

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday January 27th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Janet Stringer, Jennifer Bigwood, Kris McLean-Rohani, Andrie Bates, Georgina O'Flynn, Karina Wood and Kathy Kee.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:32

AGENDA:

- Approved with the addition of items, Eco Kids Club under Updates and Babysitting Course under Other Business (moved by Kris and seconded by Janet).

FINANCE REPORT:

- We currently have \$41,381 in the General Account and \$3,483 in the Gaming Account for a total of \$45,044. Expenses are not completely up to date as there was a lag time while we waited for new cheques to come in. As well, there is a whole session of food days costs to come out.
- Expenses for the Esteem Team are still to come out.
- There are a couple of big fundraisers still planned.
- Classroom Teacher Funds – some teachers have already spent their whole amount. The other teachers have until May 1st to submit their receipts for the year.
- **Revenue:**
 - \$2,191 came in from the Tree Chipping.
 - \$600 from Blueridge Gear.
- **Expenses:**
 - \$124 for new cheques (not budgeted for).

UPDATES:

- Blueridge Gear:
 - Sales went well this year possibly due to the additional choice of ordering on-line in addition to the traditional paper choice.
 - Only issue involved the supplier running out of Youth XL hoodies in the advertised colour – substitutions were successfully provided.
- Tree Chipping:
 - Made a profit of \$2,200.
 - Ran for a full 6 hours.
 - Success in part due to excellent signage.
 - This fundraiser will run again next year.
- Emergency Preparedness:
 - \$357 invoice submitted to the PAC. Parents will not be required to help fund supplies this year.
 - All of the out-dated food was given away.
 - The comfort kits are all organized.
- Eco Kids Club:
 - Thank you to the Tupper family who donated the mulch used in the front gardens outside Mr. Davis' classroom and the turning circle.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Bates' grade 6/7 class for helping to spread the mulch.

- The club will get up and running again in February.

NEW BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Grade 1 allocated event:
 - Will take place on February 26th.
 - The planned Entertainment Night will be replaced by a Movie Night due to time and logistical restraints.
 - Ralph will look into licensing for Hotel Transylvania 2.
 - Grade 1 parents will take care of planning, concession, etc. under the coordination of Jennifer Dickson.
 - The sound system is currently stored in the computer lab.
- Spell-a-thon:
 - Nicole and Kathy will discuss dates.
 - A letter will be sent to the staff to explain the process.
 - Each class will have a package provided with their words and pledge forms.
 - One of the Kindergarten teachers has requested this take place after spring break to allow for the learning of more words.
 - Each grade will have an appropriate number of words (10-40).
 - As always, student participation is voluntary.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS UPDATES:

Meeting will take place in February.

- Upcoming: New Curriculum Parent Night (date to be announced)
 - Teachers and administration will present the new curriculum
 - There will be two sessions, one for elementary and one for secondary.
 - This will be held at Windsor in the multi-purpose room.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Grade 7 Activity Update:
 - The Grade 7's have run a 5 week Subway fundraiser, with a revenue of \$900.
- Babysitting/First Aid class:
 - A provider of babysitting and first aid training has approached both Nicole and Kathy to offer a babysitting course to the grade 6 and 7 students on a pro-d day.
 - The overall feeling is that these courses are readily available through other venues and therefore we will not be interested in this service.

PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:

1. Extra Curricular
 - Volleyball has started – thank you to all of the coaches
2. Choir – Every Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 am
3. Testing

- January – Kindergarten TOPA – This test looks at phonological awareness and readiness for reading. The Kindergarten Numeracy test looks at numeracy readiness. This will assist the staff in early intervention strategies for the Kindergarten students.
- January/February – FSA tests for Grade 4 and 7 students, district testing days are Monday February 1 – Friday February 12
- February/March – Satisfaction Survey for Grades 4 and 7.

4. Interviews

- Tuesday February 9 and Thursday February 11 -Early Dismissal on both days @ 2:00
- Teachers are offering student led or parent/teacher or parent/teacher/student conferences
- This is a mid-term conference time, please contact the teachers if you have any concerns throughout the year
- Sign up will begin on Monday February 1 @ 8:15 AM outside the music room

5. Grade 7 Windsor Transition

- Wednesday February 10– Grade 7s visiting Windsor from 9-12:00, parent evening at 7:00 PM

6. School Plan – Will be looking for parent input and involvement. If you are interested, please let Kathy know. Time commitment and schedule to be determined. At this time we are looking at what makes Blueridge a Vibrant Learning community. Starting February 1st parents and students can pick up a post-it note from the office counter and add to the bulletin board across from the main office.

7. Thank you to the PAC for hosting the Esteem Team for Intermediate classes this Friday.

8. Registration and Transfers for the 2016-2017 school-year are currently in progress. Please make sure that your paperwork is in on time if you are transferring. If you know of any families coming to the area, please remind them to watch the deadline dates.

9. Class Acts 2016– Trustee Reception – 2 representatives invited. PAC/SPC. Thursday March 10, 2016

10. Controlled student release drill – We had a successful student release drill on Thursday January 21st. Thank you to parents who were able to participate. Feedback is welcome.

11. Upcoming Dates:

- Friday February 5, 2016 – District Professional Day
- Monday February 8, 2016 – BC Family Day
- Monday February 15, 2016 - Friday February 19 - Grade 5/6 to Outdoor School
- Wednesday February 24, 2016 – Pink Shirt Day

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 (motion by Janet, Kris seconded)

**NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 24th at 7:30PM**