

# **Bayside Middle School**

## **Parent Advisory Council Minutes – November 23, 2009**

**Attendance:** Co-President: Wendy Seward, Nancy Borden, Treasurer: Linda Lightbody  
Dawn Evans, Heather Tomalty, Martine Lunke and Principal Shirley Elm

1. Call to order 7:07
2. Approval of agenda, hearing no objections, they are approved as written.
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes, hearing no objections, they are approved as written.
4. No correspondence
5. **Parent Education discussion:** A lively discussion took place on what we each hope the goal/purpose of public education to be, and what we as individuals can do to achieve that goal.
6. **Admin Report**
  - 6.1. Ms. Elm discussed the accessibility of education for all kids. She also spoke of the diversity of the children in each class. Bayside is being looked at as a possible pilot school for Sencoten as a second language. Currently Stelly's cannot offer the Sencoten language course as there is no teacher. She urged us to check out the website [www.firstvoices.com](http://www.firstvoices.com).
  - 6.2. In the spring there will be a multi-cultural fair to honour all cultures.
  - 6.3. We are hoping to have 31 families volunteer to host Japanese exchange students in the spring. March 24-26 from Wed 5pm – Sun morning.
  - 6.4. BCESYS system is still troublesome. There is much new technology (including IPODS to teach Sencoten)
  - 6.5. The Day of Silence raised \$1400 – and easy friendly fundraiser (I say parents ante'd up to keep the kids quiet!)
  - 6.6. PJ Day – Nov 25
  - 6.7. Crazy Olympics have been postponed until it can be sufficiently planned.
  - 6.8. Grade 6 field trip to Cowichan had a great time! Thanks!
  - 6.9. Our worst H1N1 day was 158 absent with the number dropping to 99 within 2 days.
7. **Chair Report – Wendy Seward**
  - 7.1. Bayside Clothing Orders are happening now!
  - 7.2. Remembrance Day assembly was interesting and awesome – thanks to all – especially the speaker "Ike".
  - 7.3. BCCPAC Fall Conference – let us know if you wish to attend on Bayside's behalf

- 7.4. BC Superintendents Conference – let us know if you wish to attend
- 7.5. Nicki Post – CONGRATULATIONS on your new baby boy!!!
- 7.6. Communication has proven difficult lately – please get in touch with us if you need anything
- 7.7. Web page is being updated

**8. Treasurer – Linda Lightbody**

- 8.1. Pizza Day raised 456.09
- 8.2. Financial Reports will be in a new format
- 8.3. A few outstanding issues from last year are to be ironed out still.
- 8.4. True Value cards are at \$200
- 8.5. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report **M/S/C** Nancy/Dawn
- 8.6. A volunteer to audit the books would be appreciated, CGA's need not apply, just someone to go over the cheques written and deposits recorded....shouldn't take long!

**9. COPACS**

- 9.1. Nancy Borden and Tim Dunford to attend Policy 1100
- 9.2. Exec was emailed the 13 page COPACS update.

**10. CPF**

- 10.1. Breen Liblong is the new district Chair and a Bayside parent. Congratulations Breen!

**11. Fundraising Additional Info –**

- 11.1. Villages Pizza Cards – available at office – 10% off pick up orders Sun-Thurs. You must have the card to receive discount and school gets portion!
- 11.2. Coffee and healthy snacks from Level Ground Trading are being investigated.
- 11.3. Poinsettias were not done because of lack of interest.

**12. Funding Issues – Martine Lunke**

- 12.1. 2.7 million is scheduled to be cut from SD#63 funds! Martine presented a newsletter that the Deep Cove parent group had compiled, a very interesting read – take the time to look! [http://www.deepcovepac.ca/PDF\\_files/20092010/Education%20Funding%20Updates.pdf](http://www.deepcovepac.ca/PDF_files/20092010/Education%20Funding%20Updates.pdf)

**13. New Business**

- 13.1. Motion to approve \$250 to be spent on non-consumables for the Scrapbook Club.  
**M/S/C** Nancy/Linda
- 13.2. PAC to host a parent education night in February – UVic's many topics were discussed.
- 13.3. Staff Appreciation to take place in April or May
- 13.4. Mr. Lampard and Nancy Borden are assessing the earthquake supplies and will report back in the new year.

**14. Motion to Adjourn: 8:41**

**Respectfully submitted by Nancy Borden**