

BPAC

Blueridge Parent Advisory Council

Newsletter

June 2014

Message from BPAC

With such a hectic and abrupt end to our school year, it was difficult to properly acknowledge and say goodbye to two parents who have consistently contributed to the school community over the past 8 years (or so). Sonja Terretta and Jackie Leone have both spent countless hours each year helping out with significant fundraisers and major school activities.

Sonja has been the Poinsettia and Spring Planter fundraising coordinator for many of her 11 years as a parent at Blueridge and has also been a solid member of the Callback team and many years as a class rep. As a Grade 7 parent, Sonja was responsible for introducing our school to the Booster Juice fundraiser for Grade 7's.

Jackie spent a year or two on the BPAC Executive and joined the Directory Committee. When Jackie was the only remaining member of the committee, she took it over and managed to successfully produce both the School Directory and the Yearbook for many of her 8 years at Blueridge. In Jackie's quest for fair representation for all students, she has taken countless photos of all our children at all the school-wide functions, parades and events each and every year.

On behalf of BPAC and all the parents, we would like to thank both Sonja and Jackie



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Looking for more information, including this year's fundraising goals, our school's wish list and current volunteer opportunities? Visit our website! It's an easy way to keep up to date with what's going on, and a wealth of information about BPAC.

sincerely and wholeheartedly for your dedication and commitment to our school during your children's time here. We are grateful for your efforts and community spirit.

Thank you!

Blueridge School Jerseys

Thank you to parents and students for returning ALL the jerseys. BPAC hopes to add to the inventory next year so all the athletes can represent our school in the new design.

Class Rep Thanks

The BPAC would like to thank the Class Reps of 2013 – 2014. They are;

- Sonja Teretta
- Jackie Leone
- Donna Lehto
- Christy Campbell
- Sukhi Sohi
- Pam Flatekval-Caswell
- Patti Jantzi
- Julia Richmond
- Allyson Cribdon
- Terri Thompson
- Renata Prince
- Diane Esaw
- Jenny Taylor,
- Margaret Chesko
- Georgina O'flynn (times 2!)
- Julia Richmond
- Brooke Tupper
- Heather Gall
- Carla Morgan
- Jaimie Brown
- Joanne Bengert
- Sanaz Kashani
- Jennifer Bigwood

You all did an amazing job keeping your classes in the loop, organizing your grade allocated events, coordinating teacher's gifts, putting together raffle baskets and many other tasks. Your contributions do not go unnoticed. Again, many thanks!

BPAC Executive 2013-14

Chairperson – Nicole Dent

Vice Chair – Vacant

Treasurer – Ralph Stringer

Secretary – Margaret Chesko

Family of Schools Rep– Nicole Dent

DPAC Rep – Christy Campbell

Food Day Coordinators: Terri Thompson & Janet Stringer (Members at Large)

Newsletter/Website Editor: Kris McLean-Rohani (Member at Large)

Class Reps Coordinator: Jennifer Bigwood (Member at Large)

Directory Coordinator: Ralph Stringer

Book Fair Liaison: Margaret Chesko

Heather Gall (**Member at Large**)

Georgina O'Flynn (**Member at Large**)

Executive Chairperson Thanks

BPAC would like to thank our Executive Chairperson Nicole Dent for her many years of leadership and the countless volunteer hours she has given to our school. Her ongoing efforts at Blueridge have made a difference to our school. It's through dedicated volunteers like Nicole that BPAC is able to meet its goals of building community, and enriching our children's educational experience through fundraising to finance the school's annual wish list.

Ralph Stringer will be our new Chairperson for the 2014/15 school year, and Nicole will remain on the BPAC Executive as our Treasurer.

Year End Update from the Food Days Committee

With the likely cancellation of our last two hot lunch dates, the family accounts in Munch will be credited with the amount spent on these lunches. This credit will remain in your family account and will appear in September when Munch a Lunch is launched again, to be used on either lunch orders or fundraising orders during the 2014-2015 school year.

If your family account covers a grade seven student only, and you do not have a second child that will continue at Blueridge in September, there are two options. These options also apply if you know that your child or children (grades K-6 this year) will not be returning to Blueridge in the fall, and you will therefore not have a family account with Blueridge. Two options are as follows:

1. Donate your credit to BPAC and it will appear in the profits for the 2013-2014 school year or
2. Contact Janet Stringer at janniebee@me.com to process a refund by cheque from BPAC BY JUNE 23rd. If you do not contact Janet by this date we will assume you are donating your lunch money!

Munch a Lunch closes down on June 30, and will not be accessible until September. If you would like to view the refund in your family account, please log in before June 30.

We are not cancelling the final two lunch dates until absolutely necessary because we know how much the kids and parents enjoy them! Let's keep our fingers crossed that the children return and complete the school year.

Thanks to all of the parents that completed the hot lunch survey. We had 99 responses and the information gained will be very useful for planning our hot lunch program next year. In general, families were satisfied with the program and 82% of the users found Munch a Lunch to be very easy to use.

We would like to increase our recycling related to hot lunches next year and will be exploring some options in that area. In the meantime we appreciate all of those students who took their packaging home for recycling in residential blue boxes or recycling bags!

