

**Belmont Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**April 21, 2009**  
**Belmont Secondary School**

**In Attendance:** Janice Foulger, Don Grant, Caroline Bailey, Carol Brown, Stephanie Longstaff, Jennifer Harris, Barb Shalkowsky, Charlene Burles, Kathy Middleton, Corrie Stevenson

**Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Stephanie, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Corrie - Approved

**Business Arising:**

**a) Sign:** Stephanie has been in touch with the Leadership class and has asked for 2 or 3 students to help with in-put. If no students are interested, then do we want to proceed with this? Letter to Board not completed yet.

**b) Drivewise:** Conversation wrt RCMP/P.A.R.T.Y./ Simulator. **DON** to check with Mr Dick Juhasz, RCMP and Drivewise would they partner for the Grad class. Don then to e-mail **Janice** with findings.

**c) PAC letter :** Alison to talk to clinic Dr. to find out what kind of support they'd like from PAC - a letter of support from PAC stating that we feel the clinic is an invaluable addition to the school and provides a much needed service to the students.

**REPORTS:**

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Grant reported on the following:

1. Music – Apr 2-4 – Van Island Concert Band Festival; Apr 16 – West Coast Choir Festival; West Coast Jazz Festival coming up Apr 30 – May 2.
2. Dance cancelled ....no interest in Dances at Belmont at this point. Next year the leadership class to do a survey. The DJ had to be paid.
3. The Valedictorian candidate was chosen today. Four candidates spoke and the Grade 12 voted for Sean Robertson.
4. Scholarship Committee had its first meeting.
5. Dr. Grant taking 1 year leave of absence. \*\*
6. Shop lockers are in. Thank you to the PAC for their support to the Auto shop.
7. Time table for next year being worked on. Change to 4 blocks per day versus the 5 that we have now.
8. 22 classes are taking part in a Cancer Questionnaire. The classes will be given \$25.00 each for completing the questionnaire and they have decided to donate the money back to the Cancer Society.

\*\*Janice, on behalf of the PAC thanked Don for all his hard work over the past three years.

**President's Report:** - regrets - no report.

**Treasurers Report:** - \$5505.45 in the account.

Cheque received from Drivewise for students signing up. Not included in balance.

Thank you again from Carol Brown for the membership to the Canadian Parents for French Immersion

**Communications** – regrets - no report – Janice to contact Alison via e-mail. Update web page.  
( Old business) Alison to contact Dr. Lee & Ms Truett re: clinic.

**Society Report:** - no report – AGM last month

**SPEAC/BCCPAC Report:** Elections next month. Document wrt PACs on webpage.

**SPC Report:** Don – SPC has had problems getting together for a meeting. People have been ill. The Committee will conduct business via email until we need to sign the actual document. Don is putting together the plan for the Comm to review based on previous discussions.

**French Immersion Report;** Survey at Lakewood and Millstream – no French immersion for this coming year, but possibly for 2010/2011.

Spring break this coming year....a trip to France.

AGM – 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.....Some else is interested in becoming President

**Prom Report:** No report - there was an e-mail sent out asking for Parent Volunteers. Danielle Preston has sent an update to be included into the minutes.

### **New Business:**

#### **1) Public Consultation Meeting “Future of Secondary Schools on the Westshore”**

The current Plan; Replace Belmont with two new secondary schools:

Langford (New Belmont) 1100 students

Colwood (Royal Bay) 800 students

Use former Glen Lake site in Langford and newly acquired Royal Bay site in Colwood to build the new schools. To help fund this project, the District would need to sell the Belmont property. The Board of Education invites you to this meeting to share your views on the sale of the Belmont property to help fund this plan.

The district is holding a series of meetings on this subject:

Monday, April 20, 6:45 at Spencer

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. at John Stubbs

Monday, April 27, 7 p.m. at Dunsmuir

The presentation has also been made to the City of Langford Council on April 6 and will also be given to the City of Colwood's "School District Liaison Committee" on April 23, 7 p.m. at Colwood City Hall.

May 7<sup>th</sup> @ Belmont –BBQ by leadership students. In the planning stage - Janice to ask the Superintendent wrt getting the info out earlier so parents can make plans to attend.

**2) Scholarships** – Ettie Catto; Event will be June 11/ 09 They have no operating budget and have asked for \$500.00.

**MOTION;** to support this event PAC to give \$500.00 (Stephanie) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlene.....Approved.

They have also asked that the PAC President , **Heidi**, give a special message of congratulations to the students and their parents in recognition of the students' accomplishments.

**3) Belmont Bursary** - Stephanie; motion to support Bursaries for \$500.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlene.....Approved.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you card from Nadine Nicholson re; Diversity day.

