

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Thursday October 27th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Kris McLean-Rohani, Jennifer Dickson, Jennifer Bigwood, Karina Wood, Georgina O'Flynn, Ludmila Rogoski, Louise Birch, Christine Blakeney, Melanie Black, Bridget O'Brien and Erin Primas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:38

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Highlights of the budget thus far:
 - Income:
 - The money has come in from Gaming (\$6,900).
 - The BBQ looks like a deficit right now as the numbers have been put in. A new volunteer has stepped up to learn the Treasurer position and Nicole will use the BBQ as a training device.
 - Rebate Programs have generated another \$62 for last year.
 - Expenses:
 - 1 Kindergarten teacher has used up all of her funds all ready.
 - \$577.50 paid out under Library Resources to pay for an author visit (Kenneth Oppel).
 - \$400 has been paid out under the category of Math to pay for Mathletics for Mrs. MacNeil's class.
 - \$147.34 under the category Miscellaneous was for our school's contribution to the auction at the Windsor Gala.
 - \$269.96 has been paid out to secure our website domain for another 5 years.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Family Photo Night:
 - Went very well.
 - Had 28 families and raised \$580.
 - There was some confusion caused by other people using the facilities (soccer in the gym).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hot Lunch:
 - Fresh Slice brought in pizza samples tonight in hopes of becoming involved in our fundraising activities.
 - We've had many new volunteers sign up to help.
 - Pinkberry was problematic yesterday as many of the orders were missing and many more were melted. Janet will credit the families in the affected divisions and ask for credit from Pinkberry for the BPAC.
 - Renovations will be taking place in the area around the PAC kitchen.

- Blueridge Gear:
 - Jennifer Bigwood is once again organizing the sales.
 - The annual sale of the gear will take place in late November at the same time as the autumn Book Fair (Nov. 28 - Dec. 2) and run for 2 weeks.
- Fundraisers:
 - Card Project:
 - Going well.
 - All art has been turned in and uploaded.
 - This year families can pre-order their items before the card samples come home.
 - Information will go home tomorrow to explain pre-ordering.
 - Regular ordering will also happen when the card samples go home.
 - Directory:
 - Being finalized and will go to the printer next week.
 - Cookies and Pies:
 - The forms have gone home with the students.
 - Orders must be in by November 14th and Delivery is expected on December 1st.
 - Popcorn:
 - The first two weeks of sales have gone well.
- Yearbooks:
 - Going well.
 - Still need to get a better camera.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Held their first meeting yesterday and tidied up the gardens.
 - They have a notice board up in the hallway and are looking for people to post suggestions regarding what to plant.
- Class Reps:
 - Jennifer B. provided a quick orientation for those Class Reps who are new this year.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS:

- Meeting was held last Friday.
- Nicole has asked if anyone is interested in taking over the position for when she leaves next year. Both Georgina and Jennifer D. expressed interest.
- Seymour Heights:
 - Planning a Christmas Market.
 - Are only fundraising for what they need in the current year.
 - Did not apply for the Gaming Fund for this year (had to be submitted by June 30th).
 - Have a speaker coming in to cover the topic of anxiety/stress.
- Lynnmour:
 - Have a brand new PAC.
 - Held a free welcome back pizza dinner which was found to be too costly and will not be repeated.
 - Fundraisers include Cash for Clothes, a Christmas Market and gift card sales.
- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Are having a speaker on the topic of anxiety.
 - Having issues with lice in the school already. One of the parents is attempting to run an education program concerning the issue.
 - Had to postpone their Welcome Back BBQ because of a fire in the school gym.

- Will hold their first ever Parent Pub Night on November 4th.
- Windsor:
 - Held their Gala on October 15th, which raised \$13,000. It was very well received as a community event.
 - PAC is providing a Safe Teen workshop for Grade 9 and 10s.
 - Jessie Miller is coming in to speak to the Grade 8s.
 - The Grade 8s also went together to Outdoor School in order to boost togetherness.
 - Will have speaker Brittany Palmer, a former Windsor graduate, who will teach parents how to access scholarships.
 - Holding a Dyslexia workshop which will be open to every student of every age from the Family of Schools.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None at this time.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. School Plan
 1. To increase the percentage of students in K-7 who are able to meet or exceed expectations in Math as measured by school district assessments.
 2. To increase the percentage of students who are resilient learners and able to self-regulate.
2. Web-site – Please remember to check our web-site as we update it regularly.
3. Interviews
 - Successful interviews in October, we had a good turn out
 - As always, throughout the year keep in touch with your child's teacher
 - Reports on student learning will go out Friday December 9, 2016. At this time we're not aware of the format as parents will log into MyEd to view their child's report card. We won't be printing report cards for parents.
4. Extra-curricular – we are very lucky to have so many staff and parents volunteer to make Extra Curricular events happen:
 - Bike Club – Staff Volunteers are: Mrs. Bates, Ms. Dellaney, and parent Doug Dixon
 - Choir – Staff volunteers: Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Bates
 - Basketball – Mr. Davis, Ms. O'Brien
 - Cross Country – Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Sedola, and Ms. Denny
5. Christmas Concert
 - Tuesday Dec.6, 2016
 - Selling tickets via Centennial Theatre, tickets will not be available at the school office
 - Ticket sales will begin on Friday November 25, 2016
 - More info to follow in the next 2-3 weeks
6. Emergency Drills
 - Comfort Kits – The Emergency Preparedness Committee will go through the bins to check the comfort kits and equipment
 - So far we have completed 2 fire drills, 1 earthquake drill

- Requests for comfort kits are now complete
7. Remembrance Day
 - Remembrance Day Assembly is Thursday November 10@ 10:45. Parents are welcome to join us.
 - Reminder that Friday November 11 is Remembrance Day – school is not in session
 - Monday November 14 is a district-wide Professional Day
 8. Registration
 - Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year starts Monday November 7 – Friday December 16, 2016
 - Deadline for registration and transfer requests begin January 23
 - School Tours – Thursday November 3rd and Monday November 21st for prospective 2017-2018 students
 9. Photo re-takes – Friday November 18@ 1:00
 10. Halloween Parade – Synervoice sent out this week to parents. Just a reminder that costumes should be appropriate for a school environment – no weapons, excessive gore or creepy clowns please
 11. Scholastic Book Fair – Monday November 28 – Thursday December 2nd in the library

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jennifer D. raised the concern that Kindergarten families are missing out on a lot of information, such as Parent Teacher meeting sign-ups and extracurricular activities, because they are being kept out of the school. She would like to know if there could be a way to post this information outside the school near the K classrooms. This seems to be something the school should be taking care of. Erin will look into this.
- Movie Night: Will take place on December 2nd.
- Gym Project:
 - There is \$25,000 in the budget to revamp the school's gym facilities.
 - Teachers and staff have organized a committee which will prepare and present a proposal, including quotes, for what they would like this to include.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 (motion by Nicole, Kris seconded)

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