

Belmont Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
January 13, 2009
Belmont Secondary School

In Attendance: Janice Foulger, Danielle Preston, Dr. Don Grant, Janet Cooke, Phoebe Trueit (RN) Dr. Jennifer Lee (Youth Clinic), Corrie Stevenson, Carol Brown, Anne Harry, Allison Harle, Barb Shalkowsky, Caroline Bailey, Kathy Middleton.

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Dr. Don Grant introduced Dr. Jen Lee and Pheobe Trueit from the Victoria Youth Clinic at Belmont. They reported that they have had 153 visits since they opened this year. With a total number of 70 patients. The clinic is open Wednesday afternoon for 4 hours.

Approval of Agenda: It was agreed to move the Prom Report to the beginning of the agenda. The amended agenda was accepted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 9 2008 were accepted. Thank you very much to Janice Foulger for taking and compiling last months minutes

Business Arising:

Sign: Barb - Langford Official is on holidays until early February. He thinks there will be a change to the height bylaw.

Shop Lockers; Heidi – with the Tech Ed money and the PACs \$1000. plus what Dr. Grant can add, there is enough money for the lockers.

Reports:

Prom Report: Danielle –

- Handed out. Items reported on;
- Contract with Bear Mountain
- Photographers booked
- Decorators to submit plans and décor
- Fundraising going slowly
- Theme for Prom “ A Night in Paris”

Dr. Grant to check with the Counselling Suite with regards to Students who actually grad in January are they still entitled to Prom and Grad in June?

A Prom meeting is scheduled for week of Jan 19 – 23.

Principal's Report: Handed out Items reported on;

- End of term 2 – Wed. Jan 21.
- In School exams Jan 22 and 23
- Provincial Exams Jan 26 – 30
- Grad photos Jan 22 – Feb 13
- Second Semester starts Feb, 2

Valentine's Dance Feb. 10th 7:00 – 11:00 pm. Semi Formal, \$10.00 per student. There will be tickets for 200 Gr 12, 100 Gr 11 and 100 Gr 10 students. We will need at least 20 parent volunteers.

Timetable Update; Amended version has been presented to Staff. Feedback is due Friday. Vast majority of schools use only 4 block per day.

There will be a Meet the Teacher night for 2nd Semester.

President's Report: - Heidi - asked if with the school autodialer could we include special guests/presentations etc. Don to check with Sylvia.

Heidi also asked Dr Grant to check with regard to the autodialer absences who or how do you reply or ask questions. Should we be phoning the office?

There is a big push for letter writing to Shirley Bond for new high schools and why the new school is required. Perhaps this should be on the "PAC" website not the school link .

Treasurer's Report:- Charlene - No Report

Communications – Alison – No Report

Society Report – Corrie – Teams haven't spent all monies yet.

Band allotted \$12,000.00 and have only spent \$2000.00

SPEAC Report – Anne – Last meeting was small. We have a new board with Wendy Hobbs as chair.

Ron Warder talked about the new schools moving slowly, there will be better funding for staff training and the supply budget will be increased.

Teachers worried about students leaving the district.

SPC Report: Heidi – No report. Meeting to be next Tuesday, Jan 20.

French Immersion Report: - Carol- No report for Belmont.

There is a possibility for a new kindergarten class. Perhaps at Millstream.

New Business:

1) DriveWise Canada - an e-mail sent to Heidi from DriveWise B.C. DriveWise has a new program where students signing up for their program they will donate \$25.00 back to the PAC.

Correspondence: PAC received a Christmas card from Dr. Grant and the staff.

Thank you very much.

Meeting adjourned 8:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm

Kathleen Middleton
Recording Secretary

Heidi Harms
President