

**BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES  
Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Ralph Stringer, Nicole Dent, Margaret Chesko, Christy Campbell, Jennifer Bigwood, Terri Thompson, Kathy Kee and Diane Ehling.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 7:41**

**AGENDA:**

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

**FINANCE REPORT:**

- Year to date:
  - \$10,000 profit from the hot lunch program (includes the payment for the software).
  - \$41,200 closing balance in the account (opened at \$23,570).
  - The Finance Committee will meet mid-June to go over the budget for next year and the school's wish lists.

**UPDATES:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

- Hot Lunch:
  - At this time there do not appear to be any changes next year. Will follow the same frequency, schedule and pricing.
  - The grade 7 students did a great job of delivering the food.
  - The kitchen volunteers were very much appreciated.
- Class Reps:
  - Has gone well this year.
  - There is a need to provide more direction for events.
  - There has been less stress for the reps in keeping classes informed because of the BPAC Bulletin going out every Sunday.
- DPAC:
  - No report as the meeting is at the same time as this one.
- FOS:
  - No report as the meeting is this coming Friday.
  - Every school is now providing a \$500 scholarship to Windsor.
- Chair Report:
  - Ralph gave an overview of the year to date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Yearbook:
  - Ordering should start Monday with a cut-off of June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Delivery is expected to be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch:

- Planning is on track with a Mediterranean theme.
- The volunteers are in place.
- Tombola Jars
  - 204 jars have been collected so far and enthusiasm is picking up.
- Sports Day (June 24<sup>th</sup>):
  - The committee will meet Friday to go over concession lists and purchasing.
  - Nicole has purchased the freezies to be given out as a recess treat.
- Welcome Back BBQ (Tues., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>):
  - Looking for a coordinator.
  - Possibly a Hawaiian theme.
  - Kathy will ask if the teachers will do a meet the teachers night.
- Newcomer's Tea (Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>):
  - The current grade 1 reps are already planning.
- BPAC Open House:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.
- Fundraising Committee:
  - Met last Thursday to discuss upcoming fundraisers which will include:
    - Ski Passes – this will run again but isn't expected to bring in much due to the previous poor season.
    - Cobb's Bread
    - Mabel's Labels
    - Stongs Grocery rebate program
    - Cookie and Pies
    - Tree Chipping
    - Card Project
    - Family Photo Night
    - Parent Social/Talent Night/Bingo/Family Dance – will be put to a vote by the children to see which they would prefer
    - Popcorn
    - There was a suggestion to sell emergency preparedness kits
- Upcoming Events:
  - Finance Committee meeting – will take place mid-June, once the teachers' wish lists have been received.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS:**

- The BPAC Executive for 2015/2016 will be:
  - Chair: Ralph Stringer
  - Treasurer: Nicole Dent
  - Secretary: Margaret Chesko
  - Members at Large: Terri Thompson, Kris McLean-Rohani, Jennifer Bigwood, Janet Stringer
  - Hot Lunch: Janet Stringer
  - FOS: Nicole Dent/Jennifer Bigwood

## **PRINCIPAL/VP REPORT:**

### 1. Track and Field

- a) Practices are ongoing, thank you to volunteer staff coaches: Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Davis, Mr. Wyatt, Ms. O'Brien, Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Sawyer, Ms. Loong and parents for sponsoring events

- b) Thank you to Nicole for organizing the uniforms for participants
  - c) We have prepared Swangard information for Tuesday June 2, 2015
2. Saleema Noon – Class presentations are ready to go and teachers have been collecting consent forms. Presentations are Wednesday June 3rd and Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Kindergarten Orientation
    - a) Thursday June 4 and Friday June 5 in the morning
    - b) Presenters will include BPAC and VCH Nurse
  4. School Information
    - a) Calendar information for the 2015-2016 school year was sent home via the newsletter and is posted on our web-site.
    - b) Any parents wishing to provide additional information for the child's placement need to have that information in by May 31, 2015 for consideration as sent home in the May newsletter.
  5. School Based Professional Day – Monday June 8th
  6. Band Concert – Tuesday June 9 @ Seymour Heights 7:00 PM
  7. Gr. 3 Outdoor School – Monday June 15-17 with Ms. Andrews
  8. NVDP Library Summer Reading Program – Rachel Brown from Parkgate will be here on Thursday June 18 to promote the summer reading program.
  9. Library Books – School library books are due in Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  10. Grade 7 year end – Friday June 19 @ 1:00 PM
  11. Sports Day – Wed. June 24 – The Sports Day Committee is working on preparing a great day. Jump Rope for Heart event run will be in the afternoon from 1-2. Donation forms will go home early and will be collected by Wed. June 24<sup>th</sup>. If student qualifies for prizes based on donations, the prizes will be delivered in September.

Friday June 26 – Last day of school. It's a full day with regular 3:00 dismissal. We will have a farewell assembly at 1:00 – parents welcome. Report Cards will go home at the end of the day. If students are away on this day, parents can leave a self-addressed envelope for the report to be mailed, or parents can pick it up the first week of July, last week of August or in September.

#### **Other Business:**

- iGuy/iGirl:
  - A parent has expressed interest in this program.
  - The cost for the program is quite high (around \$4,500 for the 170 intermediate students) if provided during school hours.
  - Will go back to the interested parent to see if she is willing to organize the event, with the parents covering the cost of the program, to take place on the pro-D day in October (max. 30 kids).
  - BPAC will help with communication but will not put on the event.
- Pink Form:
  - We will be going electronic with the Pink Form in September.

- Ralph will prepare a pamphlet to go out to parents in the fall.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45** (motion by Nicole, Christy seconded)

**NEXT BPAC GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM**