

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

September 10, 2007

	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
IN ATTENDANCE	Annemarie Holmwood, Kathy Middleton, Heidi Harms, Don Grant, Judy Szirmay, Janice Foulger, Charlene Burles, Danielle Driver, Corrie Stevenson, Stephanie Longstaff, Dianne Kanstrup	
CALL TO ORDER	7:07 pm	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Agenda was circulated and approved after addition of discussion of new sign under "New Business"	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of June 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Moved to be accepted by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Annemarie Holmwood. All in favour and passed.	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<p>Dianne Kanstrup reviewed last minutes re approved spending – benches, Kindness Crew (Dr. Grant will investigate the booking of Kindness Crew). Fans were purchased for every room in the school.</p> <p>A brief Prom update was given by Diane Stout.</p> <p>Goldstream Gazette gave us a \$600 spot in the paper at a cost of only \$400 (every student in attendance at awards night was in photos). Valedictorian speech was also included. Gift certificate and a bouquet of flowers was presented to Julie Sahota.</p> <p>Constitution rewrite attached. Each person elected to PAC will be asked to sign the statement of understanding at the back of the Constitution. A copy will be held in the current minutes.</p> <p>Thank you was received from foods department for the camera.</p> <p>Complimentary JdeF Rec centre tickets were also received and the new PAC will decide on the disbursement of the tickets.</p> <p>Information was received from the Legion regarding competition for English, Art and Social Studies departments for Nov. 11th.</p> <p>BC Teacher's Federation brochure.</p> <p>Career Fair flyer (Dec. 6th at Victoria Conference Centre). Form for pre-registration for parents wishing to attend.</p> <p>SPEAC info re future learning (Dr. Cameron) at Isabelle Reader.</p> <p>BCCPAC membership information.</p>	<p>Dr. Grant</p> <p>New PAC</p> <p>New PAC</p> <p>New PAC</p> <p>New PAC</p>
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Last year's treasurer has moved to Ottawa (Nel Keath-Humphrey). An update of current account status was not available for this meeting.</p> <p>One time grant account was spent and account closed. The role of the Society was explained for new attendees – Society receives bingo and gaming funds, PAC receives kick back money from Gibson photos. PAC liaison to Society.</p>	

PAC/SOCIETY REPORT	Society has nothing yet to report to PAC, there will be a report for the next meeting.	
SPEAC	Parent involvement in schools info on web. SPEAC membership fee to increase to \$50. New president is Georgia Tran. SPEAC meeting at schools in the district and sending information to all partner groups to ask for agenda items. Next meeting – teacher refusing to test grade 3 student discussion and early intervention for reading.	
SPC REPORT	Teachers still have a spot on SPC although BCTF choosing not to have teachers plan for school for next year. Goals – Communication, Transition, Diverse learning needs Survey on Communication emailed to Belmont, Dunsmuir and Spencer (592 responses, 400 within 2 weeks, 300 Belmont parents, 100 students, 10 staff members) – overall students proud of school, parents noted overcrowding, band and sports awareness high, other courses not so well known, parents would like to receive email from school on a weekly ba	Dr.Grant
FRENCH IMMERSION REPORT	Not available at this meeting.	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Thank you to attendees. Difficult to get parents at meeting, spread word to other parents to attend. Smooth start to school year considering short clerical staff. Tone of the school is very good. Report attached with detail noted. Fairway Market has withdrawn support for Club Grad. Sept.12 th Learning Spaces consultation meeting. Administration and CUPE all getting same presentation. Question re how do trades students learn announcements? Question re bussing to Belmont from Metchosin? Answer – both are being looked into. Kindness Crew will be followed regarding booking arrangements Question re front garden clean up (bench is overgrown) Answer – facilities will be contacted for work order Question re Meet the Teacher night, will there be counseling info and can PAC have a hand out for sign up Answer – councilors will have info prepared for handout and PAC can have a hand out for parent sign up	Dr.Grant Dr.Grant Dr.Grant
PROM REPORT	Brief report was given earlier. Grade 12 parents will appear later in the year to form the committee. The committee are obligated to report to PAC at every meeting.	New Prom committee

NEW BUSINESS	Discussion regarding electronic reader board (such as Colwood fire hall). Society does not want to spend that much money on one item. Stephanie Longstaff would like to get community support to sponsor a board with the Society topping up the cost (appr cost would be between \$6,000-\$15,000). This will be a decision for the new PAC.	New PAC
ELECTIONS	President – Stephanie Longstaff, nominated & accepted. Vice-President – Annemarie Holmwood, nominated & accepted. Secretary – Kathy Middleton, nominated & accepted. Treasurer – Charlene Burles, nominated & accepted. SPEAC Rep – no nomination from the floor – will remain open and Stephanie Longstaff will take on filling the position. Belmont Athletic Society Rep – Corrie Stevenson, nominated & accepted. SPE – Heidi Harms, nominated & accepted. Communications – Janice Foulger, nominated & accepted.	
Questions	Questions and discussion regarding student activity fees, regarding not allowing students to receive a locker until fees paid. Advised that all students get a locker as available, the fee is for the agenda. Envelope needs to be reworded to explain that more clearly, most feel it implies a locker fee. MOTION – moved by Stephanie Longstaff, seconded by Charlene Burles that PAC request Belmont administration to send an email to amend the wording on student envelopes to clarify that fees are not required for lockers. All in favour, passed.	Dr. Grant
OLD BUSINESS	Healthy Foods initiative – Marilyn would like to encourage new PAC to keep up the healthy foods initiative. Health Clinic – Steve Jones is liaison. Marilyn has info to pass along. District, Board and VIHA are on board. Funding and hiring are being worked on – now at a different level beyond Belmont. Thank you to Dianne Kanstrup, Marilyn Roebuck and Diane Stout for their PAC service.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Diane Stout
Secretary

Dianne Kanstrup / Marilyn Roebuck
Co-Presidents