

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

**Oct 20, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Kathy Middleton, Heidi Harms, Cheryl Bowlier, Alison Harle, Janice Foulger, Carol Brown, Sue Robinson, Anne Harray, Jennifer Whitehouse-Parker, Donna Bird, Karen Lambeth, Andi Hardy, Caroline Bailey, Cathy Johnston, Carol Fuller, Cliff McCollum, Carl Repp, Marie Thompson

**Call to Order/Introductions :** 7:00

**Approval of Agenda:** Passed

**Approval of Minutes:** Passed

**Business Arising:**

**a) Sign ;** The PAC executive appreciate all the research and work that have gone into this by the PAC committee, faculty, and students. At this time we feel that this should be put aside.

**REPORTS:**

**Presidents Report :** Mr Carl Repp –

**Club Grad-** over 200 Belmont students and over 1000 students city wide attended Silver City (they ran out of food and security was not great)

**Coffee House-** the Leadership and Music students

150 folding chairs, and 10 round tables have been purchased for events

**Scholarship Meetings** – Last Wednesday and two more to come.

**1<sup>st</sup> Look (Interim)** – reports went out - e-mail notice will be sent out in future

**Reports Cards** – will be out 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. marks to close off before Remembrance Day.

**School Update** – Possible notice in Nov.

**Bill 33** – class size, IEPs, over 300 designated students.

**Bomb Threat Trauma and Loss of Student** - there are emergency plans and e-mails will keep parents up to date.

**Presidents Report:** Heidi Harms

Continual recruitment for next year

**Treasurer Report** – Charlene – No report. We received \$250.00 from Drivewise

**Communication** – Alison – No report

**Society Report (BAECS)** – Cathy – No meetings yet No report

**SPEAC/ BCCPAC Report** - Anne – Funding cuts, Looking to do a rally at Legislature, Teachers support Rally and CUPE support.

**SPC Report** - Heidi – School to elect 2 other parents from the school.

**New Business**

1) **Prom/Grad** - Pam Joyce (sick) Grad will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at UVic. As usual, 2 ceremonies will be required. We have 400 Grad gowns and 471 Grads. Cost will be approx. \$67.00 per student.

2) **“BC Awards Online”** website has been discontinued because the Prov. Govt. has pulled the funding for it. The Ministry contracted this service to SD 61 - SD 61 ran the website and kept it updated. It was a wonderful resource for **all grade 12 students in the Province** to research dozens and dozens and dozens of scholarship and bursary opportunities. Now that it's gone it's going to mean a lot more work and stress for our grade 12 students (and future ones) to seek out scholarships.

**Superintendent looking into this item.**

3) interim report notification - e-mail will go out from now on.

4) 80 min blocks .. **Does the SPC plan to do any enquiries about the 80 min blocks?** Yes, given time probably Jan.

5) Has Carl done anything about the SPC. What are the dates? This item is being worked on.

6) At our October DPAC meeting, the DPAC representative from one of our secondary schools told us about a very successful sports rally the PAC held in September to recruit volunteer team managers and coaches. *This looks like a great team effort between staff and parents. I thought you might want to share with your PAC and your principal.*

For anyone who is interested, there is a post with details on the SD42 DPAC blog: <http://wp.me/pDuLF-13> Discussed.

7) **Dance** – Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

**Correspondence:**

**BCCPAC** – copy of Our Voice  
Registration for PAC

**NOTE: The next PAC meeting will be held Monday Nov 16, 7:00 pm**

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING Monday Nov 16, 7:00 pm**

**Kathleen Middleton**  
Recording secretary

**Heidi Harms**  
President