



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

April 16, 2019

Attendees

Claire Ferrier (Chair)

Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (Vice Chair)

Julie Block (Secretary)

Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)

Sarah Christian (Member at Large)

Karen Tinto (Member at Large)

Tim MacLeod (Principal)

Jeeniece Chand (Vice Principal)

Claire Arnold

Lesley Cairns

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Claire Arnold made a **MOTION** to accept the February 19, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Karen Tinto. Motion was approved.

Sabrina Ferrari made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski. Motion was approved.

Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)

Carnival – May 24th

We will have great rides, a Virtual Reality station, Creative Music, space ball, swings... We don't have a lot of sponsorship yet; just three businesses so far. We've done more canvassing than before but it's harder to get sponsorship these days. Recommend checking with Whole Foods and Blue Shore Financial. The Lions are doing the food. We will get enough in to cover our costs.

Parent Social – May 4th

Will be at the Legion. Tickets are on sale now. It will be a 70's theme featuring the band Platform Soul (one of the band members is a Boundary dad). Class baskets are now being collected. Will take items after Easter.

Stay Safe Course – May 6th

This is happening on the Pro-D Day. 25 of the 30 spots are currently filled.

Earthquake Fundraiser

Raised \$220.

Front of School Improvements

Claire met with Nancy Dale. The School District (SD) has approved the basic plan. Nancy is now getting formal quotes so we know how much we need to fundraise. The timeline will depend on the quotes and lining things up with the SD. The project can happen during the school year too.

Playground Bridge

The new bridge recommended and installed by the SD is not suitable as it is too wobbly, slippery and thin. The SD is now trying to get us a Capital Project fund amount to get a proper bridge. The bridge we paid for will go toward the new bridge. Pieces from the previous bridge have gone to other schools.

Teacher's Wish List

We are looking to get final wish list items for this year purchased. We will get next year's wish list by the May meeting and it will be reviewed/approved in June.

PAC Executive

We're not sure who is continuing on next year, however we always need more people involved to take on specific roles (e.g. more hot lunch coordinators, communications person etc.)

Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)

There is a lot of good stuff going on. Our school is busy. We run from one event to the next. We hope students are enjoying the activities.

Ready Set Learn

It was held over a week ago and was hugely successful with over 35 students attending; more than any other school in the District. Great leadership by Leigh, Susan and Janet. The kids had an awesome time exploring everyday sights and sounds associated with literacy.

ICBC Think of Me Campaign

It was held last Thursday with ICBC, RCMP and By-laws in attendance. The kids drew pictures and handed them out. ICBC said it was the most help they had received from any kids in the District. Parents were well-behaved that day.

RCMP Presentations

The RCMP came in and talked with the older kids, along with the Vancouver Coastal Health Nurse, about vaping. They also talked with the Grade 4/5's about street safety. Some of the kids were worried as they had seen people on the school grounds after school. The RCMP gave them strategies to feel safe and helped educate them on what to do (i.e. there are usually staff working at the school late, so they can come into the school to get help).

Kindness Rock Project

Tim and Jeenece have finished the Kindness Rocks with all the kids. They just need to be varnished now and put on display outside. One rock will come home with each child too.

Saleema Noon Presentation

Thanks to the PAC for hosing Saleema Noon's organization. Reika was the presenter. It was really good. Every presenter that leaves our school comments on what nice children we have.

Covenant House Fundraiser

Twoonie Toque Tuesday raised \$400 for Covenant House. Covenant House also came in and talked with the Gr. 4-7's about what they do. It was good for students to see what happens over the bridge. The kids had a lot of questions about what they can do to help at-risk youth. The lunchtime kindness project also donated one of their quilts to Covenant House.

Fortis BC Presentation

Fortis BC came in and talked to the kids about gas.

Litter-less Lunch

The Gr. 4's won a pizza party. It was connected to a Social Studies' project.

French Events

Our kids attended the French speaking competition [Concours d'art oratoire](#) comprised of kids who have had early French immersion to Late French Immersion (LFI). It was difficult as the organizers didn't switch gears for the Gr. 6 kids who just started learning French six months ago. There was also a LFI Celebration event March 4th celebrating 40 years of LFI in the District; our kids gave a presentation.