**BCCPAC resolutions** – Stephanie suggested giving our votes to Karen Cole. Discussion – One member abstained from voting.

**MOTION:** by Caroline, Belmont PAC to send their BCCPAC proxy vote to Karen Coles and Kelly Dvorak. 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlene

Motion approved.

**Stephanie** to bring forms to Janice for Signature.

**PROM:** Motion from Stephanie that the President may approve up to \$1500.00 to be spent on Prom keepsakes if required. 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline. Approved.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm**

Kathleen Middleton,  
Recording Secretary

Janice Foulger  
Acting President

## Report to Belmont PAC – April 28, 2009

### **Communication:**

The Facebook page is up and running and seems to be a valuable tool in getting information out to the students. There is also a notice board at the school and regular emails are being sent home to families.

### **Theme / Tickets:**

The theme is "A Night in Paris". Ticket design has been selected and is being sent to the printers this week. Price has been established @ \$60 per ticket for grads and guests. This will pay for the expenses and allow a small budget for purchasing door prizes as the donations this year have been far less than previous years.

### **Venue:**

Décor 'n More (Connie Smith) has been hired this year as the decorator. Her quote was for \$2,358.44 and a deposit of \$589.61 has been paid to date leaving a balance owing of \$1,768.83.

In addition, Décor 'n More will be working with Island Displays. Island Displays will be providing walls for the decks to accommodate the casino and various other items. Their quote was \$1,564.28 and a deposit of \$391.07 has been paid to date leaving a balance owing of \$1,173.21.

The ballroom will be set up in a "cabaret" style with booths rather than tables. The current layout provides 23 booths of various sizes for a total of 226 seats. Each booth is able to accommodate more people than the actual chairs present. It is our hope that this will provide more students with a "home base" from which they can enjoy the evening. This layout will also allow for a larger dance floor than last year (approximately 28' x 28').

### **Guests:**

As of the deadline there were 121 requests for guests. It is my understanding that there have been additional requests but those are being held at the office because they did not meet the deadline. If there is available room, those requests may be allowed.

The tickets are being sold on a first come first served basis. I have a call into Bear Mountain to find out the maximum under fire regulations based on our proposed layout. This will determine how many guests are allowed to attend.

### **Booked:**

Photographers: VIP Studios (cost borne by students not part of prom expense.

Envelopes will be provided by VIP Studios and handed out with tickets)

Music: Sensational Sound \$708.75 (\$200 deposit paid balance due May 10<sup>th</sup>)

Casino: Monte Carlo is sizing up the venue based on the current seating location and will provide me with comments

### **Fundraising:**

Christmas Candy Grams raised \$153

Grad Wear: Mrs. Arkell's Entrepreneurship class has been selling "Grad Wear" and she kindly agreed to donate the profits to prom. I received a call from Mrs. Arkell. It turns out their profit was about \$300.00. She asked if we still wanted the money. I thanked her and respectfully declined. Our finances are such that the money could probably be better used elsewhere.

Bottle Drop raised \$905.96.

Gotcha Game raised approximately \$240. There were apparently some issues with the Gotcha game. Some businesses and families were concerned about the vigor with which students pursued other students. The students have proposed another game. The school has approved the request. I am not sure though when the game is scheduled.

Smile Cards: Thrifty Foods has increased our eligible amount from \$2000 to \$3000. Our eligibility period still ends on May 30. To date we have earned \$2,470.66.

Raffle: March 13th was the first draw and April 24<sup>th</sup> was the second. Tickets sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The March draw raised \$104.00 and the April draw raised \$101.00 for a total of \$205.00. The draws were not very successful. I expect that with more promotion they could have raised more... something to consider for next year.

Black & Lee and Capital City Tuxedos: For every tux or suit fitting (over \$100 in value) by April 24th, Black and Lee and Capital City will donate \$10 to our prom. To date we have received \$100.00 from Capital City Tuxedos

Cindy Piga from Ma Millers Pub has agreed to collect any beer bottles or beer cans and provide the funds to Belmont for the prom. So, if you have any beer bottles or beer cans (no other returnables please) and would like to drop them off at Ma Millers, please tell Cindy they are for Belmont and she will be sure the funds get forwarded to us.

### **Slideshow:**

The slideshows will no longer be a fundraising event. A copy will be provided to all grads free of charge. The organizers will be including prom pictures on the slideshow so it will be available to the grads closer to the end of the year.

### **Keepsakes:**

The students have ordered key chains. The cost was \$1,422.40.

**Door Prizes:**

Theresa Gilbert is organizing the door prizes.

**Proposed Budget to Date:**

Please see attached budget sheet.