

## **Belmont Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Held at Belmont Secondary School**

**Sept 16, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Stephanie Longstaff, Janice Foulger, Don Grant, Barb Shalkowsky, Annemarie Holmwood, Kathy Middleton, Heidi Harms, Charlene Burles, Caroline Bailey, Corrie Stevenson, Alison Harle, Janet Cooke, Cindy Morley, Kim Marsh, Dana Cunningham, Anne Harray, Jennifer Harris,

**Call to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Caroline Bailey Annemarie Holmwood Passed

**Approval of Minutes:** Heidi Harms Janice Foulger Passed

### **Business Arising:**

- a) **Challenge Day** – this item deemed too expensive and taken off agenda.
- b) **Benches** - Item completed and removed from agenda.
- c) **Tutorial block** – Don Grant – Idea has been sent to Staff Committee and has not been returned. Don Grant to attend Staff Committee meeting next week and ask for update.
- d) **Locker and fee issue** – Dr. Grant- this is to offset cost of repairs etc to lockers. \$50.00 text book fee a one time fee as there is no program in place for recovery of cost.

### **REPORTS:**

**Presidents Report – Dances** – Dr. Grant and the student council through the leadership classes are looking into this. Issues to work through are numbers, grades, Parent/teacher involvement RCMP to monitor. Maybe 3 dances this year.

Snacks for meetings- Do we wish supplied from the foods class? Voted....Yes, but with healthy eating in mind. Passed.

**Treasurer Report** – Charlene – Handed out and attached.

**Communication** –Janice- New website. Belmont has a new website developed by teacher Miriam Vos-Guenter. It's very user-friendly and contains a lot of great information. The PAC has a link at the top of the page.

**Society Report (BAECS)** – **Corrie**- Belmont Athletic & Extra Curricular Society Rep; nothing new to report.

**SPEAC/ BCCPAC Report** - Georgina Tran is the SPEAC President this year. For more info on BCCPAC, go to [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca). Stephanie reported that we are registered and the next SPEAC meeting is Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. The December will be held at Belmont in the Library.

**SPC Report** - Heidi – Next Planning meeting week of Sept 22-26 . Class size report not available until next week.

**Principals Report** - Handed out – attached. *(see page 3 below)*

**French Immersion Report – Carol Brown-** not available. Registration form for Canadian Parents for French Immersion (CFP) membership not received.

**Prom Report** - No one to oversee this item yet. There is no venue booked for this year. Last years liason and Stephanie looked at the new Sheraton Hotel in Langford, but it also is too small for our use.

**Don Grant** to call for an Emergency Prom meeting for next week.

#### **New Business**

- a) Elections; as follows..
  - President – Chair – Heidi Harms
  - Vice President – Janice Foulger
  - Secretary – Kathy Middleton
  - Treasurer – Charlene Burles
  - SPEAC - Anne Harray
  - Stephanie Longstaff
  - Society – Corrie Stevenson
  - SPC – Heidi Harms
  - Communications – Alison Harle

All elected have been given a copy of the Belmont PAC Constitution & By-Laws. Everyone is to read and then sign the Statement of Understanding. Signed statements will be filed with the minutes and agendas for the year.

- b) New sign – to be moved to old business
- c) SPC Election process – discussed
- d) Mandatory 30 min activities for students - **Dr Grant** provided information and said there is a link to DPA on the school's website. Dr. Grant will check out the Gateway program at Metchosin School to find out how those students will meet the requirements.
- e) Register for BCCPAC and SPEAC -
- f) Big Brothers / Big Sisters it was noted that a student mentor program is underway with Ruth King and Wishart schools.

Thank you to Stephanie and Annemarie for their dedication and help over the past 3 years.

## Meeting adjourned Janice and Carolyn

**NEXT MEETING Oct 21, 7 pm**

Kathleen Middleton  
*Recording secretary*

Heidi Harms  
*President*

### ***PAC***

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### ***Principal's Report***

1. Start Up - Went smoothly ....Student Pop = 1423 (Including Intl's); 70 + international students this year. The have been included int the Leadership class this year. Grade 10/441  
Grade 11/524 Grade 12/458
- 2) New Teachers – Justin Dean – Motor Mech; Brian Dube – Eng/Soc; Micheline Firth – Foods; Darla Goetz – IS( Integrated support)/Pre-Employ; Rosanne Legassicke – FI; Natalie Handy – Counselling; Mandart Chan – Music (Kopan) Bert Haupt – Woods ; Linda Kember – Drama (Unger); Erin Pope – IS; Rachael Sandberg – Cosmotology
- 3) Leadership – School Council
- 4) School Dances – in the works
- 5) Police Liason – Due to start Oct 6. We will have a community plainclothes reserve officer working with Belmont and Edward Milne schools.
- 6) Meet the Teacher Evening – tomorrow at 7:00 pm
- 7) Athletics : V'ball, X-Country; Football; Boys Soccer, Rowing, Football game Mount Doug vs Belmont at Royal Athletic Park
- 8) Check out our website.

Other discussions on the following:

- Daily Physical Activity - discussion
- Health Nurse – at the school Tuesdays
- Medical centre to continue – Talk of adding a Mental Health Professional.
- Grade 12 Assembly – on Grad Ceremony – Put to the students and run a referendum.
- Reminder to students they are to park in the students' parking lot NOT in front of the school.