

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

November 20, 2006

	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck, Sue Ridley, Noreen Gayle, Sonia Beggs, Marion LeFeuvre, Carol Brown, Corrie Stevenson, Connie Richter, Stephanie Longstaff, Leanne Laliberte, Nel Keath-Humphrey, Dr. Don Grant	
CALL TO ORDER	7:05 pm	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Agenda was circulated and approved by Stephanie Longstaff and Leanne Laliberte.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of October 13, 2006 were reviewed and approved by Nel Keath-Humphrey and Corrie Stevenson.	
INTRODUCTIONS	PAC members and new parent members made self introductions.	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	<p>Dr. Grant reported on the September 29th court ruling regarding money issues as still being strategized. Prior to Sep.29th funds received may be retained, cheques dated after Sep.29th must be returned. We (SD62) are following the "letter of the law" and are hopeful the matter will be resolved as funds are needed.</p> <p>Athletics are going well. Senior students exposure to post secondary event was well attended (60-70 attendees for Camosun, more for UVic) Post secondary tour on Nov.9th was also well attended. (Note: dates did not reach all parents – Dr. Grant will investigate) (Parents noted Meet the Teacher night was well done, however, Counselors needed to distribute handouts more readily. Parents requested breakdown information regarding VP's and Counselors, ie cross grades 10/11/12's)</p> <p>Mexico Group has returned and info is available at Belmont website (including pictures of the house they built in Mexico)</p> <p>Attended RCMP contact party and met community members, interest was shown in Belmont.</p> <p>Aboriginal Welcome Feast in Sooke was well attended and informative.</p> <p>Admin Retreat in Parksville coming up (coaching in management style is the topic of the retreat)</p>	<p>Dr. Grant</p> <p>Dr. Grant</p>

	<p>AP Training Session (10-12 attendees) in Vancouver (Pre-AP Certification).</p> <p>Parent-Teacher Interviews Nov.23rd Thursday 3pm-6, 6:30-8pm. Tuesday and Wednesday appointments arranged through teachers. Question arose about times conflicting with middle schools and it was noted that time/date is a Board decision. Dr. Grant will investigate re Meet the Teacher date.</p> <p>Teachers request that PAC members attend their meetings has been ok'd, anyone is welcome to attend. Teachers have also been invited to PAC meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Grant will investigate the use of the computer system to invite parents to meetings, etc. (Note: without attachments if possible)</p> <p>Attendance glitches will be investigated.</p> <p>Goldstream Gazette ad being posted to give email address to Belmont.</p>	<p>Dr. Grant</p> <p>Dr. Grant</p> <p>Dr. Grant</p>
PROM REPORT	<p>Students who invited parents to their Wednesday night meeting were mistaken and hopefully parents have received info that there is not a meeting. Committee is formed here first then linked to the student committee.</p> <p>MOTION – Motion by Leanne Laliberte, seconded by Sonia Beggs that Noreen Gale will head the prom committee.</p> <p>General discussion and vote – all in favour. Sheet passed for committee members to add their names. There was a discussion as to location (Bear Mountain as a possible), and date (June 23rd) conflicting with Prov. Exams. Noreen will talk to Bear Mountain representatives. Location and date will be established at the first prom meeting, scheduled for Nov. 29th 7pm. Noreen will arrange an email via Dr. Grant inviting all interested parents and students to attend.</p>	<p>Noreen Gale</p> <p>Noreen Gale</p>
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Nothing to report.	
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Calculators have been purchased for Math department (will be loaned to students who need them) at cost of \$1076 (\$76 over budget).</p> <p>MOTION – Moved by Stephanie Longstaff, second by Sonia Beggs that PAC reimburse Dianne Kanstrup \$76 for the additional cost of the calculators. All in favour.</p> <p>No change in statements for one time grant (details available)</p> <p>Discussion re discretionary fund – policy has been given to PAC (re kickback on photo funds approx \$1700) Traditionally the photo funds have been given to PAC. Dr. Grant is prepared to have the funds go to PAC.</p>	<p>Dr. Grant</p>

	<p>Noted that there will likely be may changes in the future and some course cuts. After some discussion it was noted that there should be a separate meeting to discuss options. Stephanie discussed her meeting today (SPEAC) re funding, donations, etc. SPEAC is planning a forum meeting in January after all reports have come in. Suggestion was made to send letters to governments (refer Belmont website for a link to the Ministry). It was noted that some courses will/have been juggled rather than cancelled. Thanks to Dr. Grant for not automatically canceling classes.</p> <p>Thank you to Dianne Kanstrup for last May's staff meeting (she found the receipt!)</p> <p>English Department has been contacted to use their one time grant \$1000 for speakers.</p>	
PAC/SOCIETY REPORT	<p>Corrie spoke with information from Lloyd about cheques written since September (copy for minutes) Two requests have been approved for transportation for 5 workshops, Camosun, DND, etc. Parent BCMEA Musical Educators Association (June) request for 2-3 students to attend to pay transportation costs. Lloyd suggested request for funds come to Society rather than PAC (extra curricular)</p> <p>Reader Board cost \$12-\$15000 can't be supplied by Coast Capital since it won't benefit students but they will cover benches. Sonia will present letter to Coast Capital. Dianne Kanstrup will find the letter for Sonia (benches have arrived, garbage cans not ordered yet)</p> <p>Corrie outlined breakdown of team costs, Cabaret, Music program. Stephanie advised that Provincial Gov't will support athletic teams by application.</p> <p>Letter to PAC from Society.</p> <p>Corrie will talk to Society re discussion of the \$20/student and students utilizing our resources (Spencer/Dunsmuir)</p> <p>Curtain to cover mural wall was turned down (\$4000)</p> <p>Sonia will advise Lloyd of bench quote – quote not yet received.</p> <p>Carol noted that PAC Society seems to be working well.</p>	<p>Corrie – letter to Diane Stout</p> <p>Sonia Beggs Dianne Kanstrup</p> <p>Corrie – letter to Diane Stout Corrie</p> <p>Sonia Beggs</p>
SPEAC REPORT	<p>Stephanie thanked PAC for sending her to the BCCPAC conference.</p> <p>Stephanie advised that Sooke District lost 144 students over the</p>	

	<p>summer (moved, etc)</p> <p>Director of Student Support (Shannon Geer), Student Advocate is available at 474-9813 and is available for one on one meeting with students. Goal is to get graduation rate increased.</p> <p>Fees were already discussed earlier.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Executive and PAC members met to discuss and amend the Constitution to include PAC/Society liaison representative as a voting position as well as update the constitution.</p> <p>Dianne Kanstrup suggested we put Corrie's position in and sit for 30 days as per Robert's Rules and rather than amend current constitution, we sit as two groups and outline what we do and what constitution needs to say.</p> <p>MOTION – Moved by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Nel Keath-Humphrey that we form a committee to write a new constitution and come back to February PAC meeting with results. All in favour..</p> <p>MOTION – Moved by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Nel Keath-Humphrey that the SPC (School Planning Council) be a designated Executive member of PAC effective with constitution revisions. All in favour.</p> <p>MOTION – Moved by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Nel Keath-Humphrey that the PAC/Society Representative position be a designated Executive member of PAC effective with constitution revisions. All in favour.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

NEXT MEETING January 16, 2006

Diane Stout
Secretary

Dianne Kanstrup / Marilyn Roebuck
Co-Presidents