



Boundary Community School Association (BCSA)

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Agenda

General Meeting

May 17, 2017

Attendees

Gillian Paton (Chair)

Claire Arnold (Vice Chair)

Jacqueline Russell (Treasurer)

Claire Ferrier (Secretary)

Tia Creighton

Laura Grant

Tim Macleod (Principal)

Johneen Harris (Vice-Principal)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

A quorum could not be declared due to lack of members but nevertheless the meeting proceeded.

Motion to accept the April 18, 2017 minutes – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold

Second – Tia Creighton

Passed

Motion to approve the Agenda – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold

Second – Tia Creighton

Passed

Proposals for Outdoor Playground/Learning Space

Three students in Ms. Dale's class - James Boyd, Kaitlin Russell and Noah Pearmain – gave a presentation outlining possible ideas for renovation of the outdoor space at the front of the school.

The goal for the front east side of the playground (directly down from the office) was for an amphitheatre-style space, which could be used as an outdoor learning space. They presented five different options that they liked. It could also be used for recess and as play space too.

For the front west side of the playground, in front of the covered area, the suggestion was for an interactive nature playground, e.g. using large logs as balance beams. The bush that is currently there would be removed but the large rocks (which are costly to have taken out) would remain.

Ms. Dale provided three handouts to the meeting: showing some sample budgets, the District's regulations, and a brochure "Building Outdoor Classrooms: a guide for successful fundraising".

There was a suggestion that we look into Rona locally as their staff have a program where they provide volunteer hours to local community projects – you can register on their website.

There was general support for all the proposals and proceeding with making a plan or design. Parent help should be enlisted e.g. borrowing a backhoe. The next step was that Ms. Dale would follow up with an email and we need more of a concrete plan, which we could take to the District and look into grants. Ultimately this would be school-led (with Nancy Dale's support) with the intention of the PAC providing mostly funding and parental effort if needed.

Treasurer Report (Jacqueline Russell)

The parent social at the end of last month brought in about \$10,000. It was a huge success and seemed well received by those who attended.

Our Carnival planning is underway and we have a little over \$3,000 in sponsorship; the goal is to have all our costs covered by sponsors so that every dollar spent at the event goes to the school. We are open to more sponsors of course, so if you are able to help out then contact us.

Jacqueline has just applied for the Gaming Grant for next year, which is \$20 per student.

Jacqueline is currently processing tax receipts for donations made through Munch, social donations, and carnival sponsorships.

Regarding class support payments, the requisitions are coming in from teachers now and Jacqueline will follow up. The deadline for submitting receipts will be May 30th.

The next meeting is our AGM, and there will be financial statements and a budget to approve for next year. The teachers' wish lists need to be submitted to enable us to have a discussion on budgeting for next school year.

Chair's Report (Gillian Paton)

As was already mentioned, carnival planning is underway. The rides are secured. We have a spreadsheet going out to all parents in the coming week to organize the volunteers online. Laura Grant has purchased most of the prizes.

The fruit and veggie program has been renewed.

Tshirts have been ordered for incoming kindies.

Thanks to Tim and the District for their efforts in helping with the parent social – getting us a stage, having tables delivered, etc.

Principal's Report (Tim Macleod)

The parent social was awesome, one of the best Tim had attended, the gym looked amazing, and people were enjoying themselves. Thanks to everyone involved for all your hard work.

Generally, thanks for all the PAC support. Around Lynn Valley, Tim is hearing good things about Boundary, and people want to come to our school.

The Grade 7 group is working hard on their graduation plans. The pancake breakfast was a success. Playland and fun day (despite being indoors) were last week and everyone had a lot of fun.

Demand for the Food Access Program seems to have leveled out a bit. The kids are still eating but not as many items, perhaps also because some of the less healthy items (bars, fruit leathers) have been taken out.

The Grade 3s participated in the Primary Days of Music at the School District offices.

We held our annual Parent Appreciation Assembly and there was an amazing turn out, with about 150 people showing up.

The primaries had a “water-wise” presentation on water safety this week.

Recently there was also a Cassie & Friends presentation on juvenile arthritis, which helps to raise awareness about this disease.

For track and field, tomorrow is the big day at Handsworth. We have a huge track team this year, with 90 kids, and credit goes to Nancy Dale for building this up and generating enthusiasm in the kids. Next week is the field qualifier meet. Swanguard will be June 6th.

Ultimate continues to be a big hit and is now being played at recess and lunch, competing with soccer for field space!

On May 26th, the West Vancouver Youth Band is playing together with our band at 1pm.

On May 30th at 9am it is the DARE graduation for Grade 4/5 students.

Four out of eight of our school forms have now been put online. You may also have seen with the school supplies letter that families can also pay fees owed to the school online. Parents are encouraged to use this wherever possible as it eases the burden on the teachers and office staff and makes payment tracking much simpler.

Update for next school year: LFI next year is full (at 29 students). We have new kindergarten students coming in every day as parents shuffle around preferred schools. Some grades are already full. The new rules on class size and composition will pose some challenges.

This is the time of year when the classes are being put together for next year, and so if you have any parental input into your child’s looking for parent input into classes for next year now is the time – see the newsletter for specifics on how to give input.

Vice-Principal (Johneen Harris)

They are still working away on the school plan, which has been fleshed out a bit.

(1) The teachers have identified some specific steps and issues regarding math. The next steps are targeting and assessing students on their math skills. They are also looking for additional resources to support math teaching.

(2) Regarding the social responsibility goal, the EAs got together to discuss and identified areas of strength and weakness. We now have a framework to take this forward, and we are trying to develop a consistent school-wide approach.

Monday May 8th was the last Pro-D day of the school year. Teachers attended one of two options:

1. a workshop on SOGI - sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. representatives of publishers came to the school looking at new resources.

There is a new reporting procedure this year which will be student self-assessment. Comes out June 14th. The students themselves will be reporting on core competencies.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.