

**BELMONT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL**

February 13, 2007

	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck, Corrie Stevenson, Diane Stout, Annemarie Holmwood, Stephanie Longstaff, Barbara Barber, Eva Yaklikowska, Jill Hill, Steve Jones and Dr. Don Grant	
CALL TO ORDER	7:07 pm with Introductions	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Agenda was circulated and approved.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of January 16, 2007 were reviewed and approved.	
GUEST SPEAKERS	<p>Steve Jones spoke about the Counselling suite. He gave an update on the Medical Clinic which will give basic medial care for students who require same. Referrals would be channeled through the Counsellors. After much persistence and many meetings the proposal was sent and could still be a couple of months before approved. It could also be declined this year, but the space has been built by the District and ready for set up (as required by VIHA).</p> <p>Their has been concern about the lack of post secondary information available for grade 12's. Many don't have plans, not aware of deadlines, etc. It's been decided that more info is needed. Plans started in September with 3 evenings set up – Camosun, UVic and Scholarships. Both students and parents are encouraged to speak with their counsellor. There is a monthly newsletter with scholarship info available. Also, Belmont website has lots of info and links. (booklet also available re money matters including resume writing for scholarships, etc.)</p> <p>Counsellors have worked very hard to meet the needs of the students. Feb.21st parent info nite for course offerings, etc.</p> <p>Feb.26-28 Counsellors will be at middle schools (2 will be in attendance at Belmont) Always available before school – 8am and after school as needed.</p>	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Request to all teachers to speak – Biology teacher may come to April meeting - Career Day Feb.20th rotate to see various careers, get info, parent helpers – advise Marilyn if you can help. 	

TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Details attached. Thank you to Dr. Grant for the transfer of funds (\$1709.74) re Gibson's Studio. Society has issued cheques re sports to PAC and needs to be processed through account to the Athletic department. Dr. Grant is investigating upgrade to security system – this would be a suggestion for PAC to fund (possibly \$6000 +/-), no cost to wiring and it could be relocated to another building. Suggestion for Dr. Grant to get firm details. Alternate suggestion for fund is library security upgrade which would decrease book loss.</p> <p>Discussion as to whether the one time grant should be used for security, gym floor, etc.</p> <p>MOTION by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Jill Hill that Belmont PAC use part of the one time grant funds to pay half of the cost of upgrading the internal security system to a maximum of \$3,500. Discussion. Motion failed.</p>	Dr. Grant
PAC/SOCIETY REPORT	Nothing new to report. List of expenditures attached.	
SPEAC REPORT SPC REPORT	<p>On line survey – 415 respondents, report on survey available at the SPEAC website. Excerpts from Throne speech –page 2 re changes to fees, etc. Student Assessment in BC schools – attached unpublished report will give lots of info. Also available at SPEAC website.</p> <p>Last meeting spoke on issues courses being offered (Gr.10's) and discussion on linear StarWorks, note that possibility of StarWorks is let off printing. PACE 12 next year may be semestered. Gr.11/12 final meeting this week (pre printing of course booklet - possible programs coming up Culinary Arts program.</p>	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	<p>Report attached. Note to #10 re exchange planning with China – first year to create international program with China – start promoting with Gr.10/11's for next year Gr.12's (host family exchanges)</p> <p>Question from the floor re fees taken in at Belmont – district does</p>	

	<p>not support soliciting of funds but donations would be welcome. Tax receipts would be issued from District for more than \$20.</p> <p>Question re Meet Teacher Night Sem.II – not planned although parents have noted they would like meeting. Will discuss with teachers.</p> <p>Vending Machines – have spoken with Ryan Vending to get stock changed to healthier snacks.</p>	Dr. Grant
PROM REPORT	<p>Since last meeting Bear Mt. was previewed and all questions were answered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) survey done by students was biased 2) second vote held at lunchtime – majority Bear Mt. <p>Prom Fashion show this Thursday. Prom meeting next Thursday.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.	
OLD BUSINESS	Constitutions received from other schools. Will be reviewed and Executive will schedule meeting to rework our present constitution.	Dianne Kanstrup

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm

NEXT MEETING April 10, 2007

Diane Stout
Secretary

Dianne Kanstrup / Marilyn Roebuck
Co-Presidents