

Baldur Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Held September 16/09 @ 7:00p.m. @ the Baldur School

Present: Lori Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Randy Hanson, Liana Dearsley, Terryl Gillis, Sherri Johnson and Bonnie Beyak

Regrets: Val Geergat and Cindy Desrochers

The Mtg. was called to order by Liana Dearsley @ 7:10p.m.

1. The agenda was approved by Terryl Gillis and Lori Johnson
2. The mtg. minutes of the Sept.16/09 mtg. were approved by Sherri Johnson and seconded by Terryl Gillis
3. Treasurer's Report - \$7694.81. We received a total of \$4000 from the Lottery Commissioner. We received \$1000 earlier and then after working the bingo they sent two other cheques worth \$1500 each, totaling \$4000 in all.
4. Student council Report – None
5. School Board Report – Working on IITV with Government changes etc. Thank-you Bonnie for being a part of our PAC mtgs.
6. Principals Report
 - a. Welcome back from what I hope was an enjoyable summer for all.
 - b. Enrollment for 2008-2009 currently stands at 141 in the building.

K - 9
G1 – 10
G2 - 8
G3 - 12
G4 - 5
G5 – 10
G6 – 10
G7 – 9
G8 – 13
S1 – 10
S2 – 14
S3 – 19
S4 – 11

Colony IITV students – 30

- c. First day back for the students was eventful. We had our morning assembly, which was followed by a Juice and Cookie break, provided by and served by the staff.
- d. On behalf of everyone I would like to welcome the following new people to our school and community: Kelly DeRoo → High school math and science; Tammy Ballingal → Guidance (Shared position with Glenboro); Ellen Law → returns as our grade 1 / 2 teacher.
- e. Our school plan has been completed and submitted to the Province and Division office. The 4 key areas we will focus on this year include:
- f. Behavioural Plan: Develop a school wide behaviour management system that accommodates individual student and teacher needs, yet is uniform in nature.
- g. Numeracy: By the end of 2010, 85% of all students will meet curricular expectations in Problem Solving and Communicating Mathematically
- h. Citizenship: By 2010, all students will be able to describe the 8 traits of moral character

- i. Literacy: By June 2010, 80% of students K-12 will attain at grade level expectation on the writing rubric in the Write-Traits kit.
- j. School Theme → You can spark a chain reaction. Will emphasize the character traits of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.
- k. Behavioural Planning and the Kronenberg approach. Teaching children about above the line and below the line behaviour and how to fix problems.
- l. Huge thank you to the Sunrise Credit Union. The Credit Union has approached and informed us that they will sponsor a visit by Norbert Georget. Mr. Georget is an internationally renowned speaker. He will be informing the students about the destructive behaviour related drug and alcohol abuse.
- m. Rachel's Challenge. The division will be providing all of our students in grades 7 – 12 with information relating to Rachel's challenge; this will take place on Sept. 30th. This challenge was started as a tribute to Rachel Scott, the first student killed in the Columbine school incident. Prior to her untimely death, Rachel had composed a paper challenging people to change their behaviour and become more accepting of those around her. She believed that an individual could change the world through random acts of kindness.
- n. There has been no change in course selection from last spring, and all of our high school students are settled into their courses. Students are reminded of the opportunity of credits through the volunteer and Career Technology and apprenticeship programs. We have revised our timetable so that English and Math classes are extended throughout the entire year.
- o. Our high school student and middle year's student council were very successful and professional last year. I am certain the new councils will uphold this tradition with many of the events they have planned. Middle Year nominations will take place on Friday; the high school are currently discussing when their council will be established.
- p. We are planning a Parent Information and Orientation Evening for September 24th. This session will be different from the old Open House format; we will be providing parents with much more detailed information relating to the programming that we offer. We will also be providing parents with the opportunity to attend both elementary and high school sessions. Mr. McLean will also be providing information relating to school sports and the new grade 11 and 12 phys. Ed. credit.
- q. H1N1 Information. A divisional policy has been implemented to deal with this potential pandemic. I have provided copies and the policy has also been posted on the school web site. The teachers are discussing the issue with the children, and the children are being instructed on proper hygiene and hand washing. Custodians have also implemented new cleaning and disinfectant procedures. Cooperation from the parents is required, ill children should be kept home. If an ill child comes to school we will be contacting parents or their designates to pick the child up. Closure is not an option, we will have to realign staff and provide alternative forms of instruction in a worst case scenario.
- r. Other upcoming events include: Photos on October 1st; Blood Donor Clinic on the 22nd; Funky Friday - Terry Fox Day & "International Act of Kindness Day" on Friday the 25th.
- s. To ease congestion by the bus doors, we are requesting that parents who are picking up or dropping off their children use the main doors by the office. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring the safety of all the kids.
- t. Latex Allergy. Just a reminder that we have a student in the building who is susceptible to severe allergic reactions from latex products. As a result we have had to institute some new procedures in relation to this. The following are the most critical items, No balloons, latex gloves or band aids. The band aid ban does not include one that a child may be wearing as protection for a cut or scrape, the main concern is with storage of

band aids in boxes, there is a latex dust associated with this that may enter the ventilation system.

- u. School upgrades over the summer consisted of the addition of wheel chair accessibility features to the entrances and the library.
 - v. School Food Programs → At this point in time we have not scheduled and pizza or hot dog days.
 - w. Community assistance with high school sports. If there are any community members who would like to assist or coach high school sports teams their participation would be appreciated.
 - x. Career and Technology Studies Safety Practicum. Tammy Ballingal will be in touch with local businesses to seek assistance in providing job related safety training for our students in grades 11 and 12. This will involve a small group of students touring a worksite while a local sponsor explains worksite safety procedures and protocol. Hoping to schedule these visits for one day in mid October.
 - y. Minimum user fee for athletics. To assist with the escalating costs of refereeing, transportation, and zone fees, Baldur School has opted to adopt a user fee for participation in school sports. This fee will be used to help offset costs associated with providing these sporting opportunities. Depending upon the sport and the amount of travel, additional costs could be incurred at a later date - students and guardians will be informed of these costs in advance. Historically some of these costs were covered by student council and the council will continue to assist, however, now the students who participate will be responsible for a greater share of the overall costs.
7. Fundraising Report a) we would like to thank all those who volunteered to go into Winnipeg and help out @ the Bingos. It was very much worth the while.
 8. Business Arising from June 10/09 PAC mtg.- none
 9. New Business – Fall Supper is set for Oct.4/09. The PAC will be taking it on again this yr. The Fall Supper committee, consisting of Cindy Desrochers, Liana Dearsley, Penny Johnson, Brenda Reykdal, Nicole Desrochers, Tracey Hiscock, Darlene Shewfelt and Brenda Johnson will be mtg. soon to discuss arrangements/plans for this event.
 10. Information and Correspondence – None
 11. Next Mtg/Adjournment The next mtg. is set for October 14/09 @ 7p.m. @ the Baldur School, followed by the PAC Annual General Mtg.

Sherri Johnson Adjourned the mtg., seconded by Lori Johnson.