

**BOWSER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting January 19, 2010**

**Present:** Tony Sarembo, Marnie Burden, Gonda Lekx, Stacie Havas, Deanne Kelsberg, Corrine Millard, Bonnie Round and Tisha Scoffings

**Copy to:** All in attendance

**Chair:** Marnie Burden

**Recording Secretary:** Deanne Kelsberg

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

**WELCOME!**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2009 MINUTES:** Corrine moved that the November 17, 2009 minutes be approved. Gonda seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bike rodeo** – Corrine and Mr. Sarembo will get together in the following week to choose a date.

**Winter-themed baskets** – We received a lot of compliments on this year's baskets. A big thank you to Gonda who did an amazing job. Gonda and family won two baskets this year and donated one back which Mr. Sarembo raffled off at a hockey tournament and raised \$110 for the food bank.

**Christmas concert** – The concert was extremely entertaining and very well done.

**50/50 draw** – Our very first Bingo board 50/50 draw went really well. We sold 203 of the 250 squares which netted the winner a whopping \$507.50 and raised \$507.50 for the BES PAC.

**Enrichment Day** was fun for the kids and the crafts were well-received by the parents.

**Olympic Legacy Art Project** – Kris Masson, a local graphic designer, used our photos of the students working on their Olympic Legacy art projects as well as the completed project on the fence and created a poster commemorating the project and the torch bearer's visit to our school. The poster will hang in a prominent place in the school. In addition to donating her time to do this, Kris donated \$147 back to the BES PAC.

**Magazine subscriptions** – orders are still coming in slowly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The **PJ Party** will be on January 29, 2010 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will use our \$100 Tomm's gift certificate to buy muffins which we will have for a snack at 3:00 along with water and oranges. Dinner will be pizza. The event will be Olympic-themed. Teams will each come up with a name for their country and will create a flag which will hang in the hallway afterwards. Activities in the gym will be such things as a hockey shoot-out, dream curling, a skeleton course and a race to the podium. In addition we will have the ever popular Pictionary and charades as well as an opportunity for the students to participate in signing a banner and making cards to send to a Canadian Olympic athlete. This year the evening will cap off with a dance in the gym. So far we have about 20 parent volunteers and we need about 10 more.

**Pancake breakfast** – the dates we've been given for our pancake breakfasts are February 14, June 13 and September 12.

**APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS:** Tisha moved that the new business be approved. Gonda seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – STACIE HAVAS**

Stacie went over the Expenses and Revenue Update which has been brought up to date showing projected revenue for the year as well as projected expenses. The balance as of today is: **\$2,612.75.**

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bonnie moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Gonda seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Bottle depot fundraising** - Corrine will look into opening an account for BES at bottle depots in Qualicum Beach and Parksville.

**Teacher appreciation** – Marnie suggested that we split our budget for teacher appreciation and do it twice a year instead of just once. It was decided to do a special coffee run for the teachers on PJ day – Friday, January 29.

**Signing authority** – we are removing Becky Pruden as a PAC signing authority.

**MOTION TO REMOVE A SIGNING AUTHORITY:** Bonnie moved that Becky’s signing authority be removed. Corrine seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CHAIR REPORT – MARNIE BURDEN**

**Correspondence** - thank you card from Hazel Brackenbury.

**SD69 DPAC presentation** - Navigating Girl World - “Effective Strategies for Parenting Girls” – February 9, 2010 at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

**Fundraising ideas:**

- Chocolates - Marnie has been receiving emails from parents wanting to sell chocolates as a fundraiser. The PAC and Mr. Sarembo talked about it and reiterated that the School District was moving away from those sorts of fundraisers and promoting healthier ideas.

- Natural Gourmet Mixes

- Smencils

- Catalogue fundraising – Marnie will look into DFS or Norcard – if catalogues arrive in time we will send out to parents in February. Our Vesey’s bulb and seeds fundraiser will happen over March break.

**DPAC REPORT**

Gonda attended the November meeting. Topics of discussion included this year’s budget to cover the shortfall, staff layoffs (none), the Enhancement Agreement, full day Kindergarten starting in the Fall of 2011, funding for families of children in Grades 8 through 11 with fetal alcohol syndrome, cancellation of the Advocacy Program, and transportation management in bad weather. Mr. Sarembo attends the transportation meetings. He advised that, should it become difficult to access the school via Faye Road because of things such as downed trees, etc., our emergency access points are (a) at the end of Faye Road at Jamieson, and (b) on the highway at the gate above the school grounds. The next DPAC meeting is next week.

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – TONY SAREMBO**

**Christmas concert** – we received a lot of compliments – a lot of extra effort went into the concert this year, particularly on the part of Mr. Seline and Mr. Adamson.

**Upcoming events:**

- January 29 - PJ day and PJ party

- February 1-5 - Primary Math Play Program

- February 4 - Grade 5 – Knights of Columbus

- February 5 - Grades 3, 4 and 5 going to QBMS for 1001 Arabian Knights which will include many former Bowser students

**Read teams** – 20 teachers from the District came to the school today to observe our read teams. They were very impressed with our school, the behavior of our students and the commitment of our parents.

**Request from the School District** – Mr. Sarembo advised that a member of the Board of Trustees and a Senior Staff Member would like to attend the February PAC meeting to give a Budget Presentation. Accordingly, our February meeting will be held on a Wednesday to accommodate their attendance.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:58 pm.

**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, February 17, 2010** at 6:30 pm in the BES Library.