

**Belmont Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Held at Belmont Secondary School**

November 6 2007

**NOTE: The PAC/Society Report, List of Expenditures and Cheques Written,
and a letter from the Environmental Society follow these minutes.**

In Attendance: Stephen McHugh, Janice Foulger, Jennifer Harris, Barb Shalkowsky, Charlene Burles, Sandy Repas, Kathy Sadowski, Caroline Bailey, Corrie Stevenson, Kathy Middleton, Allison Currie, Stephanie Longstaff.

Call to Order: 7:01

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was circulated and approved. Moved by Charlene seconded by Jennifer. Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 2,2007 were reviewed and approved. Moved to be accepted by Charlene, seconded by Jennifer,all in favour and Passed.

Business Arising

ACTION

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| <p>a) Kindness Crew vs Challenge Day update not available</p> <p>b) Belmonts new sign discussion on item, especially the cost.</p> <p>c) Front Garden discussion with regards to children and clean up – ownership and the Environmental Group. Motion by Jennifer: PAC may financially support groups, classes or clubs who endeavour to beautify school grounds. For approval, an application or proposal must be submitted to PAC. Seconded by Stephanie. All in favour, Passed.</p> <p>d) Home Safe program has been put on hold – Closed (for now)</p> | <p>Stephen to check with Dick</p> <p>Kathy to BF in Apr.</p> |
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Reports;

- **Treasurer's Report** – attached
- **Communication Report** – attached
- **Society Report** – attached – West Shore Physiotherapy to be sent a thank you letter and letter to be put on website.

- **SPEAC Report** – Learning Spaces Nov 13 Lakewood Elementary
- **SPC Report** - no report as SPC meeting was same night.
- **Principals Report** – Stephen McHugh – attached
- **Prom Report** – Kathy Sadowski – Thank you letter to Len Barrie attached. – Prom May 24 Only date available There will be no charge for The banquet rooms for 2007/08 and 2008/09. Discussion wrt Grad being held at Bear Mountain arena vs Uvic.
- **Presidents Report** - not available – Stephanie at SPC Meeting
- **Student Report** - discussion with Meaghan with regards to
 - Environment group gardens
 - School dances
 - Idle free zone
 - Friends don't let friends drive drunk

New Business

- a) **Cake off** Belmont Leadership letter attached. PAC will have notice added to website – email and encourage parents to participate.
- b) **CanWES** event Nov 10 at Church of the Advent
- c) **Belmont Sign** – Letter of introduction filed to be BF'd Apr 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

1st Jennifer
2nd Charlene

NEXT MEETING Dec 4th 7:00 pm

Kathleen Middleton
Recording secretary

Stephanie Longstaff
President

Attachments
Below

----- Original Message -----

From: [JIM SHALKOWSKY](mailto:JIM.SHALKOWSKY)

To: sookepac@shaw.ca

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 10:13 AM

Subject: Fwd: Belmont school - sign

Hi Stephanie - Attached is quote from Landmark Signs - keep in mind that electrical is not included as CUPE workers would have to do this part I believe, although I'm sure it could be arranged if necessary. I'll have to go back to my other info and see if there was a ballpark for electrical, unless you know who to contact through school that would look after that part. Chris also said they couldn't get into the sign itself with their survey crew, but expects no problem with it and should be totally useable. I told him not to worry at this point, but it will be checked no matter who would be doing the job. He also checked with City of Langford (I never even thought about that one!!!) and it can be done no problem, although I see on his quote, we'd be paying for a permit. Also, taxes not included in quote, so that would be additional \$2200 or so. So, depending on electrical costs, we're probably in the same price range as the others start to finish. If there are any questions you would like me to forward along, please let me know and I'll try and get hold of him today or tomorrow so we'll have all info for meeting next week. Oh yeah, he also said project would take about 4 weeks.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Chris McDonald](#)

To: jshalkowski@shaw.ca

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:06 PM

Subject: Belmont school

Good afternoon Barb,

I have attached the quote for the double sided LED message centre that we spoke about.

The dimensions for each LED screen are 3' x 6' and they will be visible for roughly 1km each direction.

After speaking with the city of Langford, they will allow a LED message centre as long as the image or writing on the display is not animated. By that I mean the display image can not change more than once every 10 or 12 minutes.

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Thanks!

Chris

Oct 31, 2007

Dear Barb Shalkowski

Re: Quotation for Signage

Thank you for giving our company the opportunity to quote on your signing requirements.

