

BELMONT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BELMONT
SECONDARY SCHOOL

April 10, 2007

	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
ATTENDANCE	Marilyn Roebuck, Carol Brown, Nel Keath-Humphry, J Marc	
CALL TO ORDER	7:10 PM	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Agenda approved	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	No minutes were available from Feb meeting to approve	
GUEST SPEAKER	Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Ms. Choma was unable to make it	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Dr. Grant (Principal's report was moved up as Dr. Grant had to leave by 8:00)	<p>Another successful Belmont Cabaret</p> <p>School trips over spring break – one class went to France, another to Costa Rica</p> <p>On April 3 and 4 a Healthy Sexuality Presentation was made to all Grade 11's and received well</p> <p>April 11-13, Dr. Grant and VP Juhasz will be attending Canadian Principal's Association annual general conference in Vancouver</p> <p>In final phases of inputting course requests – timetabling will begin next week, are busy gathering up kids who have not submitted course selections</p> <p>April 27 – May 6 our District will be hosting a delegation of students from Luoshe Senior High in Wuxi China. In Nov 2007 8 or 9 of our students (only that many applied) will be going to China at a cost of \$1500.00 each. Notices for students to apply to participate in this were put out the leadership, PACE, and languages classes and on the monitor</p> <p>April 19 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3-5:30 and 6:00 – 8:00. Report cards will be distributed in the main office this time. Email notice will be going out to parents soon.</p> <p>Emailed Ryan's vending regarding scholarships they are to provide as stated in their contract for this year and last year</p> <p>Grad Pictures – parents mentioned that students had an issue with the trailer and photographer from Gibsons – that the trailer, robes and backdrop were VERY dirty and that the photo sessions were rushed</p> <p>Dr. Grant asked parents feeling on having a Dance or Soccer Academy at Belmont as Dunsmuir has requested Belmont look into this to support students in these programs at Dunsmuir. Parents generally felt that if it was feasible to offer more options to students then to go ahead. Dr. Grant pointed out that academies can cannibalize on other options and staffing at the secondary school level, as you need a unique skill set for unique programming. He mentioned that it is difficult to make a school everyone's academy. Parents suggested considering other options, such as offering Dance outside the school timetable (as band is offered now and as dance was offered in the past at Belmont) and charge a fee and offer full course credit. At the moment, Belmont and Edward Milne both offer a hockey academy option.</p> <p>Estimated date for a new high school in the district is 2010</p>	

	<p>More trades programs will hopefully be offered at the school including Cosmetology, Electrician and Culinary Arts</p> <p>New legislation is coming through for no smoking anywhere near schools. This is a concern as these students will no longer be in visible range and more difficult to police.</p>	
<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Nel Keath-Humphry</p>	<p>Nel presented attached Financial statements</p> <p>With a \$4,538.20 in the one-time grant fund and \$9405.72 in the PAC fund, it was discussed that perhaps some of these funds could help offset some of the deficits in the school especially those caused by the fees issue this school year.</p> <p>Dr. Grant said the school was in pretty good shape regarding fees. That school fees would be changed for next year – Bill 20 - and provisions will be in it regarding specialized programs and field trips. He mentioned that the security camera system had been updated in the school, the new cameras have digital tape that is run through a computer for more effective monitoring. This was at a cost of \$8000.00 in which the District covered half of the cost, and perhaps PAC funds could be put towards the \$4000.00 the school covered.</p> <p>Other funding suggestions included more benches, a contingency fund for students who come to the principal with serious needs (as PAC had in the past), Dr. Grant said he would check in to this and also email staff to see where there was a need in the school, maybe the library.</p> <p>He also announced the school has a new librarian, Russ Morrison.</p> <p>Club Grad fees due ASAP, waiting on totals back from Fairway</p> <p>Treasurer received a message from Josie Bernhard regarding using \$1000.00 for Grade 11 novels as Miss Gregory had requested and is following up on that</p> <p>Nel asked if in the past PAC had done an historical report of what PAC did. Perhaps this year PAC do a year-end report Nel said she would send out an email</p>	<p>Dr. Grant</p> <p>Nel Keath-Humphry</p> <p>Nel Keath-Humphry</p>
<p>PAC/SOCIETY REPORT</p> <p>Corrie Stevenson</p>	<p>Casino license approved</p> <p>Bingo license renewed to 2009</p> <p>Society was audited, and everything came out fine, there was some discussion regarding the funds going to PAC, it was suggested more parents attend society meetings, a PAC rep at society meetings was really good</p> <p>Society asked about a strategy for getting more parents out to society meetings</p> <p>Colwood physiotherapy has a license to do a raffle to put towards equipment in the Belmont weight room.</p> <p>\$770.00 cheque that went into the PAC account all straightened out.</p>	
<p>CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH</p>	<p>Losing French Immersion and Mills Landing, but continue at John Stubbs. A larger group is easier to staff and add to early French Immersion</p>	

<p>Carol Brown</p>	<p>Plan to speak to press such as Gazette to encourage new students</p> <p>The concourse held at Dunsmuir was a success, all students, even late immersion students did really well</p> <p>Program doing really well. 600 students in district in French Immersion, really hard to get staff</p>	
<p>PROM REPORT</p> <p>Carol Brown Reported as she was at meeting and prom rep was not present</p>	<p>Prom will be at bear mountain; students have given decorator ideas along their chosen theme of 'Hollywood Oscar Night'. Students would really like red carpet out front for when they pull up.</p> <p>Bear Mountain will cater event with food tables outside ballroom serving variety of food, no sit down dinner. Exact menu not set yet as students reps did not want some of the suggested foods (bite-size pizza or hamburgers) and wanted like more vegetarian selections.</p> <p>Students enter by side door, do not go through hotel at all. A white tent will be set up outside. 3 rooms will be open, casino on one side, DJ in corner, chairs to sit at and gather and cocktail tables. There will be a contained balcony open with heaters.</p> <p>If students need to go to parking lot for anything will have a chaperone escort.</p> <p>Evening will run from 6:30 to 12:00, out by 12:30</p> <p>\$50.00 for a ticket available now in the office can pay buy cheque</p> <p>Keepsakes are being discussed</p> <p>Next meeting at Bear Mountain</p>	
<p>PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ SPC REPORT</p>	<p>BCCPAC Resolutions</p> <p>Instead of going over resolutions at this meeting as we had so few in attendance, it was suggested we send a link to exec and regular meeting attendees to fill out resolutions. This was followed by the suggestion and agreement to send it out to the entire parent body to vote on and send results to on person to compile.</p> <p>Reminder of BCCPAC Conference in May</p> <p>Webpage – it was discussed at SPC to build up the Belmont webpage, especially parent sites. Suggestions of DPAC link, school act link, a counter to see how many hits the site gets were brought up. It was requested that parents check the website and bring more ideas to the next PAC meeting</p> <p>Finances – it was also requested that parents do research on needs that they or their students have noticed or felt in the school and bring suggestions to the next PAC meeting for dispersing the one-time grant and PAC monies.</p> <p>Healthy foods discussions have happened at SPC Meetings, perhaps we could have Ryan vending representative to the next PAC meeting as no new machines are in place yet.</p>	<p>Marilyn Roebuck</p> <p>All parents</p> <p>All parents</p> <p>All parents</p> <p>Dr. Grant</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Constitution – the executive has been working on a new constitution for Belmont PAC – this will be brought forward at the next PAC meeting</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>May 8, 2007</p>	