

Parents' Advisory Council (PAC)
General Meeting Minutes
Belmont Secondary School

September 20, 2016

1. Call to Order/Introductions

7:00 pm Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Waller Seconded/Sieben Carried

3. Approval of June minutes

Tabled to October meeting

4. Current Business

Discussion of PAC gaming funds

Usually receive notice from the Gaming Branch by first week of October

A few items not handled the way Gaming Branch would like to see them handled therefore there were some adjustments made over the summer

Moving forward we must have all original receipts available to submit to Gaming Branch

Gaming Summary Report for last year still needs to be submitted to the Gaming Branch

Kelly and Barb met with the teachers to explain the process for submitting teacher requests to PAC

No specific guiding principles currently in place as to allocation of funds

Discussions regarding how to create guidelines so that funding is allocated to teachers for the benefit of all students and not just specific groups

PAC has revamped the form that groups submit so that PAC can do partial funding for a specific item if the groups are also fundraising for that item

PAC does not want to fund things retroactively

It was suggested that a group meet outside of the regular PAC meeting to establish the guidelines

Other Possible PAC Events

Marina has some ideas. Tabled to October meeting

5. Emergency Preparedness

Miller:

School needs to start the process by meeting with the City of Langford to see what plan and support they already have in place and then the school can work with The City's plan, the Community and PAC to establish a plan for Belmont

Looking at a composite building where we could have a recycle/earthquake supplies storage

Mr. Miller will start the concept with the City of Langford

Melanie reported that SPEAC wants to establish district wide guidelines

6. Correspondence

Bank Statements received over the summer

7. Principal's Report

Miller:

One of best start ups experienced. Tag helped with the system

School is full

Might see portables at Belmont in a few years. The school was built with the concept to install four portables down the road

New parents report liking the website

Parents report liking "This Week in the Dog House" which brought the concept of better communicating with students and caused the Belmont APP to be created. The goal is to mainstream communication with the newsletter and APP being the two main tools

Wellness Centre opened September 9th. There are two public health nurses, a nurse practitioner, doctor and mental health and substance counselors available to the students. In TAG they will share with the students what is available to them in the Wellness Centre. The Wellness Centre is for all youth in the area not just Belmont students

Neighborhood Learning Centre now has a link on the school's website. The tenants are Camosun College, Daycare, Wellness Centre and Westshore Parks. Mr. Miller is working with Westshore Parks to try and get some programs offered in their space such as yoga

Glad Tidings Church rents space in the school on Sunday mornings

Mr. Miller was asked whether the school has a connection with the YMCA. Mr. Miller advised that there are programs in place right now such as a lifesaving course and there are lots of ideas in the works for the future including a community garden class

Welcome Back Night planned for September 28th. 6:00 pm open house, 6:30 assembly which will include introducing the PAC President and Vice President, 7:00 run through the blocks

8. President's Report

Darwin:

Looking for feedback on PAC meeting start times. 7:00 pm start time was well received

9. Treasurer's Report

Tabled to October meeting

10. Prom

Miller:

Darlene is planning Prom for her fifth year

Last year Prom was split with Royal Bay

Royal Bay is doing their own Prom this year

Question - can we afford the same format without Royal Bay

Waiting for the first Prom meeting to determine whether to move forward using the same model

Would rather see donations instead of fundraising to cover costs

Discussions regarding whether it would be feasible to have Grad in the gym instead of at UVic

11. SPEAC Report

Armstrong:

All parents welcome to attend SPEAC meetings

PAC 101 night coming up in October. Time, date and location TBA

It is a good opportunity to meet parents from other PACs in the district

SPEAC meets at a different school in the district every month. If you are not able to attend in person you can remote in and watch the meeting online

SPEAC hosts parent education meetings once a month. Melanie will let parents know as they come up

Ray asked Melanie to forward the Parent Education information to him to put in "This Week in the Dog

House". Ray also indicated that Belmont is interested in hosting the Parent Education meetings

SPEAC is working on district wide Health and Safety guidelines

12. New Business

13. Motion to Adjourn

8:09 pm

Moved/Blondeau

Carried

Next meeting Tuesday, October 4th, at 7:00 pm