

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, October 4, 2018 (moved from September 27, 2018)
Library @ 7:00pm

Attendees – Jen D, Jaimie M, Jen B, Cyndie G, Ralph S, Karina W, Leah P, Sylvia M, Brooke T, Georgina O, Suzanne S, Cheryl S, Sanaz K, Harlan C, Julie D, Susan S, Bridget O, Christine D
Agenda Items:

- Welcome 7:00
- Approve agenda and previous minutes 7:05
- Treasurer's Report
 - We do not have the gaming grant yet. Cyndie has checked online and it does show the application is completed. We can estimate that we should get \$24.00 per student this year we will know exact amount in the coming weeks.
- Update on fundraising
 - Hot Lunch – The first day is tomorrow. Same Vendors as last year with exception of Barcellos. We will be doing 2 sessions instead of 3 this year. The second will start end of January. We need two hot lunch volunteers every Friday and need someone Wednesday's for smoothie day.

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Eco Kid's club - EcoKids has started. We held a very successful produce sale at the Aloha Party on September 25 raising \$202.70. This amount is split equally between EKC and our local Blueridge Sharing Garden who donate produce to the sale. The children painted the produce sale signage and contributed to the running of the stall (although less than in previous years). The produce included beans, beets, carrots, and kale from the school garden, which last year's Kindies planted in May. The primary teachers featured the produce as a display prior to the sale. This allowed the new Grade 1's to view their produce they had planted as Kindies. It was a nice way to close the circle.

This week at EcoKids we made herb bouquets with 8 different types of herbs. Pictures have been posted to BPAC facebook page. The children delighted in the different smells and in being creative. We had 22 kids sign the attendance sheet, and I estimate about 30 in all took home a bouquet. Happy herby Thanksgiving families!

Garden cleanup has begun and I hope to hold a working bee in October to expedite the process.

Thank you to everyone who watered the vegetable gardens and the flower gardens over the summer. Thank you to SD44 and to Deanna Robertson for our two new Southern vegetable garden beds. I plan on following up with Susan Teegan about the work order for the two remaining beds as I am hopeful it will still be going ahead. I'd like these beds ready for planting by Spring break.

- Class Reps –We have 14 divisions this year and are waiting on a rep for 5 Divisions. Sanaz will email them tonight or tomorrow. We discussed options in the event we do not get a rep from each grade, perhaps division reps.
- FOS- No report at this time
- DPAC – No meeting in September Leah will be attending in October
- Budget – Discussed all items. Capital reserve has gone up as we will purchase furniture for the K's. We still need to go over some prices with Admin. Salema Noon is usually 900.00 + tax however Grade 7's will be away that day so we had to pay \$250.00 for someone to come the next day. These dates are booked very far in advance so we did not know at the time the Grade 7's would be at Camp Summit. Motion to approve budget by Jen D seconded by Jaimie M.
- Newcomers Tea- We are considering discontinuing this tradition as it has not been well attended for the past couple of years. This is due to not as many new families to the school. The grade 2 parents put a lot of effort in to this and efforts may be better spend other ways. This year Jen D gathered emails at the K orientation and organized a meet and greet at McCartney Park for the first day of school between 9am and 10:30am with parents and kids. Was well attended.
- Welcome Back BBQ – We do not have exact numbers yet but it came in over budget.
- Card Project - Teachers are already doing Art with their classes. The Consent for this project is on hot lunch. If you are not signed up for hot lunch consent you will not have the option to buy Art.
- Directory –Some have asked about a paper copy again. We will look in to this but more than likely we will stick with an electronic directory.
- Walk to School week –In the past we have participated with International Walk to School week. This year we did not receive any materials as well we are considering participating in May with the NVSD walk to school initiatives.
- Blueridge Gear-Jennifer B plans to sell end of November – Beginning of December. Sample table to be shown alongside book fair Dec 3 – 6th. There will be some changes to the style of the jogging pan as well Jen D has

requested we look in to toques. Georgina has also brought up the Jerseys which were ordered in error that are large adult sized. We discussed possible ways to sell these as well.

- Halloween Costumes – BPAC is considering collecting donated costumes after Halloween. We would then sell them as a fundraiser next year. We would collect Adult and Children’s costumes.
- Santa’s Breakfast – We are planning a Santa’s breakfast this year. Possibly on the Friday before school lets out. This will be a grade allocated event., likely grade 4.
- Current Business-
 - We are using hot lunch not mail chimp now to send BPAC emails. Some people are still getting the BPAC email in their spam. We are still working out the kinks.
 - Parking and Safety. Discussed concerns about speed in our school zone.
 - Fruit and Veggie Program –has begun Heather Gibbens has taken over from Wafaa
 - Call Back Program- Program has one new volunteer. We could always use more. It doesn’t take a lot of time volunteers are usually done by 9:30am
 - Website updates – Jen D will update the pages. Georgina will rewrite the Emergency Preparedness section. There was some discussion about acquiring roller bags for the comfort kits.
- Principal/Vice Principal Report- (Susan Teegan and Bridgett O’Brian)

Susan and Bridgett are happy to continue with their acting roles at this time. No further information as to how long they will be acting in these rolls. Susan presented a slide show to show us the first few days of school. We have some new staff, Stephanie Reynolds who is sharing a class with Mr.Wyatt, Sara Dawson who is a new K teacher, she is from Burnaby. Ms Black is on leave. Ms. Jefferson is taking over role of LST teacher along with Teresa Komorski who is Part time. We welcome Tiffany Hillier our new music teacher. Tiffany is keeping some of our old traditions and adding in some new ones. We have a new LSW Debbie J. The school district has posted for more E.A.’s we have more hours and more support time. The two grade 6/7 classes created skits for the Code of Conduct Assembly. K. Transition is going well we are using pinnies on the kids to keep them visible on the playground. Terry Fox run went well. We collected approximately \$400.00 of donations. Welcome back BBQ was enjoyed by all. Orange shirt day – Students from Grade 7, 2 and 3 presented Lisa Madill drummed for the kids. The focus is on encouraging a sense of belonging. Tennis is wrapping up each student had 4 lessons. The coach was amazing. Food Program- Staff will be purchasing only fruit and vegetables for the students. Program is meant to be supplemental to the children’s lunch not to replace lunch. We have approximately 40 kids signed up for cross country .Basketball

has also begun. Mr. Davis is coaching Grade 7 boys and Andre and Bridgette are coaching Grade 7/6 girls.

Susan wanted to acknowledge the staff how busy and hardworking they have all been this September. Susan handed out core competencies hand out to all members present at BPAC meeting. She discussed the purpose being to encourage, critical thinking, collaborative environments, self - assessment. Soon kids will be able to go online and access their self -assessment the goal is that eventually kids will be able to see K through 12 and review. Susan discussed the book the Six Cedar Trees. It connects core competencies in a simple way for the younger kids.

9:00pm meeting adjourned

Next meeting Thursday October 25 @ 7:00pm