

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, April 26, 2018  
Library @ 7:30pm

Attendees – Jen D, Katie W, Jen B, Cyndie G, Janet S, Ralph S, Louise B, Karina W, Leah P, Deanna R, Erin P

Agenda Items:

- Welcome 7:38
- Approve agenda and previous minutes 7:40
- Treasurer's Report
  - We need to spend the money raised – for example we have too much gaming grant money - if we don't spend it we risk losing the money they give us.
    - Bus trips may be one way to spend this.
    - Teachers encouraged to reach out to the PAC on this.
  - Given the excess, we may rearrange our budget a little bit so we don't budget money for things that don't get used (and make more money available for things that do get used).
  - Hot lunch raised \$2700 over budget at the moment.
  - Treasurer needs a tally of the receipts from 2017/18 wishlist.
    - High touch High tech – first one is coming May 1, May 14(1-2) 15 (ks).
    - Intermediate wish list – science kits will be created by end of this year. PAC doesn't have to pay for it as the school qualified for a grant.
  - Suggestion to look at another capital project –
    - Erin suggests specific annual allotment to continue to renew gym equipment
    - Deanna suggests:
      - colour printer and the ink (ongoing cost)
      - Story Workshops – popular at primary, very interested in using it for expanding it to intermediate as well. One of the most fundamental literacy builders she's seen.
      - A legacy art piece for the school – we could apply to art starts for a \$10,000, school or PAC makes up 30%. We might tie it to the 50<sup>th</sup>, mural, carving, similar (about \$3000). PAC is in support of this and will contribute the school portion.

- Suggestion to add the wish list to the website so that we can get information to parents about what the fundraising is, Erin will share photos of equipment (gym supplies).
  - Request that teachers get receipts to treasurer by end of May.
  - We need to revisit line items on the budget.
  - Request to have class/division wishlists and primary+intermediate group wishlists by May 18 from the teachers. Budget would be approved end of September so that teachers would be able to order/spend immediately.
- Update on fundraising
    - Hot Lunch – struggling for volunteers. PAC reps need support/replacement. Money coming in is pretty typical for the year. Curious if parents enjoyed it or want to see any changes. A survey will go out towards the end of the year on this and other subjects to gauge parent sentiment. Will continue to use the same hotlunches.net service. Great functionality. Also very useful for managing parent consent forms.
      - Karina went to a fair, a couple of interesting vendors but not a lot of new options.
      - Recycling of food containers – kids are generally bringing them home as directed, but janitor is noting that garbage still piles up – pizza boxes tend to be thrown out in high volume still.
    - Parent Social – sold 80+ tickets, made \$4100, lots of last minute at the door, raffle tickets \$950, adult tombola wall \$540, next year moving it back to a Friday, very easy to deal with the folks at the Maplewood. Seemed like a good option and will do that again. Could spread out the events over the evening.
    - Card Project
      - May 4 delivery. Made \$786.20.
      - Great art.
      - 85 families participated.
    - Spring Bulbs
      - Made \$448, off only 9 families. Next year will time it better to get better uptake. Stay tuned on how the actual delivery, planting and growing goes!
    - Fun Day
      - Wed June 20. Committee of teachers led by Ms Jefferson and Ms Madill working hard on planning. Have told them they have tonnes of parent support. Grade 4 will do concession, grade 6 doing lunch fundraiser for their grade 7 trip.
      - Afternoon theatre sports event at 1pm will be paid for by the PAC \$900-ish. School out by 2pm as usual.
      - PAC will pay for freezies for everyone.

- Current business
  - EcoKids
    - Cleanup on Wed, got a lot of garbage from field and playground. Also a group of primary students forming a cleanup group, Karina bought some extra tongs.
    - Planting with kindies Fri.
    - Beds breaking down, rhododendron is overgrown with blackberry etc. Deanna to put in an order with school board to see if they will repair them. If that isn't a route to fund it, PAC might be able to fund it. Karina will put together a wishlist for future needs for the gardens for the school.
  - Family of Schools meeting report (attended by Jaimie M)
    - Dorothy Lynas—  
LEGO Robotic after school program starting; lots of student interest  
Bingo Night—(March)  
Movie night— Paddington Bear

Seymour Heights—

Primary Movie Night— \$200 profit, The Muppets  
Intermediate Movie Night — The Princess Bride (was scheduled for following week)

Lynnmour—

Still discussing “Snack Shack”, currently reviewing food options, but consensus is to stay open despite one parent’s complaints.

