

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday September 28th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Kris McLean-Rohani, Karina Wood, Georgina O’Flynn, Tamara Levi, Cheryl Sauve, Kathy Kee and Erin Primas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:35

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Nicole presented the proposed budget for the 2016/2017 school year.
- Following some discussion the proposed budget was voted on and approved.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Welcome Back BBQ:
 - Was well attended on September 20th.
 - We do not have the costs or profits for it yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hot Lunch:
 - Orders are going well. Lots of people signing up.
 - First deliveries (Pinkberry) happened today.
 - There is a pressing need for succession planning so that the hot lunch program can continue to run in the future.
- 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).
- Fundraisers:
 - Card Project:
 - Jennifer Dickson is coordinating this event and has met with the teachers.
 - Directory:
 - We are still waiting for many families to complete the form online.
 - Ralph may explore changing the production of the directory, possibly using Munch-a-Lunch, in order to reduce the level of labour.
 - Cookies and Pies:
 - This fundraiser will be coming up soon with order forms going out by the end of October.
 - A delivery date needs to be selected (either Dec. 1st or 12th).
 - Family Photo Night:
 - October 19th and 20th.
 - Will be using Mountain West to take the photos.
 - Sign-up is online.
 - \$20 sitting fee with a free 8X10 with every order.
 - Require a minimum of 10 sittings/night.

- Popcorn:
 - Will be starting up soon.
- Yearbooks:
 - Georgina has requested that any profits from year book sales be set aside to be used to replenish supplies (cameras etc.) used by the Year Book Committee.
 - In particular, one good camera is need for the use of the committee (will only be used by the adult members).
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Held their first event selling produce, in conjunction with the Blueridge Sharing Garden, at the Welcome Back BBQ.
 - The Club will be starting up again in October.
- Class Reps:
 - Some classes are still short on people volunteering as Class Reps.
 - It has been suggested that the teachers ask the parents directly for volunteers.
- Jerseys:
 - Distribution of jerseys for cross country and basketball with take place next week.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Have not yet had their first meeting of the year.

- Windsor 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.
 - The event organizers are hoping to raise \$25,000.

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. School Start Up

- Very busy start up with 14 divisions, 2 full Kindergarten classes
- Students are settling into the classrooms, routines and expectations
- Excellent turn out for the Meet the Teacher and Welcome Back BBQ, thank you for providing dinner for staff.

2. Student Progress – Intakes and Interviews

- parents are encouraged to keep the lines of communication open with their child's teacher(s)
- if you would like to email staff their email addresses are on our school web-site under Staff Info. First initial last name@sd44.ca
- Early dismissals for interviews Tuesday October 25 and Thursday October 27, 2016, sign up will begin on Tuesday October 17, 2016

3. Extra-curricular • Mountain Bike Club – Mrs. Bates, and Ms. Delleney as well as parent volunteers
 - Cross County – Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Sedola and Mrs. Madill
 - Basketball Gr. 7 – Mr. Davis and Ms. O'Brien
4. Calendar • Updated month by month calendar will be out in the newsletter at the end of this week
5. Emergency Drills and security
 - We will be having 6 fire drills, 2 Lockdown Drills, and 2 Earthquake drills
 - If you are in the building during school hours, please sign in at the office and receive a visitor's tag.
6. Photos
 - Retakes Monday October 17, 2016
 - Mountain West is our new photographer, looking forward to feedback
7. Web-site
 - Please remember to check our web-site as we update it regularly.
8. Terry Fox Run
 - This year's Terry Fox run was a very successful event run by Mrs. Bates and the Grade 7s. As a school we raised \$609.05. Thank you Blueridge >
9. Food Drive
 - We will be having a food drive from October 3-7. Collection will be at the front of the school
10. FSAs Grade 4 and 7
 - The Province is looking at a new format for the 2017-2018 school year
 - There will be no changes in North Vancouver for this year
 - Students will be writing between Jan. 9 and February 17 in North Vancouver
11. Reporting for 2016-2017, Curriculum Night at Windsor two weeks ago
 - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>
 - This year, the Elementary Schools will no longer be printing off report cards
 - Parents will be given access to the parent portal of MyEd, parents will print off the reports from there
 - The program was trialed this year at summer school and was very successful
 - The first page will include a district comment, school comment and a space for teacher comments in regards to the big ideas and competencies they have been working on in class
 - Teachers will not be commenting individually on work habits, but will continue to use performance standards
 - Students will also do a self-reflection of their growth at the end of the year
12. NVSD Photo Project
 - The North Vancouver School District has a proud tradition of celebrating the engaging programs and inspiring successes in our schools. Every year, website articles, reports, presentations and advertising are used to share stories of deep learning and teaching that encapsulate our school district. Compelling visuals of students and staff enrich these stories.
 - The School District is undertaking a student and staff photography project to support our commitment to celebrating successes and promoting exemplary teaching and learning. We are looking for student and staff volunteers to be photographed. Throughout this school year, a photographer will be visiting all schools in our school district. The photos from this project will

be used in a variety of publications celebrating and promoting the North Vancouver School District.

- Looking for 8-10 student models and staff models

13. Grade 6 First Aid

- Friday October 28, 2016
- Thank you to the BPAC for supporting this event

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Succession Planning:
 - New BPAC members are needed in order for the group to continue to run smoothly.
 - Nicole and Kris will be leaving Blueridge at the end of this year. In addition, the majority of the BPAC will be leaving the school in less than 3 years as most of us have our youngest children in Grade 5.
 - **URGENT: Treasurer needed for next year (volunteer needed to shadow Nicole and learn how this important position functions before taking over next year).**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 (motion by Ralph, Nicole seconded)

NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 26th at 7:30PM