



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

February 19, 2019

Attendees

Claire Ferrier (Chair)

Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (Vice Chair)

Julie Block (Secretary)

Henry Chow (Treasurer)

Gillian Paton (Past Chair)

Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)

Karen Tinto (Member at Large)

Astrid Damberg (Hot Lunch Coordinator)

Tim MacLeod (Principal)

Jeeniece Chand (Vice Principal)

Nicole Kennedy

Lesley Cairns

Jacqueline Russell

Prior to Meeting:

Presentation on Vaping by Vancouver Coastal Health (Lindsay MacDonald, VCH Tobacco Reduction Coordinator, and Laura Willms, VCH Public Health Nurse)

Introduction to The Foundry North Shore (Nicole Kennedy, Vancouver Coastal Health Prevention Educator)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Sabrina Ferrari made a **MOTION** to accept the January 15, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Karen Tinto. Motion was approved.

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

Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)

Movie Night

Thanks to Sabrina Ferrari who organized to the movie night in February. It was a successful evening however most of the parent volunteers were from the PAC. It would be great to get other parents to volunteer as it seems to be the same parents each time. We were also low on baking. Is there a way to utilize the class reps better?

Playground Bridge

It's been built but is currently barricaded off as they want to make sure it fits properly. A rep from the company is coming Thursday to look at it.

Carnival

The date has been set for Friday, June 7th which is a school Pro-D day. We're hoping the setup will be easier as we won't have to clear the front of the school as school won't be in session. The Lions are booked for food and drink. We are currently looking for sponsorship. Tina and Claire are doing sponsorship letters.

Parent Social

Amy and Karen, the same parents as last year, will be organizing the parent social. They are looking at two different dates. It will be held at the same place as last year.

Argyle School Fundraiser

The Argyle Groundbreaker is coming up this Saturday, Feb. 23 to help raise money for things inside the school. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Hot Lunch

Due to the snow day last Tuesday, it has been rescheduled so we will have an extra hot lunch this Thursday.

Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)

Boundary's 50th Anniversary

Boundary opened in 1969/70 so this fall will be Boundary's 50th Anniversary. A former student who was in Grade 1 that first year contacted Tim and asked if there was going to be a celebration. The plan is to do something in the fall; possibly an Open House. Lorella in the office found a file with info of when the District acquired the land – 85 lots (5 acres) for \$2000/lot. There are photos downstairs in the archives. Some staff have been here 20 years.

Grade 7's

Working with them on the transition to Argyle.

Sangha App

Parents will be receiving a mobile invite to download the app and have access to all the updates in one place.

Volleyball

Team is doing well.

School Board Trustee Visits

Christine Sacre, School Board Trustee, has visited the school twice. Once to meet with Tim and Jeeniece and once to meet with the staff. She also met with the kids for 90 minutes. Nice to see her in the school.

Events

Grade 4 Outdoor School – March 13-15

Jump Rope for Heart – February is Heart month. The kids are skipping rope.

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, Feb. 27th. The Gr. 7's sold \$1800 worth of shirts.

Fanasoro Presentation – for LFI classes (due to grant put in by teacher; class specific)

Forty Years of French Immersion – March 4th

District Wide Lock Down – March 6th

Drumming Session – March 8th presentation on African drumming. A few classes will get a longer session to get used to the drums. The Gr. 6/7s will get to present drumming. Encouraging inclusivity/diversity.

School Travel Planning

Met with Gr. 4/5s. There have been more bylaw officers giving out tickets. Thanks to the parents who helped shovel.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on March 8th. Conferences will be March 11th and 12th.

School Plan

Inclusive Education: Jeeniece arranged for Michael Bordelodo to come in to speak to the upper intermediate students. He has Cerebral Palsy and has visited many schools. He talked about how he navigates his way through life. He was hard to understand but the students responded fabulously. One of the students said it was the most inspiring afternoon of his life.

Kindness Project/Second Step: Jeeniece and Tim are currently taking two classes at a time (grade group collaborations) and are making kindness rocks with the kids. They have done four sessions so far.

Second Step: Gets put in the newsletter each week and students read messages on the PA. It's a common language when talking with kids.

Indigenous Education: Book Club at school which 17 staff members have signed up for.

Other Business

Emergency Drill

Gillian Paton asked if there is a plan for a full emergency drill using the items in the emergency bin at the back of the playground. Tim said they have not discussed it. It is a lot of work. Gillian said she'd be willing to head it up as the gaps won't be seen unless it is done. It was done when Gillian's child was in Grade 3. All the classes have to leave, staff have specific roles (set-up tents, shelters, tables, casualty...). Staff have to do dismissals with parents which means early dismissal and kids being signed out. Kids have to be held until 3:00 pm unless there is a parent or guardian to pick them up. Do we have to hold the kids after 3:00 pm? Parents should arrange for one of the guardians on their emergency release forms to pick up their child if they cannot come. If you give enough notice to parents, they should be able to arrange it. Boundary is one of the few schools in the District that has an emergency container with room in it and it is organized really well.

Community Cohesion

Gillian Paton said she has really noticed the lack of cohesive community we have as parents. Now that parents are at different doors picking up their kids there is a sense of separation and disconnect. We need a strong community as parents support the kids and in turn the teachers. It seems to be the same people doing everything. Claire Ferrier commented that there are a lot of parents at the front of the school still at pickup. Tim commented that parent volunteerism has not changed in the five years he's been at Boundary. With the recent snow, he only had one parent volunteer to shovel. He feels it is personal choices parents are making. It's the same situation in every school. The same parents at every meeting. This particular vaping meeting tonight was not well attended. We respond to outside requests and bring people in but parents don't make the effort to attend. We're trying more things (i.e. Jump Into K) but it doesn't keep parents engaged. Parents are working. They tend to be more involved with the primary years. They do attend the Parent Social and the Carnival. At Upper Lynn, everyone is required to do a shift. We should use Class Reps more but it is hard to find parents to be the Class Reps. Phone calls or talking face-to-face works better than emails.

Yoga

Tina asked how the yoga with Angie went. Her kids really enjoyed it. Tim said it's been positive so far. Tina asked if they could do it again. Tim is concerned about how much we ask parents to pay for things that should be free. It could be done at lunch, or before or after school. Some parents have requested hip hop with Troy again next year but he is very expensive (\$3000 - \$3500 for two weeks). They offset the cost by having the performances at Centennial Theatre and charged for tickets. Tennis BC works well as they have solid instructors. The Field Hockey is a free program.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.