



Boundary Community School Association (BCSA)

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Minutes of Meeting

October 25, 2016

Attendees

Gillian Paton (Chair)

Claire Arnold (Vice Chair)

Jacqueline Russell (Treasurer)

Claire Ferrier (Secretary)

Tim Macleod (Principal)

Johneen Harris (Vice Principal)

Tia Creighton

Kyla Fox

Laura Grant

Genevieve Taylor

Nicole Thomson

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

A quorum was declared.

Motion to accept the October 4, 2016 minutes – Gillian Paton

First – Genevieve Taylor

Second – Nicole Thomson

Passed

Motion to approve the Agenda – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold

Second – Tia Creighton

Passed

Update from Boundary Safe Routes Committee (“SRC”) (Genevieve Taylor)

The SRC had a good first meeting last week. The committee is creating a survey for parents, which Tim is going to take to the staff meeting, and there will be an accompanying lesson plan to help give the children some safety tips. The Committee is considering a “walking school bus” initiative, and perhaps having a week in the Spring where the road in front of the school is closed.

Following the recent online survey by the District, the Committee are going to attend the District Council meeting, and would like a large group of parents to show up to this to give us a voice and a presence, and to show that parents in the school community want to see change. Genevieve will keep everyone updated through emails and the newsletter. And Gillian has drafted letter to all the PAC chairs of the Argyle feeder schools which will be sent out shortly.

There followed a discussion about a possible PAC Facebook page, and generally on the distribution of news (whether by newsletter/Facebook/Twitter/paper home/noticeboards etc). It was generally agreed that this was a problem and needed some more thought.

Principal’s Report (Tim MacLeod)

Thanks to everyone who made movie night a success. And thanks also to the emergency preparedness team. Last week the school had an earthquake drill - which led to a fire drill - and some lessons were learned from that (it rained so we need ponchos in the bags!) The drill was efficiently carried out by the students, and it only took ten minutes to get everyone out of

building.

Tim has had positive feedback on the new morning routine. More kids seem to be playing and they are more spread out across the areas of the playground. And the teachers have reported that the kids are more settled and ready to work when the bell goes. They are still working on the hardware on some of the doors.

The pick up routine is also chaotic and so the teachers will be looking at ways to ease the congestion here, while keeping the Grade 1/2 "delivery" of child direct to parent/caregiver. The overall aim is to make things calmer.

Some more clubs have developed at the school: a Lego club, a sports club for Grade 1s, Panzoid club (computing), and the knitting club has resumed. These clubs are great for teaching organization and leadership skills.

Jujitsu for Intermediates has completed and the Primary grades start next week.

Halloween is coming up – Monday 31st - and the usual rules will apply - no masks, blood, or weapons. This year, the primary parade is in the morning and everything will be done by recess. This will allow teaching to continue for the rest of the day.

There were reports on social media last week about an attempted abduction locally. Following discussion with the RCMP, the claims were not sufficiently substantiated to warrant an email to parents.

New report cards will be coming out, electronically, on December 9. Parents will still have teacher interviews and receive three report cards a year, but there will be no paper copies. The report cards will be a snapshot of where the child is at that point in time, rather than an accumulation of the progress across the year, which is a change.

Chair's Report (Gillian Paton)

- Movie Night report: Movie night was very successful. We made \$650 from the bake sale and popcorn/juice.
- Samaritans' Purse: This will start tomorrow. We fill shoeboxes with small toys, toiletries etc and the Samaritans send them to disadvantaged children around the world. Last year the school filled 72 boxes.
- Card Project: This is underway and the art has been sent off, so look for the cards arriving.
- Book Fair: Last year we held a Scholastic fair which was successful but was a lot of work and volunteer hours. We are not going to run this event this year but will look at it again for next year - unless someone wants to take it on in the Spring.
- Emergency Preparedness fundraiser: We will again be selling emergency kits for your home or car as a fundraiser.
- Harvest Project: There will be a food drive for the Harvest Project in the first week of December or last week of November.
- New television for the Library (approval required): Tim MacLeod wanted us to consider sharing the cost of buying a 55 inch TV and mount to put up in the library. This would be cheaper and more functional than using the projector and could be used for PAC, guest speakers, and during the day for classes. The cost would be about \$700 (split between the school and the PAC).

Motion to approve half of the cost of a TV set and mount for the library – Gillian Paton
First – Claire Ferrier
Second – Claire Arnold
Passed

- Funding for Book Club (approval required): Asia and Kiera from Grade 6 gave a presentation for a proposed book club. This would be run once a week during lunchtime, with Ms Eadon sponsoring. It was proposed for Grade 4-7s. It was decided that the Grade 6s would gather some more information, including the number of books required and the cost, and report back for formal approval of the budget involved.

Vice-Chair Report (Claire Arnold)

- North Shore Safety Council meeting update – generally the message was the same: be loud, get attention, be noticed about all safety issues. There is another meeting on December 1st, noon, at Delbrook.
- Babysitters – we have two new babysitters this year as well as the ones from last year. It would be great to have a few more to choose from.
- DPAC Representative – we now have one but unfortunately she can't attend their meetings so if anyone wants to take that on that is open.
- CPF – there is a Canadian Parents for French meeting here at Boundary on November 3.

Other Business

There was a question asking what the PAC's fundraising goal for this year is. The short answer is computers/technology. We need to update the iPad and computer carts.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.