

# **Balmoral PAC Meeting Minutes**



October 19, 2009

Attendance: 10

Meeting Called to order at 7:00PM

## **1. Welcome and introductions**

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

### **Approval of September 21, 2009 minutes - Passed**

Moved by Mark Heieis; seconded by Cheryl Koehl

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

- \$10697.00 plus an additional \$150.00 in bank
- Gaming funds, based on 08/09 student numbers, have not been received.
- Carson Graham also due to receive funds based on last years student numbers. CGPAC Exec indicated they will give Balmoral additional funds.

## **4. Funding/Wish List Discussion: "How do we want to spend our money?"**

- Need: seating in hallways, sound system, technology
- Funds limited to what's in the bank, gaming grant + voluntary \$50 technology donation submitted with student fees, of which \$9000 already committed for technology lease payment.
- Question: Should we form committee to ask teachers for wish list submissions? Funds are spoken for to a point so should leave for time being.
- Life span of technology (? 3 years?) determines whether computers will move into Carson. Whatever is portable will go.
- Agreed: write letter to Department Heads and ask for general wish list Committee: Jeanette, Cheryl
- Priorities are seating (benches preferred, try old malls, etc.) sound system compatible with CG's.

## **5. Administration Report – Mr. Michael Kee, Ms. Kathleen Barter**

- Parent IB Night, Oct. 1, very well attended. Invited to Carsbrooke to speak about IBMYP
- Safe Teen, October 21, for gr. 10 students.
- Food Drive ends Nov. 6. Additional one in Spring.
- Peer-tutoring group established – Gr. 10 students tutor
- Sports Report:
  - Field Hockey undefeated / 2 teams of Bantam Rugby / Jr. Boys soccer
  - Volleyball – huge turnout / Cross-Country / Rowing (Regatta Oct. 31)
- Interim Reports being mailed at end of October – will include IB self-reflection and overview for every student. Positive focus.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews, Nov. 19. Notice will go home
- Justice Institute in November – gr. 8 & 9 – Internet awareness and harassment.
- Grade 8 social-mixer a success.
- Grade 9 focuses on team building and leadership. CG's Global Initiatives

students will lead.

**Motion: To support Administration request for a calendar variation to dismiss gr. 8 & 10 students 1 block early at 12:45 on Thursday, February 11, 2010 to support the Grade 9 Leadership Seminar – Passed**

Moved by Sheri Thomas; seconded by Myles Aikenhead

- Emergent Weather Committee: needs PAC approval for closure and 1 parent close to school to report conditions - Mark Heieis.
- H1N1 – student absenteeism reported to health authorities if over 10%
  - Correct hand washing emphasized (sing 'Happy Birthday song' and use soap)
- Student Council supporting Covenant House for Christmas
- Fees will be mailed out at end of October
- Textbook Update: \$8000 ruined textbooks plus those that are damaged. Will be claimed through insurance. Question submitted to School Board regarding whom pays deductible? Waiting for response.

**6. Committee Reports:**

**Steering Committee** – Oct. 6 meeting provided updates, including architect. Carson and Balmoral Steering Committees will be joint as of November. Bus issues seem to be under control.

**Carson Graham** – Oct. 21 PAC meeting hosting architect with plans, everyone invited to attend and provide feedback. Student feedback session to be held at Sutherland in the afternoon, buses provided. Lesson learned from Sutherland build will be incorporated into CG plans. CG's Sr. Girls Field Hockey won Bridgeman Cup.

**Feeder Schools:**

**Braemar** – H1N1 measures at school

**Norgate** – new spider equipment in playground

**SPC** – still looking for gr. 8 rep. NVSD Board meeting, Oct. 20, about budget challenges, encouraging everyone to participate.

**NVPAC** – new newsletter format, avail on District website. Partnered with Trustees, Administration, NVTA, CUPE, and students to submit letter of protest regarding cancellation of facilities grant.

**7. Other Business**

- Will budget shortfalls affect new CG? Do they need the extra \$5million to build for 1200 instead of 800? What actions are being taken to obtain the money?
- Why isn't NVSD closed for Olympics? Using them as an excellent teaching opportunity

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: November 18, 2009