



Boundary Community School Association (BCSA)

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Minutes of Meeting

February 21, 2017

Attendees

Gillian Paton (Chair)
Claire Arnold (Vice Chair)
Jacqueline Russell (Treasurer)
Claire Ferrier (Secretary)

Johnneen Harris (Vice Principal)

Tia Creighton
Josie Roberta Cruseus
Laura Villacrusis
Tanya Santos
Ryan Russell
Alaine Moore
Angie Howden-Duke

The Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

Motion to accept the January 17, 2017 minutes – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold
Second – Laura Villacrusis
Passed

Motion to approve the Agenda – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold
Second – Tia Creighton
Passed

Chair's Report (Gillian Paton)

Carnival update: the date is officially Friday, June 2 from 4pm to pm. We have a sponsorship letter for local businesses, which is ready to be sent out. We are still looking for some people to help with the organization of the carnival as well as for the parent social.

Website: The PAC has a new website up and running. Martin Cocking has put in a lot of work to switch our site over to a new provider, Wordpress, which is more flexible and expandable than the previous platform. Its main advantage is the ease in which you can share information; for example, posts made on our website now automatically get sent to Facebook and Twitter. The new domain name is boundarypac.ca.

Movie night: this was a success, and thanks to everyone who helped out. Jacqueline Russell noted that we made \$450.

Grade 7: the Grade 7s will be fundraising with a “Freezie Friday” event. Starting the first Friday after spring break, they will be selling “Freezies” for \$1. The date for the traditional pancake breakfast has been fixed at May 12, which is also the date of Fun Day/Playland.

Parent Social: we are hosting the social at the School in the gym on April 29 – you should have received a “save the date” email about it this afternoon. At the moment, the Executive and other volunteers are actively collecting donations for the silent auction. The theme will be “Black & White”. We have hired a DJ and are having the event catered and licensed. However this

means that we have to put a larger amount of money out in order to hold the event. We are looking to vote in another \$3,000 into our budget to cover these up-front costs.

Treasurer's Report (Jacqueline Russell)

For anyone that has made a donation to the school in the past year (eg for a silent auction item, through Munch etc), tax receipts will be out at the end of the month.

We are up to date on our tax filings and just received a rebate of \$800.

We have applied for a speakers' grant through DPAC, and will find out whether we were successful in March. If we get it, it will help with the costs for the Saleema Noon presentations.

In terms of bank balances, our operating account has approximately \$20,000, and there is no change to the gaming account, at about \$6,400.

In light of what was discussed previously regarding the Parent Social, *Gillian Paton put forward a motion to approve an additional \$3,000 in the budget for the Parent Social to cover expenses and outlays. A vote was held on a show of hands and the motion was approved unanimously.*

Vice-Chair Report (Claire Arnold)

The DPAC meeting is tomorrow evening. Our DPAC rep cannot attend, so if anyone else is able to go that would be great. It is open to all parents. Brad Baker from Safe Schools is the speaker - 7pm at School Board Offices.

On March 2 at lunchtime there is a North Shore Safety Council meeting. And in the evening of March 2, at Ross Road Elementary, the CPF is hosting a presentation on "Staying in French".

Vice-Principal (Johnneen Harris)

School planning update: the committee has looked at the responses from the last meeting and input from the teacher and students. The major concern on the part of the parents, as well as to some extent from the teachers, was Math. A concern coming from the student side of things was students feeling safe and welcome at school and connected. Next the committee will set some targets and go forward from there.

Principal's Report – Johnneen on behalf of Tim MacLeod

Thanks to all for a successful movie night, and thanks generally for PAC's ongoing support.

There is a "food access program" starting after Spring Break. Students will have access to food, without any questions being asked. This program has been rolled out in other schools in North Van already. We will have fruits, vegetables, some multigrain products on the counter for kids to help themselves. The school will be responsible for ordering supplies as needed.

ICBC is doing a "leave the phone alone" campaign. The kids will draw a picture on a card, and the RCMP will hand them out as "tickets" outside the school.

You will be aware of the recent Supreme Court decision in favour of BC teachers, leading to extra funding. We are unclear as to what that will look like at this time.

Kindness project is underway, starting with an assembly today. We are trying to notice kindness in others. There will also be a rock project, where the children decorate rocks with kind words and pass these along to others.

Bighouse for Grade 4 is next week, and the Grade 3s go at the end of March.

Our school recently took part in a District photo project, where staff and students modeled for stock photos, so you may see them around on the School or District websites.

You may have seen or heard a bit about weaving recently – we are in the middle of a school-wide weaving project. This has involved all grades, and brings different subjects together (applied design, art, math).

Pink Shirt Day is tomorrow, so remember to wear your pink shirt!

Report cards will be sent home (or rather, accessible online) on March 6th. There will be parent/teacher conferences - and early dismissal - on March 7 and 8. Look for the sign-up board in the foyer or email your class teacher to set up an appointment.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.