

## **Parents' Advisory Council (PAC)**

### General Meeting Minutes

Belmont Senior Secondary School

March 7, 2017

1. Call to Order and Introductions - 7:02pm
2. Approval of Agenda  
M/Sieben S/Armstrong Carried

3. Current Business:

For Information: Proposed increase to baseball/softball academy, review of fee envelope and extra fees. Baseball/ Softball was \$550 now \$685 to cover costs, cheaper than Lambrick.

Constitution and Bylaw Update: Lawyer was supposed to come but couldn't make it. He has all the working documents.

Emergency Preparedness:

SPEAC Emergency planning meetings are last tuesday or wednesday of every month. The group has drafted a list of essential supplies, one master list for all levels of schools, and they have been invited to give that list to Jim Cambridge so he can cost it. He agrees in theory it should be a ministry issue. There is a lot of discussion focussed on who will pay for supplies, ie: School Boards, PAC's. There are different thoughts on this. It would be a benefit to use the school board to purchase, bulk buy discounts. Once emergency supplies is done, we are looking to put together informational tools for PAC's and parents. If parents lobby the school board for funding it may become more of a priority. There is lots of new equipment available not just for earthquakes but also lockdowns. Want to be wary of the cycle of investing and losing supplies, need to figure out who should be responsible for that.

Department Head Meeting:

Priority is health and safety. Rehearsed fire/lockdown/early dismissal drills. We are waiting for SPEAC to do their work and will head off from there.

4. Correspondence:

For Information, letter for School Board: Section 177 (handed out when people are creating a disturbance and don't go to the school) has been changed. There is now an appeal process and a three month expiry.

Jennifer Howard: wrote offering to come and speak to school about the fentanyl crisis. Lengthy discussion, agreed the speaker is not right for Belmont but Ray committed to looking into other options to approach this issue with students.

5. Reports:

Ray Miller (Principal): Need to work on School goals. Existing goal is increased school belonging. We've done well, should we look at new goals. Maybe we want to keep this goal and add something to it around mental health.

Treasurer's Report:

PAC funds \$17,000 in bank. \$8,000 is saved, all current requests have been paid and were under approved budget. There were some requests from one of the coaches but Ken stepped in and said no they need to stick to the budget. 50% of PAC funds go to athletics.

6. New Business:

Goal Planning: will review responses next meeting then set up a planning meeting.

7. Motion to Adjourn:

M/Pittroff      S/Pritchard      Carried