

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday May 25th, 2016

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:30

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Nicole presented the annual budget report. We are ending the year with slightly more in the gaming account than anticipated. The year-end closing balance is not exact at this time as there are still some expenses coming in.
- Monthly Report Highlights:
 - Deposits:
 - \$493 for popcorn sales. Popcorn revenues appear lower than expected due to the need to purchase more supplies this year. The new supplies are expected to last into next spring, including enough supplies for use at the Sports Day Concession, the BBQ and for the Spell-a-thon prize parties.
 - Expenses this Month:
 - 1 bus trip.
 - All the teachers except one have spent their Classroom Funds and their Class Library Funds. Deadline for submitting receipts is May 31st.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hot Lunch:
 - The Grade 4s delivered Pinkberry today and did a great job.
 - Everything is scheduled for next year.
 - Janet is looking at an option with Well Fed to sell frozen meals as a fundraiser.
- Spell-a-thon:
 - There are still a few payments coming in.
 - Has raised \$6,135 as of today.
 - There was an overall participation rate of 57% for the whole school.
 - Divisions 11 and 6 will be the recipients of the popcorn parties.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fundraisers:
 - Sports Day Concession:
 - Planning is under way, just looking for volunteers to work that day.
 - Nicole and Erin will discuss the possibility of the Grade 6s offering a Subway lunch that day.

- Nicole will be there at the end of the event to pick up the proceeds and any outstanding receipts and hopes to issue cheques at that time.
 - BPAC will once again provide freezies as a break time snack at the event.
- Welcome Back BBQ: Stongs will be providing the food again.
- Track & Field:
 - The lists for Swangard should go out on Friday.
 - Nicole will run a jersey return/cheque exchange on June 9th.
- Yearbooks:
 - Coming together well. There will be an extra 2 pages to accommodate the extra division.
 - There will be coloured pages in the grad section.
 - The price will increase slightly to \$10 a copy with \$1 off for additional copies.
 - An email will be sent out requesting families to send in any photos they may have that could be added.
 - Photos from Swangard will be the final additions.
 - Will be up for sale on Munch-a-Lunch as soon as the cover art is chosen.
 - Will be available for sale up until June 14th. Any orders not paid in full by June 14th will automatically be cancelled.
- Fundraising Meeting:
 - Will take place June 2nd in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Grade 7 Reception:
 - The Grade 6s are on it.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Meeting every Wednesday until June 15th.
 - There is a lot of lettuce needing to be picked. Thursday and Friday, bring a bag to the school and pick your own by donation. Proceeds go back to the club for supplies. Anything lettuce left will be donated to North Shore Neighbourhood House Community Food Hub.
 - Hope to do something similar with the garlic in September, perhaps at the BBQ.
 - Peas are growing well.
 - Karina is setting up a watering schedule with a sign-up sheet for the summer.
- Class Reps:
 - Busy preparing for upcoming events such as the Sports Day, the BBQ and the Newcomers Tea.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Meeting will take place June 3rd.

- Gala Event:
 - Planning is underway for the big Gala Event at Windsor on October 15th.
 - Will be an adult only event.
 - Prizes are already been collected, and each of the family of schools are being asked to contribute a raffle basket.
- Track & Field Club:
 - The idea is continuing to grow and looks like it will happen.
 - Possibly running on Wednesdays and Fridays, in January and February of next year.
 - Are looking at contacting the feeder schools to ask for volunteers.

DPAC:

- Meeting is same night as BPAC. A rep from Windsor will be in attendance and Nicole will share any pertinent information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None at this time.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Track and Field

- a) Practices are ongoing, thank you to volunteer coaches
- b) Thank you to Nicole for organizing the uniforms for participants and to the BPAC for organizing two Handsworth buses
- c) Information for Swangard will be out on Monday May 30, 2016

2. Kindergarten Orientation

- a) Monday June 6 and 13 in the morning
- b) Presenters will include BPAC and VCH Nurse

3. Band Concert – TBA

Strings Concert – Monday June 20 @ 7 PM

4. Outdoor School Updates for 2016-2017 • Gr. 3s are looking at a day program up at the BigHouse for next year or possibly Grouse Mountain • Gr. 4s will experience a 2-Day transition program focusing on pre and post-contact themes in the Fall/Winter • Gr. 6s will not attend in 2016-2017 but will go the following year • The Outdoor School at Cheakamus Centre will be sending out information about changes to their programs in June.

5. NVDP Library Summer Reading Program • Rachel Brown from Parkgate will be here in June to promote the summer reading program.

6. Library Books – School library books are due in Thursday June 10

7. Grade 7 year end – Tuesday June 28 @ 1:00 PM

8. Sports Day – Wed. June 22 – The Sports Day Committee is working on preparing a great day. The morning will be Sports Day activities and in the afternoon we have a concert presentation by Deep Cove Music.

9. Wednesday June 29 • Last day of school. It's a full day with regular 2:00 dismissal. We will have a farewell assembly at 1:00 – parents welcome. Report Cards will go home at the end of the day. If students are away on this day, parents can leave a self addressed envelope for the report to be mailed, or parents can pick it up the first week of July, last week of August or in September.

10. 2016-2017 Updates • The time schedule for next year is being adjusted slightly. Recess will now be 20 minutes long from 10:20-10:40 and lunch will be 12-12:30 Play, 12:30-12:45 Eat. • The school Calendar was sent out in May and will be sent out again in the June Newsletter • The school will be switching over to Mountain West for student photos next year • May 31st is the deadline for parental input for student placement next year. Please use the form that was in the May newsletter. This was sent to your email and is also on our Web-site under May Newsletter.

ELECTIONS FOR THE 2016/2017 BPAC EXECUTIVE:

- The following people were nominated for and voted in to serve on the 2016/2017 Executive:

- **Chair: Ralph Stringer**
- **Treasurer: Nicole Dent**
- **Secretary: Margaret Chesko**
- **Member at Large: Kris McLean-Rohani**
- **Member at Large: Janet Stringer**
- **Member at Large: Jennifer Bigwood**
- **Member at Large: Jennifer Dickson**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 (motion by Ralph, Nicole seconded)

NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 28th at 7:30PM