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- Manufacture and install cabinet and LED message centre for existing pylon ...\$15,300.00
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All Landmark products have a full 1 year warranty on materials and workmanship.
Taxes, sign permit and electrical not included. Sign quote subject to change after 30 days.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Thank You.
Yours truly,

Chris McDonald
Landmark Sign Ltd.
250-514-6925

----- Original Message -----

From: [Erin Stead](#)

To: sookepac@shaw.ca

Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 5:56 PM

Subject: Belmont's 2007 Cake-Off Event

Nov 4th, 2007

Dear PAC Committee:

Belmont Leadership is, and always has been, actively engaged in supporting the community; whether it is within the school, city, or global community. The ANAKA Foundation of Northern Uganda and Belmont Leadership are hoping for your support and gracious donations for an upcoming event on November 22nd to support a community in crisis.

It is estimated around 20,000 children have been abducted by the LRA in Northern Uganda since war erupted in 1987. Belmont Leadership feels it is important something be done to help those who are helpless. Running purely off of donations, the ANAKA Foundation aims to house 25,000 children by the year 2025. In an attempt to supply ANAKA with necessary funding, Belmont Secondary School is planning a “*Cake Off*”, with all proceeds going to ANAKA.

The “*Cake Off*” is an effort to have students, staff, parents and bakeries around Victoria enter their cakes in the hope of being named “**Belmont’s Best Baker**”. Students will pay a \$5 entry fee to bake two cakes; one cake judged on presentation, and one cake cut up and sampled during judgment day. Media personnel, teachers and important authority figures will be the official judges in which cake takes the prize. However, the entire school population is invited to participate for a fee of \$2. Left over cakes will be given away in a “*Cake Walk*” the following day. The date for this event is **Thursday, Nov. 22nd during lunch hour, 12:15-1:15pm**

As a main pillar and supporter of Belmont Secondary School, Belmont Leadership wishes that PAC would be willing to make a donation; via either funding or cakes. As Belmont students cannot bake enough cakes themselves to make this event a success, having members of the PAC personally bake a cake to enter in the competition is essential in attaining our goal of \$1,000, and also would show the support Belmont students have from our PAC Committee.

Please help represent the involvement Belmont Leadership has worked hard to establish in our community. Your generosity in supporting this prodigious event is greatly hoped for. For more information please contact Tricia Hoffart, group leader, at 250-516-6909, one_true_calling@hotmail.com, or Erin Stead, donations coordinator, at 250-708-0310, estead@hotmail.com.

With grateful appreciation,

Erin Stead
Belmont Leadership Class

PAC/SOCIETY REPORT November 6/07

The Belmont Athletics and Extra Curricular Society meeting was held October 24/07.

Last school year West Shore Physiotherapy had a raffle to raise money for equipment in the Weight Room. \$500.00 was raised. Ken Lowe is the teacher in charge of the weight room and is looking into purchasing a piece of equipment. PAC should send a letter of thanks to acknowledge their effort. Also could a thank you be put on the Belmont website?

Society will put money into the new reader board. They would like to know cost, etc. At this point a figure of \$3000.00 could possibly be put towards the sign.

Direct Access funds have been cut back to \$29000.00 from \$31000.00. Bingo funds are at 31000.00 and we still have 3 to 4 years left on this license.

The football team held a fundraising dance on the weekend and we obtained 2 raffle licenses for them. Have not heard how they did. The money from the raffles must be deposited in our account and we will then pay for whatever they decide to purchase for the team. This is really encouraging as the football program is extremely expensive to operate and any funds they can raise on their own is great. We encourage all teams or clubs to do the same.

I have attached a list of cheques written to date and a breakdown of where the money has been spent, total expenditures and commitments to Nov. 6/07. Also the "letter and the form to request funds from the Society" that is given out to teachers at the beginning of the school year.

Corrie Stevenson

Total Expenditures and Commitments to Nov.06/07

Basketball	5168.28
Volleyball	1811.07
Athletics General	326.20
Reg'n of teams	1227.00
Officiating	80.00
Music program	225.00
Scholarships	250.00
Impov. Club	450.00
Expenditures to and incl. Chq. 1094	<u>9537.55</u>

