

BLUERIDGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday February 22 2018

Library @ 7:30pm

WELCOME

Attendees: Jaimie, Jen D, Karina, Janet, Ralph, Cyndie, Jen B, Katie, Deanna, Erin

Agenda and previous minutes approved – moved by Jen B, seconded by Katie

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Question about why the Stong's cheque is missing from the monthly report. It has been deposited and will be added.
- When will we get cheque for Seymour passes – Ralph will talk to Liz to find out
- Where is invoice for Grade 6 first aid (Ms Robertson will email the vendor)
- Esteem team (Motivate Canada)– event is coming, Ms Bates is booking it
- Teachers need to get invoices in, primary wishlist has already been ordered.
- Intermediates wishlist hasn't been ordered yet, trying to get more information on what is contained in the science kits.
- Question about how many people have booked field trip buses – no invoices yet other than choir. If any teachers are booking buses should get a quote and share with treasurer in advance.

FUNDRAISING

- **Hot lunch** – need grade 7s need to step up a bit more in the classrooms to make sure kids all get their lunch or their smoothie as younger kids are sometimes not getting what they ordered.
- **Movie night** went well raised \$944, budgeted \$500. Thinking about making it a primary-focused event, or having older kids running concession, as some of the older kids were a bit distracted/disruptive
- **Card project** – art has to be in by March 9, consent forms are coming in from parents, almost there. A reminder is out to those who haven't sent them in. Cards go out April 6, orders in by April 18. Delivery of cards May 4.
- **Spring bulbs** – order forms coming and will be distributed before spring break. Final orders due May 1st, bulbs delivered in May.
- **Parent social** – March 8, lots of tickets remaining, adult tombola wheel, gift baskets are due March 2. Sharing babysitter list to promote community babysitters

CURRENT BUSINESS

- **Eco kids** (Karina) – first club on Wednesday, intro, planting some flowers in the box in front
- **Family of schools report** – (Jaimie)
 - o Seymour Heights did toonie jar fundraiser \$1200. And did a bottle drive at same time as tree chip and raised \$800.
 - o Windsor grade 12 grad at Seymour Golf Club. Did Christmas hamper for underprivileged kids.

- **DPAC report** (Leah P) – Mel Montgomery was speaker, former PAC chair at Cleveland for years. Excited to meet and talk about growing the PAC. One idea is to connect with future kindergarten families and collect contact info at kindie orientation for those who'd like to get together before school starts to build early connections.
- **Future goals and roles of the PAC**
 - o Recruiting volunteers
 - o Having an emergency preparedness committee to interact between school + PAC
 - o Parent-led committees eg: Callback and hot lunch – need to build a more solid pool of people
 - o Focus more on having more people involved less
 - o Developing larger goals so we are all working towards the same thing

NEW BUSINESS

- Parent question about the daycare closing -> what's happening?
 - o It is believed that the daycare has indicated that they are closing their site at the school. Ms Robertson was also asked by a parent and so she asked district what's happening, district said year to year they review capacity based on enrollment and enrollment isn't complete yet, too early to say

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- o Parent conferences well attended, variety of formats, agendas full.
- o Report cards coming out Friday, March 9
- o Is the PAC interested in running the fruit and vegetable fundraiser? Jen D looking at it for next year, fundraising committee will review soon as it needs to be booked now for the fall.
- o Dietician from Action Schools came in, created a long shopping list of new suggestions of things based on healthy guidelines, if BPAC ever wants to talk about ideas she'd be happy to chat. We are supposed to follow healthy food guideline and brand name food list for food that we sell as a PAC. Dietician from Action Schools could be a resource on this.
- o Ordered 20 iPads and a cart through a learning grant.
- o Pink shirt day on Feb 28. Encourage kids to wear pink.
- o 50th anniversary celebration
 - Two key events: (1) open time capsule in April and (2) create an artistic legacy piece in the school
 - For the legacy piece would like to apply for an Art Starts grant for next year – large grants available up to \$10,000. Art Starts will fund 70%, school/PAC needs to fund the remaining 30%.
 - Would like to start a committee including 4 staff plus 2-3 parents, to start to plan and also to write the grant. Interested parents can reach out to Jen Dickson
- o Upcoming events
 - H2Whoa - March
 - BC Lions and Fortis BC re: energy consumption in April

- Windsor band came, great performance, really impressed by quality – lots of former Blueridge students

VICE PRINCIPAL

-Canucks are doing a STEM project, grade 6+7 looking into it

-volleyball is going really well – 4 teams (gr 6+7 boys + girls)

OTHER BUSINESS

-girls with grit – 17 of 18 filled, might open up a few more spots.

-iguy – 23 of 30 filled

-large jerseys -there are some excess jerseys that are much too large, opportunity to use them in a fundraiser?

-NVPAC emergency preparedness presentation – Georgina attended and shared a report. Goal of school is to release kids home as soon as possible. Therefore, should we in the community support ensuring parents prepared, safe walking routes. Suggestion to have a separate committee which focuses on emergency preparedness. Some resources attached.