School Travel Planning

We are doing Walk and Roll Wednesdays and had a kick-off Assembly today. Each class that wins the most gets a prize. A class can only win once however winners will be entered into a final prize. We'll record the data and see how our classes and school is doing.

Métis Art (Jeeniece)

Jeeniece has been working with Heather Myher and Stephanie Maki from the Indigenous Team of the SD (out of a grant Jeeniece wrote). We had an assembly last week that included the singing of the Coast Salish Anthem led by Dallas Gus. It was the first time the kids heard the song. We want them to learn it and sing it along with O Canada. Métis Jiglets, made of students from around the District, did two dances at the assembly. They also stayed with the kids to help them with painting. The kids will have one or two sessions of teaching and then do a piece of art (either beading or painting). The sessions go until the end of April. In mid-May we'll have a display of all the art along with a celebration event after school for parents. Tim said that Jeeniece has spent 50-60 hours on this – including many trips all over the lower mainland to collect the beads! The kids will spend 2-3 hours on the art project.

Track and Field (Gr. 4-7's)

Track and Field started this week. Led by Nancy Dale, it's grown tremendously in the last few years. It's an opportunity for kids to try events and go to mini-meets. The top students go to Swanguard where 1100 students compete. It's a fun event.

Band Festival

The Band Festival will be held at Argyle next week. Band registration is happening now for next year.

Fun Day – May 10th

We will have a Pancake Breakfast for families, followed by fun events at the school for K-3. The 4-7's go to Playland.

Emergency Parent Release

We will be releasing all students early on Friday, June 14th to practice our Emergency Release system. Parents will be contacted to pick up their kids early (at 1:00 pm). All the students will have to go outside, stuff will need to be taken out of the emergency bins, forms will need to be checked and then students will be released to one off their emergency release contacts. We want to ensure our systems are working and review what we have for emergency supplies. Claire Arnold asked about kids who are normally allowed to go home alone. They can go home alone at 3:00 pm. You can also get the third person on your list to do pick-up.

Outdoor School

We are looking to be firm on the in/out procedure. Parents have been coming to take their kids out of Outdoor school for activities and then bringing them back. Last time staff had to make 10 accommodations. There are too many challenges with this.

2019/20 Year

We are starting to think ahead for next year and potential staff changes. We are also changing the way we receive parent input and will be giving more guidelines to parents. We typically get 80 inputs per year from parents.

We are at full enrollment for Kindergarten next year. We had close to 50 student requests and the District had to turn some students away. For LFI, we also had close to 50 requests. Some did not get in so there are a lot of upset parents. Our school is growing but they won't do a portable as that is \$250,000. Some schools have lots of space. We are doing good things at Boundary so people are wanting to come here.

We got an IPAD grant of \$6000 for 15 iPads and Spheros.

School Plan (Jeeniece)

Indigenous Education – we've done Drumming and Metis Beading. Thanks to the PAC for funding it. These are very successful initiatives because of the school plan. The staff are also doing a book club and learning about history. We are hoping staff can do the blanket exercise to understand the projection of history.

Math Focus Group – with teachers with LST. Intervention to see if it can affect the results. We have two years of solid data.

We are now reviewing the words and language of the school plan.

Second Step

Tim and Jeeniece asked the PAC the following questions:

- 1) Have you heard of Second Step?
- 2) Have you heard of Second Step from your children bringing home a pink sheet?
- 3) Have you seen Second Step in the weekly newsletter?
- 4) Did you receive a Second Step/Kindness Rocks email from Tim after your child completed their kindness rocks?
- 5) Have you had some kind of discussion at home with your child about Second Step?

Other Business

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Planning it for June 21st. A breakfast works best for those who work. It could be a job someone takes on. We'll have a coffee truck if it's available.

Strings Program

Sabrina asked if there is a chance to get the Strings Program at Boundary? You need a strings teacher and the student population to do both band and strings – about 48 students. You also need classroom space. It's a complex process which is why only certain schools offer it. They don't have a schedule until September as teachers need to coordinate their schedules.

IXL

Tina asked if they have the numbers of how many classes use IXL (Math based online program) and what the PAC paid for. Some teachers use it while others purchase it and don't use it. It would be good to have the numbers especially if it's on the wish list for next year.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.