

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

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Jennifer Bigwood, Jennifer Dickson, Maya Butterfield, Marina Moroney, Andrie Bates, Erin Primas and Kathy Kee.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:33

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- We currently have \$37, 102 in the General Account and \$3,483 in the Gaming Account for a total of \$40, 586.
- **Revenue:**
 - Final \$38 came in from the BBQ.
 - \$1434 from the Card Project.
 - \$804 for popcorn for November. However, we are at a negative balance currently for popcorn as more supplies have been purchased. After a further \$44.20 in sales Popcorn Mondays will start to show a profit.
 - \$1,063 from Cookies and Pies orders.
- **Expenses:**
 - Library - \$725.
 - 2 bus trips for 4 divisions - \$1,053.
 - LAC - \$147.
 - Class Library - \$210.
 - Smartboard - \$4,414.
 - Intermediate Funds - \$1,659.
 - Jessie Miller - \$551.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Cookies & Pies:
 - Profit of \$1,063 which was over what we'd budgeted for.
 - Pick-up for orders will take place after school on Dec. 1st.
 - Reminders for the pick-up date will go out in the BPAC Bulletin and in a separate email the night before.
- Card Project:
 - Made a profit of \$1434 which was under budget.
 - Orders should go home this Friday or early next week.
- Directory:
 - Still need to collect from 16 families.
 - Total revenues will be known once these delinquent accounts are settled.
- Hot Lunch:
 - The next session will open the 1st week of December and will go until March.

NEW BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Blueridge Gear:
 - Ordering is open both on-line and on paper.
 - Try-ons will take place next week.
 - Order deadline is Thursday, December 3rd.
- Tree Chipping:
 - The machine will be provided by the same person as last year.
 - Chipping will take place on January 2nd and will be by donation.
 - A notice will be included in the Blueridge Community Association bulleting in December.
- Talent Show:
 - Looking at a deciding a date, possibly in February.
 - The Grade 1 families will look after this event.
 - This will take the place of the Parent Social this year.
- Class Reps”
 - Everything is going well.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Meeting took place November 20th.

- Seymour Heights:
 - Running an “Art After School” program for grades 1-4 through the North Vancouver Ars Council. There is a cost of \$125 for the 8 week program.
 - They ran a cheque donation program in an effort to avoid fundraising. So far it has only raised about \$3,000 and their communications regarding the program have causes some concerns.
 - They are doing a fundraiser with gift cards.
 - Doing a Toonie Jar fundraiser and a Santa Breakfast.
 - They ran a Family Photo Night for which they enlisted a Windsor student to take the photos. The event sold out very quickly.
- Lynnmour:
 - Will be holding their Book Fair and a bottle drive.
 - The school will not be holding a Santa Breakfast, but the Boys and Girls Club will be putting one on.
 - Will be holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair.
- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Having on-going issues with parking. Have enlisted the District to help enforce.
 - Held an Ice Cream Social on October 14th which brought a profit of \$623..
 - Are also running the Card Project, selling spirit gear and are having Jessie Miller come in.
- Sherwood Park:
 - Also having parking issues, especially around parking for the daycare.
 - The school has a new Vice Principal.
 - Produced a Directory for the first time this year. It did not make as much money as they had hoped, in part because they did not charge for advertising.
 - Held a Trivia Night last Friday (Nov. 20th). This event included alcohol, both served and wine to be purchased by the case and ½ case.
- Windsor:

- Rather than doing a Junior Band Tour this year, Windsor invited the Family of Schools to take part in a concert at Windsor last week. Grade 6 & 7 students were invited to take part. The choirs also participated. The performance was very well received.
- Windsor held a Remembrance Day ceremony.
- The school is collecting used eye glasses to be donated.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Eco Kids Club:
 - The Tupper family has donated mulch for the gardens. The Club is looking for volunteers to help spread it (possibly for the Grade 6 & 7 classes).
 - The garlic plants have sustained some damage.
- Emergency Preparedness:
 - Heather Gall has been putting together a price list for replacement supplies.
 - It may be possible to replace all of them using the budgeted amount without going to the families for more funding.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Report Cards
 - Reports will be coming home on Friday December 11, 2015
 - Please return the signed envelope to your child's teacher
 - As always, throughout the year keep in touch with your child's teacher
2. Extra-curricular
 - Choir is preparing for concerts under the tutelage of Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Bates
 - Thursday December 3 – ICBC (closed performance) – Gr. 6/7 only
 - Thursday December 10 – Park Royal @ **** followed by ESC
 - Grade 6/7s are starting volleyball team program in January
3. Christmas Concert
 - Tuesday Dec. 8, 2015 – all students K-7 are involved
 - Selling tickets via Centennial Theatre, no office sales through the school office
 - Grades 1-7 are participating in the dress rehearsal on Tuesday December 8 at the Centennial Theatre
 - Ticket sales will open up on Monday November 30, 2015
4. Santa Mall
 - Gr. 7s are hosting the annual Santa Mall on Wednesday December 16th. If you have items you'd like to donate, please begin bringing them to Ms. Primas or Mrs. Bates' rooms. We are also taking donations of gift wrap and in good condition gift bags.
5. Upcoming:
 - Book Fair – Monday November 30 -Thursday December 3, Family night Wednesday December 2nd
 - Strings Concert – Tuesday December 15th @ 7PM - Dorothy Lynas
 - Santa Mall – Wednesday December 16, 2015 during school time
 - Band Concert – Wednesday December 16, 2015 @ 7PM Windsor. Three schools combined.
6. Parkgate Christmas Trees
 - Blueridge School will have a tree on display at Parkgate decorated by Mrs. Bates' and their buddies

7. 2 newly announced Professional Days to support teachers with the new curriculum which will be implemented next year:
 - Monday February 29 and Friday May 20, 2016 – students not in session
 - Upcoming Blueridge Professional Day – Friday January 22, 2015
8. Emergency Preparation
 - Emergency Student Release – Thursday January 21, 2015 from 1-3:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 (motion by Nicole, Jennifer B. seconded)

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