CHEQUES WRITTEN IN FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008

chq.#	Date	Amount	Recipient	Explanation
bal.fwd		0.00		
1070	19/09/07	4073.62	Big Kahuna Sport Co.	Uniforms- Sr. boys B-ball
1071	19/09/07	291.64	**Mike Toakley	Reimb. travel- Sr. girls V-ball
1072	19/09/07	250.00	*Courtney Fraser	Scholarship- top female
1073	19/09/07	754.66	Wilson Transport	Bus rental- Sr. girls B-ball
1074	19/09/07	392.90	Spank-it Volleyball	Equipment- Sr. girls V-ball
1075	26/09/07	1227.00	B.C. School Sports	Membership fee
1076	01/10/07	175.00	Camosun College	Tourn. fee- Sr. girls V-ball
1077	02/10/07	45.44	**Mike Toakley	Reimb. travel- Sr. girls V-ball
1078	02/10/07	160.00	V.I. Basketball Assoc.	Tourn. fee- Jr. boys B-ball
1079	02/10/07	180.00	Spectrum Comm. School	Tourn. fee- Jr. boys B-ball
1080	02/10/07	150.00	Camosun College	Tourn. fee- Sr. boys V-ball
1081	10/10/07	125.00	Timberline Sec.	Tourn. fee-Jr. boys V-ball
1082	10/10/07	150.00	Mt. Doug Sec.	Tourn. fee- Jr. boys V-ball
1083	10/10/07	175.00	Timberline Sec.	Tourn. fee- Sr. boys V-ball
1084	16/10/07	150.00	Francis Kelsey	Tourn.fee- Jr. boys V-ball
1085	16/10/07	225.00	Uvic	Bandfest reg. Music program
1086	23/10/07	223.20	**K. Harrington	Reimb. travel costs- Football
1087	23/10/07	78.00	Oak Bay Sec.	Reg. Track & field
1088	23/10/07	25.00	**Mike Toakley	Reimb. van rental- Sr. girls V-ball
1089	30/10/07	15.00	*Tiffany Evans	Reimb. reg. Fee- Track & Field Meet
1090	01/11/07	80.00	Mike Pletch	Referee costs- Sr. girls lacrosse
1091	01/11/07	10.00	Alberni Dist. Sen. Sec.	Membership fee- VISSSBBA
1092	01/11/07	66.00	**Ken Lowe	Reimb. travel costs- Jr. boys V-ball
		9022.46		

Belmont Secondary School
Environmental Club
Re: Donation for Fair Trade Café Request

Oct. 25th, 2007

To whom it may concern,

People often believe that current issues, such as global warming, increasing numbers of landfills, weather or not a farmer receives fair payment and animal treatment in test labs, does not affect them because what they can't see won't hurt them. However, students at Belmont have decided, they will no longer turn a blind eye; instead we took action by making our very own Environmental Group.

Environmental Groups main goal is to make the school and surrounding community a more environmentally friendly place through long and short term projects. Long term events include- District Wide Idle Free Zone (already in the process) Belmont Garden and a Fair Trade Café. Every member of the Environmental Group is required to be involved in one of the three long term events, with an assigned leader at each group. Short Term events may include- "Say no to Bottled Water" "Animal Testing" "Fur Free Clothing" "Energy Efficient Appliances". Every member must choose a partner and present on an issue of concern to them. The short term projects are only done every second week, allowing plenty of time for the long term projects.

Unfortunately, the long term goals-especially the Fair Trade Cafe will all need funding. The Fair Trade Café is looking to partner with local organic Fair Trade coffee and chocolate distributors to offer high quality fair trade products to our students and staff during lunch hours once/twice a week. We will offer bumper stickers, buttons and pamphlets from Transfair Canada to make students more aware of Fair Trade products, as well as encourage the use of reusable mugs rather than one-time use Styrofoam cups. As we are a student based group, we do not have the money to pay off the chocolate and coffee order until after we have received a profit. We were planning to pay from our own pocket, however were informed that any group that is based out of the timetable, where students do not receive credits for their participation, is able to request funds from PAC/ The Extra Curricular Society. Therefore, on behalf of Belmont's Environmental Group, we would like to ask for a donation of \$500. Any assistance you provide will go directly to the cause of advocating for Fair Trade with any extra money raised being directed to the efforts in creating a Belmont Garden.

Your help would be more than appreciated. We all need to do our part to preserve our precious mother Earth, the money given to Environmental Group would substantially aid in the longevity of the environmental around Belmont School and the community it touches. If you are able to donate please contact Tricia Hoffart, group leader, [one true calling@hotmail.com](mailto:one_true_calling@hotmail.com), (250)-516-6909.

Alanna Barrington
Donation Coordinator
Belmont high schools environmental group

On a final note: As David Suzuki once said: Although it may sometimes seem quite big, earth is really very small- a tiny blue and green oasis of life in a cold universe. If earth is so small then why would we not be able to conquer this; for our population is so great that every little bit, or chain reaction in environmental aid makes a much larger impact than we realize.