**Beach Grove Elementary School**

**Parents’ Advisory Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday September 13**

**Present:**

Alyson Brennan, Megan Reid, Andre Reid, David Hirst, Stacy Huntley, Mark Semple, Niki Gilmour (teacher rep), Rick Hall (principal), Christine Miele, Leigh Ratcliff, Marie Zampini, Natania Mattaney, Joe Muego, Brenda Tomicki, Nancy Beveridge, Gina Muego, Jane Swinglehurst, Kim Blackwood, Kate Coulson, Kara Eade, Colleen Orr, Deb Berrellamp, Tracey Oldham

**Regrets:**

Michelle Fincham

**Call to Order:**

* The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

**Adoption of Agenda**:

* Moved by Megan Reid and seconded by Alyson Brennan – *carried unanimously*

**Adoption of the Minutes:**

* Moved by Joe Muego and seconded by Gina Muego – *carried unanimously*

**Principal’s Update**

* School Start up
* Definitely a challenge with teacher contracts, ministry decisions, and changes in classroom composition
* Understandably stressful for students, but kids seem to be happy and things have been moving forward smoothly
* Cross Country Running Club
* Starts up next week
* Organized by Mr. Hall, Mrs. Cougal, and Mrs. Skinner
* Grades 2-7 Tues/Thurs mornings at 8 am
* Boundary Bay cross country meet September 29th
* Terry Fox Run
* Takes place next week
* Attempt to put more of a positive spin on the Terry Fox story so that kids can see that there are many survivors of cancer
* Meet the Teacher Night
* Next Wednesday
* Informal meeting between teachers, parents, and students
* About 30 min long and will end with the year-end video in the gym
* Individual Student Photos September 27th
* Sex ed. Program happening October 3rd and 4th
* Dr. Randy Wiebe and Saleema Noon program
* Parent information night October 2nd
* Program is specifically geared to each age group
* Parents have the option to opt children out
* Notices will be coming home soon
* Tennis XL
* Possibility of tennis lessons at school in April
* 4 lessons at $8/student
* possibly funded by school cultural fund?
* New classroom composition
* Class size allowances have been brought down
* No limit on “tagged” student designation before, now the limit is 3 tagged students per classroom
* Delta School District has had a lot of success with tagged students
* EA support funding is down – school had 7 EAs and now only has 3

**Chair’s Update**

* AGM Meeting
* Next PAC meeting
* Election of officers
* Alyson will be stepping down as PAC Chair – she will not be leaving PAC, but will be focusing more on playground development and feels it is time for someone else to step up to this position
* Playground Update
* Will be done in phases as we wait for matching grant
* Some money in PAC budget will be used to start landscaping
* Our playground matching grant position is being bumped down due to lack of funding
* Playground piece that we want Is $75, 000
* Possibility of getting a speaker on substance abuse, social media, etc.
* Request funds from DPAC to have some parent information talks

**Vice Chair’s Update**

No Update

**Treasurer’s Update**

* Andre Reid was elected last year as treasurer – now has signing power
* See attached budget
* Last year PAC underspent budget and overspent fundraising (good thing!)
* Approx $50, 000 in bank right now
* New budget will be made before next PAC meeting/AGM
* Matching grant of $35,000 should be put aside – proposal to put this money in a high interest trust

**Teachers’ Update**

* Streams of Dreams
* PAC cultural fund money from last year will be used to purchase wooden fish for students to paint, which will be placed on school chain link fence
* Painted by students Sept 20th and 21st
* Installed Sept 25th – asking for parent volunteers to help with installation
* Asking parents for $2 per student

**DPAC Update**

* Parks and Rec Pass
* Available again for grades 5-8
* $5 per student – allows them to access all Parks and Rec drop in programs
* Playground Grant
* Because of change in government, uncertainty as to whether Corp of Delta will match playground grant – might offload to upper level govt
* Might mean we need to work quickly on a new strategy with playground funding
* Frasier Health
* Works in partnership with school district
* Many informational resources for families – immunization, emergency room info, mental health, substance abuse, how to deal with issues of growing children, etc.

**Committee and Program Update**

* **Fun Lunch**
* Stacey Huntley and Carrie Black are new Fun Lunch Heads – they will deal with buying and implementing while Nancy Beveridge will continue to deal with technology
* Will continue to be pizza once a month, but with 4 additional Fun Lunches
* Biggest school fundraiser
* Possibility of adding hot dogs as an option and eliminating water bottles to cut down on waste
* Trying to continue with healthier options as well – whole wheat buns, veggies, etc
* Possibility of enlisting help of grade 7’s as volunteers
* **Traffic & Safety**
* Dave Hirst is head of Traffic and Safety
* Crosswalk change has been a big improvement
* Walk to School Day will start up next month
* Possibility of removable posts rather than chain in front of school
* Grade 5 crossing guards start training on Monday
* **Adult Social**
* **Spring Fair**
* **Bingo Night**
* **Movie Night**
* **Spellathon**
* Suggestion to send an email/handout home with students asking parents to step up to head important fundraisers at the school
* Minimum for 2 parents needed for each event
* Need heads of these committees to be in charge of organizing these events, with PAC support of course

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