



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

October 23, 2018

Attendees

Claire Ferrier (Chair)

Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (Vice Chair)

Julie Block (Secretary)

Gillian Paton (Past Chair)

Karen Tinto (Member at Large)

Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)

Sarah Christian (Member at Large)

Tim MacLeod (Principal)

Jeeniece Chand (Vice Principal)

Claire Arnold

Angie Howden-Duke

Deb Parliament

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

A quorum was declared.

Chair, Claire Ferrier, made a **MOTION** to accept the September 25, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Gillian Paton. Motion was approved.

Claire Ferrier made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Sabrina Ferrari. Motion was approved.

Presentation by Elevate Ultimate Academy (Ari Nitikman)

Elevate Ultimate Academy came to Boundary October 1-5 and saw each K-7 class three times. They currently do in school and afterschool programs (since 2016) and Ari was seeking advice from parents about their kid's programs. He asked questions like (1) what are your kids favourite programs and what makes them great; (2) what timing works well for afterschool/weekend programs for different aged kids; and (3) how do we get more girls involved? Parents gave helpful answers. Elevate may do an afterschool program at Boundary in the Spring. They may also run an extra skills program (not part of the Boundary program) at Kirkstone Field.

Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)

School Travel Planning (Claire and Tim McLeod)

On Wednesday, October 24th the School Travel Planning Team is hosting a Walking Bus and Celebration. All parents and kids are invited to meet at Hillside Church at 8:15 am and walk to school together. There will be coffee for parents and cookies for the kids once they get to the school. The church parking lot is an easy place for people to park. It's the start of a process to get families to come together as a pack and to lessen the fear of crossing at 29th and Williams. There will be iPads available for people to complete the travel survey that morning. Currently about 30 families have filled it out. There are good prizes for filling out the survey.

There are efforts being made for better signage around the school building as well as better exterior lighting. For the entrance at the back of the school off 29th, they are planning to make a gate for bikes, have better lighting and signage as well.

Upcoming Events

Family Photo Nights – Monday, Oct. 22nd and Friday, Oct. 26th. It is pretty full both nights.

Movie Night – Thursday, Oct. 25th. We are still looking for bakers.

Operation Christmas Child

We are supporting this charity again this year - for the history behind this project and some more information please go to Samaritan Purse. Shoe boxes are available in the foyer, and can be filled with small toys, hygiene supplies, and school items for children in need around the world. Please return shoeboxes before November 9. There is a leaflet in the foyer with suggestions on what to pack.

Other Fundraising Opportunities

We are looking at doing a flower fundraiser in the Spring and Purdy's chocolates at Easter.

The Parent Social and School Carnival still need organizers.

School Plan Update (Jeeniece Chand)

Students, parents, teachers, EA's, and administrators are on the planning team. It's great to have their support and voices. Last year, we revamped and implemented the school plan. It's a living document. We also recorded our progress. In the Spring we met with the committee and reviewed what we implemented and what we needed to add. There is a concise version on the school website which includes goals, objectives, strategies and measures. There are three main areas of focus/goals: math, social responsibility, inclusivity. Inclusivity was added this year.

The committee met again in September and discussed Indigenous initiatives, exploring more diversity for inclusivity, and Math scope and sequence. They are outlining the Math curriculum and what is expected for K-gr 7. This is so parents can know what their child is working on. This document was also shared with the Boundary family of schools and it looks like it will be shared with all North Van schools.

For the Second Step program (social inclusivity), there are four essentials: skills for learning, empathy, how to calm down, and problem-solving steps. The language shared in the school weekly newsletter is the same language teachers are using with the kids.

Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)

When we met with our Family of Schools, we were the only school to do a school plan (out of 10 schools). We were much further along than the others and had a much bigger team. It shows the commitment of the school and parents. There is a video on the school website about how far we've come on the school plan and the process to date.

Regarding Indigenous Education, we have received a grant which will cover Metis people coming in and teaching Metis beading to the students. There will be a night where parents can come and see the student's beading.

Electricians are busy working evenings in the school updating the lights to LED and putting in dimmer switches. It will reduce our power consumption by 40% and will remove flickering and humming lights. Should be completed in 4-6 weeks.

FSAs are finished. Most kids wrote the test; just a few did not.

Basketball is underway and cross country is finishing up. There will be a tightrope walker (Flying Bob) coming to the school this week. There will be an additional photo day coming up, and Hallowe'en. Mark Pearmain, the District Superintendent, will also be visiting the school on November 1st.

Argyle Family of Schools: Home-School Partnership

The Argyle Secondary Counselling Team wants to focus on strengthening the home-school partnership. They would like to make the sessions welcome to Argyle families and grade 6/7 families in the Argyle Family of Schools. There are 3 nights being planned at Argyle Secondary with a cost of approximately \$5 – 7. Save the dates:

Thursday, November 15 - Steve Vogland from Cap U on Study Skills

Monday, November 26 - Colleen Drobot on Cultivating Resilience in Teens

Other Dates to Note:

Grade 6 – Outdoor School – November 13-16, 2018

Grade 4 – Outdoor School – March 13-15, 2019 (note: just before Spring Break)

Other Business

Parking

Claire Arnold talked about how people are parking in front of fire hydrants, crosswalks, people's driveways, and the drop off zone (and leaving their cars). Claire is wondering if we can print out leaflets and put them on people's cars? This way you don't have to engage with people but are letting them know their parking is unsafe. Tim will call the District again and ask for some Enforcement Officers. He'll also call RCMP as they deal with moving violations. Gillian Paton mentioned that a School Board Trustee told her to be consistent and to take photos and send them to bylaws.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.