

**BELMONT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE: Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck, Diane Stout, Dr. Don Grant, Corrie Stevenson, Stephanie Longstaff, Nel Keath-Humphrey, Stephanie Needham, Annemarie Holmwood, Leanne Laliberte, Kathy Sadowski, Henning Kanstrup, Stephanie Buhr

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Question from the floor regarding Prom date. Although the date in the calendar is June 23, 2007, Dianne will get further info from Shelagh. Prom issues tabled until next meeting. Agenda approved.

INTRODUCTIONS – Introductions around the room by all in attendance.

ELECTIONS – The following people were nominated from the floor and each accepted the positions.

President	Dianne Kanstrup & Marilyn Roebuck
Vice-President	Annemarie Holmwood
Secretary	Diane Stout
Treasurer	Nel Keath-Humphrey
SPEAC Rep	Stephanie Longstaff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of June 19, 2006 were reviewed. Discussion re end of year Thank you for office staff. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

\$1,000 for graphing calculators was not spent before end of the year. Math department has requested approval to purchase overhead projector(s) instead of the calculators. Discussion regarding the purchase. The calculators are approximately \$150 and are loaned to students as available.

Motion Stephanie Longstaff, Second Stephanie Needham that we ask the Math Department to stay with their original request to purchase graphing calculators.

All in favour. Carried.

Request from student for funding for Leadership Group re garbage cans and benches, as per May minutes.

Discussion regarding Society regulations – Society can only cover extra-curricular activities at Belmont. The request was denied. Stephanie Longstaff suggested PAC write a letter to the Society re definition of gaming “non-curricular” and Society’s “extra-curricular”. Also, note what about the sign?

Motion Stephanie Longstaff, Second Stephanie Needham that PAC write a letter about the issues of “extra-curricular” and the new reader board at front of school, asking for a Society definition of “extra-curricular” and “non-curricular”. All in favour. Carried.

Dianne Kanstrup gave an overview about the Society background.

Discussion continued regarding the sign and issue of getting the sign updated. Reader Board, which would create community awareness and involvement, would cost approximately \$12-\$15,000.

Note that Julie Sahota is looking into the spring work order re landscape at the front of the building. Regardless, the garbage cans and benches will be paid by PAC and determined later from where.

BCCPAC membership was requested in June minutes. Dianne will contact to determine if paid.

SPEAC registration – envelope not received by Dianne

BCCPAC Leadership Conference November 16-19, 2006. We can send reps at registration cost of \$275, plus hotel and air. SPEAC will pay ½ registration. All were asked who would like to attend.

Motion by Leanne Laliberte, Second Annemarie Holmwood that we send, and pay for, Stephanie Longstaff to attend the conference. All in favour. Carried.

Seminar presentation by VIHA, Healthy Schools – October 20th, open to all. Marilyn will investigate details.

Details presented re Zero Crash Month – October.

SD62 draft for cyber safety and management of school property. Dianne will get more info and send via email to all.

Friends for Life – organizing assisting with anxiety disorders. Marilyn will investigate.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Don Grant gave an overview of his background leading up to his move to Belmont. Dr. Grant indicated that he is happy to be here and is working his agenda as a clean slate.

Question arose regarding the funds which have been available to PAC in the past from photographs. Dr. Grant confirmed this will continue and funds may be allocated back to the office to assist students in need (ie shelter)

Dr. Grant stressed that his door is open and we, as parents, are welcome anytime. He noted that has found Belmont students to be friendly and polite.

Meet the Teacher night is October 3rd.

Enrollment has settled down to 1530, with 71 international students (up from last year's 60).

Question regarding the style of parent/teacher interviews – in the gym or in classrooms. Dr. Grant will discuss with department heads and advise PAC.

Question re Grad Portfolios – presentation info at October meeting. Although portfolios are optional, students are encouraged to finish and get a grade.

Dr. Grant closed with a request for each parent in attendance to invite another parent to attend the next meeting.

PAC/SOCIETY REPORT

Corrie submitted a breakdown of the budget and expenditures. Discussion regarding the budget (sports teams are designated extra-curricular as they are not graded, music is curricular as it is graded).

Officiating costs are down due to volunteers.

Note that Cabaret and Drama should be separated.

Discussion re football uniform costs and band uniform costs.

Music Dept. needs assistance to cover costs to attend Nationals.

Curtains to cover Bulldog wall.

Some requests have already been received by the Society and Corrie will take these back to them.

SPEAC REPORT

Distribution of Saanich booklet for review. Could be useful for our district (cost to Saanich is appr .23/copy). Advertising could cover the cost.

Survey regarding your child's career is available on-line. Dianne has info and will send the link.

Motion by Annemarie Holmwood, Second Stephanie Longstaff that the Society Rep become a position of the Executive with full voting privileges. All in favour. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 with meeting dates scheduled as follows (change from Wednesday to Tuesday after general discussion and approval).

October 10	January 9	April 10
November 14	February 13	May 8
December – no	March – no	June 12

Diane Stout
Secretary

Dianne Kanstrup / Marilyn Roebuck
Co-Presidents