

**BELMONT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 10, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE: Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck, Annemarie Holmwood, Diane Stout, Nel Keath-Humphrey, Corrie Stevenson, Dr. Don Grant

CALL TO ORDER 7: 15 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – agenda was circulated and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of September 13, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Junior Achievement "A World of Choices" (spaces limited, Grades 10-12). Information passed to Dr. Grant for distribution.

Anxiety Prevention training seminar (mentioned last month), after discussion, information passed to Dr. Grant for distribution to Student Services Department.

Career Development Committee is looking for members. (newsletter circulated). Careers fair/day scheduled for late February. Always lots of fun and volunteers will also be needed to help on the actual career day.

TREASURER'S REPORT

School account – nothing has changed since report last month.

One Time Grant account – report attached. Some balances are a result of GST rebates. \$5,233.23 left to be spent. Discussion as to whether these funds could be used for the new reader board. The Society will be approached on the reader board expense and these funds could be used if there is a shortfall. Funds will be held in the interim.

BCCPAC membership cheques have not been received and have not been found. Replacement cheques have been issued.

New signing authority is required at Coast Capital Savings and Dianne, Marilyn and Nel will attend the Westshore Town Centre Branch to sign. Signing authority on PAC accounts at Coast Capital Savings are to be amended to – "any two of the following – Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck, Nel Keath-Humphrey".

Dianne Kanstrup will take on the amendment to the Constitution as discussed last meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student population is down slightly to projections. Not enough to affect staffing (approx 1500 including international students)

Athletics have now started (volleyball, soccer, football, rowing, x-country). Football team played their first game against Nanaimo.

All teachers now have computer access in their classrooms and can check email during the day.

Meet the Teacher night (Oct.3<sup>rd</sup>) was better attended than last year. At least 200 parents attended.

Post Secondary Planning Seminar- today was the first with more to come.

First impressions report card Oct.13<sup>th</sup>

Photos ready to take home Oct.13<sup>th</sup>

Photo retake day Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Non-Instructional Day Oct.20<sup>th</sup>  
Camosun College presentation evening Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> (more details to follow)

Hand-out – plan on how to get people to sit on planning committee. This will be sent to parents shortly (via email?). There must be one PAC member on the committee, two others from the parent population, one student (no teacher required).

Violent Intruder Incident drill will be held tomorrow (Oct.11<sup>th</sup>), lockdown drill. With an earthquake drill later in the month.

Question – Will there be a Meet the Teacher in Semester 2? Dr. Grant will investigate but not scheduled at this point.

Point made that many parents like the email system.

Question – It's been noted that some teachers would like a PAC member at their first meeting in order to build a positive feeling for the school rather than a negative. Dr Grant will check with teachers and advise.

Dr. Grant advised that he mentioned to the teachers today at their meeting that they are welcome to attend PAC meetings and/or put forward questions.

Dianne Kanstrup suggested we promote meetings.

Dr. Grant shared an idea of using the computer system to invite 20 different parents each week to a coffee get together. This is being investigated.

MADD has a presentation coming up for Grades 10/11 – info will be available shortly.

Question – Re school fees. Dr. Grant advised ruling went through and everyone is waiting for a decision. It was noted that many programs could and likely would disappear.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Speakers – Marilyn noted that we would like to bring in speakers. Ideas included Portfolio, Healthy Foods, Clinic, Police Liaison, Scholarships. And asked that we think of more speakers we could line up.

Dr. Grant noted that we have a new supervision program in place. Each teacher is now in a supervision cycle (a.m/after school/cafeteria/main foyer). This is contributing to a better tone in the hallways.

Meeting dates have been changed due to conflicts. They will now be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly. November 21, January 16, February 20, April 17, May 15, June 19. No meeting in December and March.

Question – When does Prom team start up? Dianne will get info from Shelagh and discuss next meeting. Dianne will extend an invitation to teachers and parents who want to participate are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Diane Stout  
Secretary

Dianne Kanstrup / Marilyn Roebuck  
Co-Presidents