



Boundary Community School Association (BCSA)
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Minutes of Meeting
November 21, 2017

Attendees

Gillian Paton (Chair)

Claire Ferrier (Vice Chair)

Jacqueline Russell (Treasurer)

Erin Holtz (Secretary)

Tim Macleod (Principal)

Deb Gill

Karen Tinto

Tina Szykowski

Hilary Barisoff

Lesley Cairns

Tia Creighton

Angie Howden-Duke

Claire Arnold

Rishi Gill

Yoana Munoz

Amy Lemanski

The Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Motion to accept the October 10, 2017 minutes – Gillian Paton

First – Claire Arnold

Second – Karen Tinto

Passed

Motion to approve the Agenda – Gillian Paton

First – Lesley Cairns

Second – Claire Arnold

Passed

Gillian Paton – Introductions of the PAC Executive and Members at Large, and announcing our new Communications Co-ordinator, Tina Szykowski, and all parents in attendance.

Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)

The Principal passed on his thanks to the PAC for raising funds for the purchase of 36 Nova computers for the school. Six of these are now in the Learning Assistance Center, for students to borrow and bring to their desk to work on. Students have individual log-ins and can save material and work for future dates. The student log-on allows the school to monitor student use and track where a student goes on the Internet, etc., with parental controls in place to ensure safe browsing. The Novas have tablet and computer capabilities.

Thank you as well for the two new fridges in the staff room.

The school is working through Wish List money from the PAC to obtain much needed classroom resources.

Congrats to Gillian and Boundary School parents and PAC for the initiative to have the traffic calming bump at 29th/William reinstated. Council members for NVD very passionate about traffic patterns and were happy to accept the motion. Thank you for the parents who came to the council meeting with their children, this sets a good tone for the future with children's safety.

Thanks to Sabrina for organizing Movie Night, which was a success.

The Emergency Earthquake and Fire Drill occurred recently at the school. All students went below their tables and learned how to respond in an earthquake. The next focus on procedure during school Lock-Down is being planned. While we hope this never happens, we need to be prepared for the possibility of

intruder in the school and how to respond. Parents will be educated before we introduce this to the children so we know what to expect.

Last week Boundary hosted the Kindergarten school tour; 45 people came through the school which is up from previous years. Unknown if this is from an increased population in Lynn Valley or parents are seeking out-of-catchment placement for their children, and Boundary is a desirable school.

Next week grade 6's are going to Outdoor School. We're hoping for sun!

Report cards are coming out soon. The date has changed as it was adjusted to align with the District. Parent conferences are planned on Dec 10/11, so early dismissal for students is scheduled for those days. Parents are encouraged to attend and meet their child's teacher. The teachers should be communicating with parents if the report card has any unexpected information.

Young Entrepreneurs Nights are planned for December 6 and 7. This event was extremely successful last year. This year there is lots of energy and we hope the products and enthusiasm match last year's.

Grade 6 immunizations will take place shortly, expect notices coming home with your grade 6 child soon.

December 20, Boundary is planning a Holiday Cheer event; singing holiday songs and skits.

Boundary just finished Basketball season. Boys narrowly beat the girls in the final game, which was very close. Cross country season has just wrapped up for this term as well.

Volleyball is starting in January.

We are very pleased with all these programs; the new staff has brought a lot of energy to the school. We have 11 new employees this year. Jean Ridgewell, our administrative assistant will be retiring. Patricia Correa has been hired to replace her in the office as administrative assistant.

Chair's Report (Gillian Paton)

The PAC and Boundary families attended the District of North Vancouver Council meeting last night to advocate for the intersection safety at 29th Ave/William St.. They had removed the traffic calming over the summer which made it less safe than before, and so the PAC actively wrote letters, collected parent support and encouraged council to replace bumpers. Last night they agreed to do so, mostly likely work will take place within 90 days. Thanks to everyone for this first step now completed. A traffic light is being considered for the future, and DNV Council agrees 29th Avenue is an arterial route, and they will be looking at options for traffic management. PAC will be putting pressure to enhance traffic safety and encouraging our Safe Routes committee to be active and increase local traffic safety for students. We will be setting a meeting date in the future, TBA in future letter to invite parent participation.