Thanks also to all of the parents that assisted in distributing food in the classrooms, as well as helping out in the kitchen. We would not have had the success we had without your help! We hope that more parents will come out and help next year, as it does allow you to spend a little bit of time in the classroom with your child(ren). The lunch monitors were a big help at times, when we didn't have enough volunteers and we thank them too.

Treasurer's End of Year Report

Blueridge Elementary School PAC Treasurer's Report

September 1 2013 - June 30 2014

	2014 May22 - Jun14	Year to Date General	2013 - 2014 Budget	Year to Date Gaming	Variance
Revenue					
BBQ	\$	\$ (917.83)	\$ 750.00		\$ 167.83
BC Gaming Grant			\$ 6,220.00	\$7,304.59	\$1,084.59
Blueridge Gear		\$ (378.66)	\$ 350.00		\$ 28.66
Movie Night Concession			\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Cookie and Pie		\$ (645.75)	\$ 500.00		\$ 145.75
Spell a thon			\$ 3,000.00		\$ (3,000.00)
Card Project		\$ (1,729.40)	\$ 1,300.00		\$ 429.40
Directory orders and Sales		\$ (1,549.24)	\$ 750.00		\$ 799.24
Family photo night		\$ (560.00)	\$ 900.00		\$ (340.00)
Parents Night Social		\$ 4,915.50	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,915.50
Sports Day	\$570.41		\$ 350.00		\$ (350.00)
Interest			\$ 20.00		\$ (20.00)
Hot Lunch	-\$2,228.42	\$ (12,036.34)	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 8,536.34
Poinsetta		\$ (309.60)	\$ 375.00		\$ (65.40)
Popcorn	\$344.30	\$ (745.70)	\$ 1,250.00		\$ (504.30)
Spring Plant Sale		\$ 137.05	\$ 375.00		\$ (237.95)
Seymour Ski Pass		\$ (1,235.18)	\$ -		\$ 1,235.18
	-\$1,313.71	\$ (15,055.15)	\$ 22,040.00	\$7,304.59	\$ 10,424.84

The BPAC started the year with a balance of \$8400, and are ending it with a balance of approximately \$23,000. The BPAC engaged in a number of very successful fundraising projects this year. We also switched to new food vendors, administered through the Munch-a-lunch website. We were successful in achieving a \$10,500 profit through this program. Other fundraisers were the Seymour Ski Pass, the Parents Social, and the Card project, all of which contributed to a very successful year. These fundraisers allowed us in addition to funding our budgeted items, to purchase much needed new sports jerseys, co-purchase a new portable sound system, and fund the Mathletics program.

I would like to thank all the parents for making this year a success. The fundraising for our school cannot be done without your support and participation.

Looking forward to next year!

Ralph Stringer
BPAC Treasurer

Expenditures	2014 May22 - Jun14	Year to Date General	2013 - 2014 Budget	Year to Date Gaming	Variance
Arts/Visual Arts	\$ 79.85		\$ 300.00		\$ 220.15
Choir		290.96	\$ 300.00		\$ 9.04
Cultural and Performing Arts		1845.9	\$ 2,500.00	1845.9	\$ 654.10
ELL		0	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Esteem Team		500	\$ 500.00	500	\$ -
Emergency Preparedness Kit		108.79	\$ 500.00	108.79	\$ 391.21
First Aid Training Gr. 6's			\$ 600.00	550	\$ 50.00
Flowers and Gifts		144.56	\$ 300.00		\$ 155.44
Garden		0	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
LAC			\$ 800.00	670.96	\$ 129.04
Math/Science		838.95	\$ 500.00		\$ (338.95)
Music	-365.7	474.38	\$ 500.00		\$ 25.62
Peer Counselling		0	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Student Funding	-160	173	\$ 500.00		\$ 327.00
Jesse Miller		652.5	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 847.50
Teacher Fund (13x@200	-987.13	2186.61	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 413.39
Blueridge Scholarship Fund		500	\$ 500.00		\$ -
Band		0	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
French Teacher Supplement		0	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
BCCPAC membership		75			\$ (75.00)
Bus Transportation			\$ 2,500.00	1062.33	\$ 1437.67
Sound System			\$ -	450	\$ (450.00)
Smart Boards		0	\$ 4,500.00	0	\$ 4,500.00
Bank Charges					\$ -
Sports Equipment	-2408	2908	\$ 500.00	2908	\$ (2,408.00)
Library Author Visit		262.5	\$ 600.00	262.5	\$ 337.50
Library Resources		1507.71	\$ 1,500.00	1507.71	\$ (7.71)
	-3920.83	12548.71	\$ 22,250.00	9866.19	\$ 6968
Excess (Deficiency)					
Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 2607.12	\$ 2,506.44	\$ (210.00)	-2561.6	\$ 3,456.84
Cash on Hand					
At Beginning of Period	22052.59				
At end of Period	\$ 24659.71			1676.58	
Cash in Bank					
Chequing	\$ 24659.71	Funds held in trust	0	Total Funds	24910.17
Gaming	250.46				



BPAC wishes you a safe and wonderful summer.

See you in September!

September Reminders:

Mount Seymour Ski Passes will be available for purchase through BPAC in September! Partial proceeds benefit our school.

COME BY AND SAY HI at **BPAC's Open House** on the first day of school! A great opportunity to come learn more about what we do and how you can help out during the school year.