

WELLINGTON SECONDARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 7, 2007
MINUTES

A presentation of the Scholarship and Bursaries Program at Wellington was offered to parents and students by Karen Procter (Vice Principal), Pam Manson and Connie Thyssen (Graduation and Career Centre teachers) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

1. Introductions: The P.A.C. President, Val Neilson, brought the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Changes to the Agenda: none

3. Adoption of the Agenda: Phyllis Hawryzki made a motion to adopt the Agenda. It was seconded by Lori Burrell and carried.

4. Adoption of previous meeting's Minutes: Val Carver made a motion to adopt the Minutes. It was seconded by Lori Burrell and carried.

5. Library proposal: Liz Sansoucy-Jones, librarian at Wellington asked the PAC to help fund her proposal to bring a local author, John Wilson, to Wellington for at least two blocks of class time. He is a historical fiction writer for children and young adults, and presents a very popular session on writing skills at schools around the province. His latest book, *The Alchemist's Dream* has been nominated for this year's Governor General's Award in Children's Fiction. Having an author visit our school would mesh very well with the goals of Wellington's School Plan to improve writing skills. There was discussion of possibly having the elementary feeder schools also support this event so that John Wilson could be at Wellington for the entire day and also present to Grade 7s along with Grade 8s. Ms Sansoucy-Jones will look into the elementary schools' involvement. Val Carver made the motion that "The Wellington PAC commits \$450 from its budget for writer John Wilson to attend our school in support of Wellington students' literacy." This Motion was seconded by Leslie Mathews and carried.

6. Treasurer's Annual Report: Val Carver reported that \$2,190.00 for sports tournaments, \$743.35 for coach expenses, \$10,821.32 for Band Festival fees, and \$1,725.00 for student planners are the recent allocations. There is currently \$16,128.13 in the Gaming Account and \$4,365.09 in the Fundraising Account. There were two requests for funding outside of the budget – school soccer nets (\$206.23) and microwave ovens for the Multi-Purpose Room (lunches). The Bingo Committee will report back on the decision.

7. School Planning Council: Mr Ryan reported that the plan was accepted by the Ministry of Education at the end of October.

8. Principal's Report: Mr Ryan congratulated Vickie Luxford for winning the Governor General's Medal for the highest GPA for the 2007 Wellington graduating class. Events for October and November are as follows.

Oct 4	Informal reporting session for parents to meet the teacher at Wellington – very high turn out
Oct 19	Staff Workshops
Oct 29	Millennium Motion Free the Children Movement – Student Council organized event to improve the world through volunteerism – Craig Kielburger – child's rights activist as speaker
Oct 30	Halloween Hustle – run around Westwood Lake – over 300 participants
Oct 31	Halloween Monster Mash organized by Student Council - went well
Nov 2-3	Grad Photos
Nov 7	Operation Shoe Box drive completed – over 220 boxes to go to Third World countries
Nov 8	Marks cutoff date
Nov 12-13	Holiday for Remembrance Day and Pro D day
Nov 22	Report Card Pick Up 2:30 to 5:30 PM – Art Auction in the Library to fundraise for computers to be sent to Sierra Leone – organized by Global Watch club

9. DPAC Report: Leslie Mathews reported that there would be a presentation by Barry McDonald entitled "Boy Smarts" on Nov 8th, 7:00 – 9:00pm at Beban Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at Malaspina U-C. Also on Nov 14th, 7:00 pm there will be a DPAC workshop on PAC Constitutions and Bylaws: why there is a need for these structures and why it is important to review them regularly.

10. Correspondence: A letter was received from the Nanaimo Schools Financial Society asking the Wellington PAC if they would continue to sponsor two \$500 scholarships for 2008 graduating students. Val Carver, treasurer, confirmed that this item is in the 2007-2008 budget.

11. AOB: none

Suggested topic for the December PAC meeting – earthquake preparedness. **The next meeting of the Wellington PAC will be on Wednesday December 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

Lori Burrell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. It was seconded by Val Carver and carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Lana Fitzpatrick
Secretary, Wellington Secondary P.A.C.