 107-2018 school year are currently in progress. Please make sure that your paperwork is in on time if you are transferring. If you know of any families coming to the area, please remind them to watch the deadline dates.
- Upcoming Dates
 - Monday February 13, 2017 – BC Family Day
 - Wednesday February 22, 2017 – Pink Shirt Day
 - Friday February 24, 2017 – District Professional Day

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The smart board in Ms. Sedola's room is now working. A part was replaced at the cost of approximately \$740.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35. (motion by Georgina and seconded by Maria).

NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING February 25th at 7:30