

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday April 29th, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Kris McLean-Rohani, Janet Stringer, Christy Campbell, Jennifer Bigwood, Terri Thompson, Karina Wood, Georgina O’Flynn, Kathy Kee and Ilona Wardas.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:35

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

- Cancelled.

AGENDA:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- We have spent our gaming funds on Saleema Noon.
- Expenditures include:
 - bus trips
 - library resources
- LAC has until May 31st to spend its budget
- Each division has until the end of May to submit their expenditures for their allotted \$185.

UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Card Project:
 - Made just over \$1,000 profit. Not quite as well as in the past Christmas season projects.
 - Was not a planned fundraising activity for this year.
 - We will switch back to Christmas for next year
- Parent Social:
 - Food Tickets – sold 98 tickets (\$746.20 profit).
 - Basket Raffle - \$882.00 profit.
 - Silent Auction - \$2,171 profit.
 - 50/50 Tickets - \$153 profit
 - Total Profit - \$3,962.20
- Hot Lunch:
 - There will not be any changes next year. Will follow the same frequency and schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Eco Kids Earth Day:
 - The club cleaned up the school grounds last week.
 - 60 children and 10 parents and family members came to help.
 - 19 pounds of garbage was collected, most of it recyclable.
 - Karina will try to organize one more event before the end of the year.
 - The gardens are growing well (radishes and peas).
 - Will be planting corn soon with the K’s and potatoes with the 4/5s.

- Track and Field Jerseys:
 - Nicole and Kathy have developed a timeline for handing the jerseys out.
 - It will not be before the Handsworth meet and not until after the mini meets.
- Yearbook:
 - The committee has lots of photos.
 - The grade 7 pages are mostly done.
 - The cover contest has opened.
 - Sales/orders will take place about 3 weeks before the end of the term.
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
 - Tombola Jars
 - Jennifer is organizing.
 - The grade 1's will man the table at Good Neighbour Day.
 - Collection boxes will be put into the classrooms.
- Class Reps.
 - Jennifer has sent out information to the Grade 3 and 4 class reps concerning their upcoming allocated events.
 - She is looking for the binder for the Grade 6 event.

DPAC:

Nothing to report as the meeting is tonight.

Fundraising Committee Meeting:

- Ralph will send out an email to organize a meeting in May.

Family of Schools Update:

- Seymour Heights
 - Held a mini triathlon (Splash & Dash).
 - Are having a parent social on May 30th at the Raven. It will not be a fundraiser.
- Dorothy Lynas:
 - Has bought a class set of mini Macs (\$50,000) – a set of 30.
- Sherwood Park
 - Refunded their ski program fees.
 - Had Saleema Noon in but had Brandy instead of Saleema.
 - Have a primary French choir.
 - Are doing a directory next year (Nicole sent them a copy of our consent form).
 - Are holding an 80's Night in June – a parent social with a live band and alcohol (are hoping to make \$4,000).
 - They are considering asking for donations next year and doing away with fundraising.
 - Had a Track & Field mini meet. They started after spring break as did Dorothy Lynas.
- Windsor
 - Are working on getting their year book out earlier.
 - They were going to do a table at Good Neighbour Day but that may not happen due to timing.
 - Had a session, "Safe Teen" to teach harm reduction for the grade 9's.
 - Grades 8 and 10 get Jessie Miller.
 - The gymnastic team won the provincials.
 - The music dept. went to Cuba over spring break.
 - They are using seismic renovations during the summer to change around classroom placements.

- June 19th is the last week of regular classes. The last week of school will consist of enrichment activities.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. BC Children's Hospital Fundraiser - Jeans Day
 - Thank you to all the families and the Education Services Centre (School Board Office) for supporting this fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital. Jeans Day is tomorrow.
2. Fine Arts
 - Primary Days of Music Thursday May 14 and Friday May 15. Notices went home on Tuesday for Primary students. See the web-site for times.
 - NVSD Art Show at Capilano Mall in May – some of our student's artwork will be on show
3. Virtue of the Month: May - Excellence
4. Outdoor School
 - Grade 4s in Div. 5 going to the Big House April 30/May 1, Div. 6 is going May 25/26
 - Just a reminder that as announced last year, Grade 3s will go every year, Grade 4s go to the Bighouse every year, Grades 5/6 will go in 2015/16 (alternate years). The purpose of this is to allow a larger group to go therefore providing more opportunities for grouping, teaching and learning.
 - ODS is having their open house this Sunday.
5. Track and Field
 - Practices have started, thank you to volunteer staff coaches: Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Davis, Mr. Wyatt, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Sawyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Loong and parents for sponsoring events
 - All track notices have been posted to the web-site for our meets
6. School plan
 - Committee – Jennifer Dickson, Heather Gall and Jennifer Bigwood
 - We have reviewed the goals from this year and we are making progress, however there is always a need to support those students who are struggling
 - Our goals for the 2015-2016 school year are:
 1. To improve the reading and writing proficiency of students identified as being at risk of low achievement.
 2. To improve the social-emotional well-being of students who are experiencing difficulties with self-regulation or anxiety.

- Bill 11 has currently had its first reading and if passed, will change how school planning has been done in the past.
7. School fees for 2015-2016
 - Will be sent out by May 31, 2015 notifying parents of fees for the upcoming school year
 - \$40 for Kindergarten – Cost recovery for supplies specific for the curricular activities in Kindergarten
 - We will be having one school fee which will include: Agendas, extra-curricular activity (e.g. Tennis) and materials for a special project.
 8. Kindergarten Orientation
 - Orientation for new families is on Thursday June 5 and Friday June 6 in the morning
 9. Recycling
 - Thank you to the Eco-Kids Club for the grounds clean up
 - We are into our second week of our new recycling bins. We are getting better and better every day!

Other Business:

- The next meeting is the AGM and elections.
 - Discussion followed concerning how to develop more parent involvement.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 (motion by Kris, Margaret seconded)

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