We are applying to BCAA for traffic crossing guards but we'll need parent volunteers to assist. Certain intersections qualify for crossing guards, and we will need to train students and parents who wish to participate.

The Harvest Project food drive is planned to take place before the holidays. We are in communication with Harvest Project and I have asked whether they wanted food or money (as they may have better buying power to acquire much needed items with cash rather than food donations).

Angie Schoening has offered to organize and design the Boundary Christmas tree at Lynn Valley Center. We are looking for our Christmas lights which are missing, please let us know if anyone knows where they are. We had 3 light strings which will need to be replaced if we can't find them.

Joanna has offered to help steer the Boundary Carnival for the spring. It is time to start thinking about booking the Lions Club and the rides, inflatable play structures, etc.

We need someone to help organize the Parent Social. This event doesn't need to be elaborate or involved but it is a nice way to raise money and socialize, meet other parents from the school.

We have Deb Gill, our Hot Lunch Coordinator requesting a shadow person to train on the computer program and take over the position next year. The new ordering program starts in January and this is a good time to really learn the system as it's busy at the start of new terms.

Cynthia Mistall is enquiring if there is interest in yoga at lunch (pay per use), she is willing to organize with an instructor if there is interest. She is willing to take this forward if it looks like we have enough participants.

Claire Ferrier is organizing the Winter skate December 14th at Karen Magnussen Rec Center. We will offer tickets for sale next week, and food through the Hot Lunch ordering system. This is a family event, parents attend with children. We are looking for volunteers to handle pizza, drinks and accepting admission tickets. We will also be doing the draw for the fundraising basket this night, which was a donated gift basket. Chocolate, coffee, teas, all in the gift basket.

Jacqueline Russel, our treasurer, is looking to bring on an assistant treasurer to learn the position with the intention of taking over next year as PAC treasurer. Helen Romanova has volunteered to take on this role and we need to vote on this nomination.

Gillian Paton proposed a motion to elect Helen Romanova as Assistant Treasurer of the PAC.

FIRST Clair Ferrier;

SECOND Claire Arnold

The vote was unanimous with a show of hands.

Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Jacqueline Russell)

No report.

OTHER Business

Rishi Gill wished to discuss the fundraising initiative for the Ibanez family. He reports that this has raised \$2800 so far. Rishi and his family visited Diego at the hospital last week, he is doing well and may be able to come home next week. He has had some difficulties through his treatment and we are hoping to continue the fundraising to help support the Ibanez family to reach the goal of \$5000. Rishi says he would be happy to assist and is requesting another fundraising drive to encourage more donation. He would like to see more awareness and encouragement to donate from Boundary families, perhaps the message can be facilitated through PAC email; getting the word out in a concerted fashion to let people know we haven't yet reached our goal.

Jacqueline – the request has been in several newsletters and we will be happy to continue supporting this effort.

Gillian – Candice has been organizing the fundraising initiative to date. In addition to the online donations, students have also brought in some money to put into a small collection tin (amounting near \$400). Class reps are another source of communication and information for parents; through e-Connect and on the website. The PAC is a registered charity and can help send out information but cannot conduct the funding itself.

Tim – The school would like to see support for all of our families and we encourage a neutral equal approach to ensure all students are treated equally; this initiative needs to be spearheaded by another source such as the PAC as the school is ultimately an educational organization. We may not be aware of some families that are enduring similar hardships that are not as well known and in the interest of ensuring neutrality we encourage promote private initiatives to take place outside the school's operations.

Other Business

Claire Arnold: We have a new CPF Representative. Sherri Guernsey has stepped up –she is a Grade 6 parent.

The Argyle PAC has thanked Boundary for supporting the new build of their school. We have set aside money each year for items such as furniture, equipment. This money has been set aside in trust by Boundary PAC until it is required by Argyle for the purchases.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.