

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, May 31, 2018  
Library

Attendees – Jen D, Katie W, Jen B, Cyndie G, Janet S, Karina W, Leah P, Deanna R, Erin P, Krista F, Carrie S, Kristina S, Ralph S, Sanaz, Cyndi Gerlach (school trustee, Windsor FOS liaison)

Agenda Items:

- Welcome 7:38
- Approve agenda and previous minutes
- Treasurer's Report
  - Tombola jars – usually only do it every other year, but two grade 5 moms decided to take it on at Blueridge Good Neighbours Day on Sunday, collected 400 jars, grade 7s volunteering (finally jar count was 720)
  - All fundraising this year well overshot targets
  - Receipts coming in now from teachers
  - First aid invoice never surfaced.
  - Line items roll forward every year, going to add a language arts line
  - Social studies + science amount, high-touch-high-tech
  - Sports equipment – stop watches
  - Visual arts - \$300 wasn't used
  - Budget meeting with new executive in June.
  - Received a wishlist from teachers including:
    - primary
    - intermediate
    - LAC
    - library
- Update on fundraising
  - Hot lunch
    - New vendor: Barcelos – next year we will do two test days with them, higher prices, but local and new option
    - More volunteers for delivery required
    - Going to have 2 ordering sessions instead of 3 sessions
    - It is great when staff gives as much notice as possible for field trips so we can plan hot lunches around them.
  - Fun Day

- June 20, lunch (Subway) will be a grade 6 fundraiser for grade 7.
  - Freezies – healthy ones are super expensive, so getting small unhealthy freezies.
  - Grade 4 allocated event = running concession
    - Leftover ice cream available from Ice Cream Social to sell (need some buckets for ice)
  - Retro theme
- Current business
  - EcoKids – vegetable garden planted with kindies. Grade 1 + 2 mothers day planting seeds.
    - The district said they are going to replace all of the garden beds over the summer.
    - 2 more barrel bins in the front.
    - District also offering options around the front door.
  - Family of Schools meeting report (attended by Jaimie M)
    - Windsor is lacking PAC members for next year
    - This year's grade 9s will plan next year's gala, but as of right now no volunteers, no planning committee.
    - Question about whether we join forces similar to the Seycove FOS, sharing volunteers, sharing benefits.
    - Windsor PAC will be circulating questionnaire re: school laptops
    - Seymour Heights parent social – Heights Nights – only 30 tickets (mostly grade 1 parents) – still raised over \$3000.
      - Popular money maker – heads or tails - \$25.
    - Lynnmour fun day – bear came during picnic
    - Lynnmour wasn't able to afford a bus to go to Swangard track meet, Seymour Heights is going to help out.
  - District PAC report
    - Pitch re: BC-wide central portal, schools could opt into it (or DPAC could) and within it classes would have its own portal (replace directory).
    - AGM – elected new members
    - Budget
  - Grade 3 Big House or Grouse status
    - No communication went out from teachers re: Grouse (not Big House), going June 25. Need drivers and volunteers.
  - Kindergarten orientation
    - June 4 + June 11 (9-10 + 10:45-11:45)

- Jaimie and/or Jen D will be there to speak with new parents
    - Will offer signup to kindie families to ask questions and set up pre-kindie playdates
  - Ice Cream Social
    - Went very well. 307 cones ordered plus 78 who couldn't get the system to work. Thank you teachers!
  - Staff Appreciation lunch
    - May 25. Cards were made by kids. A chef put together a greek spread, lots of desserts, bouquets were raffled off.
  - BPAC Committees / Recruiting Volunteers
    - We need to get the parents of younger kids involved
    - Will meet as an exec in June to put together some ideas for next year
    - Emergency preparedness committee
  - Wafaa will be leaving the milk and veggie program. Heather has agreed to take on the role and will work with Wafaa in the fall to be trained. Heather has been in touch with our admin to get her food safe up to date.
- Principal / Vice Principal report
  - 6 staff and Deanna went to Delta for pro D about Story Workshop. Literacy consultant. Came back and purchased some materials for story workshop. Purchased a colour printer to support it, PAC is buying ink.
  - Handsworth track event went really well – 63 students going to Swangard (qualifying).
  - Km club super popular.
  - Erin is being transferred to Mount Royal, their VP is coming here (Susan Tegan).
  - Students reflecting on core competencies will be coming home soon. Some will come home as paper copies, some electronic, hope is that parents have a conversation with the child because it is a reflection on their own learning.
  - Grad theme – red carpet (or blue carpet?)
  - Back to school BBQ – idea around speakers at the BBQ re: 50 year anniversary celebration.
  - Art Starts grant legacy piece:
    - Glass tile mosaic mural grant application concept will be around stories from the community.
    - If we don't get the Art Starts grant there may be an opportunity through a neighbourhood grant parents can apply for.
  - School is being painted this year, plus hopscotch.

- Hedge – can we get the district to trim the big climbing hedge back a little because branches are drooping down.
- Other Business (time permitting)
- Election
  - Chair – Jennifer Dickson
  - Vice-chair – Jaimie Morrison
  - Treasurer – Cyndie Gilley
  - Secretary – Judy McCall
  - Members at Large
    - Ralph Stringer
    - Christine Duggan – FOS rep
    - Leah Peskett – DPAC rep
    - Cheryl Sauve – hot lunch
    - Louise Birch
    - Karina Wood
    - Kristina Souter
    - Jennifer Bigwood
- Adjournment (Jen motions to adjourn 8:56pm seconded by Katie.)

**Next meeting in September**