Windsor—

Gala Profit \$15,757

One of the teachers is proposing using money for 15 laptops, because currently the laptop cart cannot be moved around school due to staircases. School is not accessible in all areas.

However, it has been proposed to make Windsor first school to be BYOD (bring your own device) it would be mandatory for all grade 8’s to bring their own laptop.

Parents concerns;

Laptops have 4 year life (so gr 12 needs to be replaced)

Parents suggested leaving grade 8 as a transitional year, and make grade 9 (BYOD)

In which case laptop 4 year life span would carry out until end of grade 12, and post secondary could be new laptop.

Windsor PAC is looking towards feeder schools for feedback, as it will be implemented for our children. Jen will ask Jaimie to get Windsor to formalize the request and provide a channel for feedback.

- District PAC report
  - VCH healthy lifestyle, there's an initiative at the district re: community gardens in every school, and will want to connect with schools that already have them.
  - MyEdBC survey – overwhelmingly negative (eg. changing password every time)
  - May 30 AGM = \$17,000+ rolling over from programs (Screenagers, etc). Partly due to fact that individual schools can't request programs, they need to be requested as a family of schools.
  - Two speakers
    - Dana Warburten – child with mental health issues, the parent who founded The Foundry – nurse practitioner on-site, free counselling etc, on demand for children.
    - Another mental health specialist
- Grade 3s - Big House or Grouse status
  - Not going to Big House, going to Grouse May 30. Parents with questions can ask teachers.
  - 2018/19:
    - Grade 3 will go to Big House 1 day program for next year.
    - Grade 4 outdoor school, grade 6 outdoor school
- In school daycare status - they were renewed for this year.
- Kindergarten orientation – June 4 + 11, BPAC will have a presence at the meetings. Jen will invite parents to share email addresses and get together in advance of the meetings. Also encourage volunteers.
- Ice Cream Social – May 31 - 6-7:30 – night we will be have our last PAC meeting of the year and elect next years reps
- Staff Appreciation lunch – May 25 – Grade 3s are excited to put this on.
- Wish List – request forms will go out to teachers in next few days. Will have some teacher reps, admin, PAC to look at wishlist and build budget based on that.
- BPAC Committees – will set up some more committees next year:
  - Emergency preparedness committee – Georgina O will be involved
  - Fundraising committee
  - Volunteer committee – suggestion to rethink our volunteer recruitment/grade allocation of responsibilities. Perhaps

- communicating more clearly about what we need when we need it so people can decide how to participate.
- Recruiting Volunteers
    - Need people for the call-back list, popcorn Mondays, hot lunches help from grade 7s maybe if during lunch time. Fruit + veggie and milk program (from the ministry) (1 day a month, volunteer needs to prepare the food and deliver it to the classes, retrieve trays and clean them up).
    - Also hot lunch, directory
  - Positions available for May 31 BPAC executive vote
  - Stongs delivery + gift cards and Cobs kickback programs will get added to the weekly report.
  - Website is out of date, Karina will clean it up.
- Principal / Vice Principal report
    - School fees for 2018/19 - \$40 for kindergarten; \$6 for agendas (grade 1s will get it as well).
    - Author visit from Deep Cove – grade 3, 4, 5 – did really well.
    - Sending newsletters every term and will include some of the cool stuff going on learning and important dates.
    - Colour printer – budget request – will send detailed quotes to Jen D on printer and ink.
    - 50<sup>th</sup> time capsule photos posted, went really well
    - Mini meet at windsor – running, 4 more events before handsworth, parent volunteers and coaches and staff putting in a lot of time for coaching and events.
    - Km club starting on Monday. Opportunity for grade 5s and 6s to volunteer to hand out the sticks at lunch.
  - Other Business (time permitting)
  - Adjournment (Jen motions to adjourn 9:16 seconded by Katie.)

**Next meeting Thursday May 31 @ 7:30pm**