



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

May 21, 2019

### Attendees

Claire Ferrier (Chair)

Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (Vice Chair)

Julie Block (Secretary)

Henry Chow (Treasure)

Sarah Christian (Member at Large)

Karen Tinto (Member at Large)

Gillian Paton (Past Chair)

Astrid Damberg (Hot Lunch)

Tim MacLeod (Principal)

Jeeniece Chand (Vice Principal)

Angie Howden-Duke

Lesley Cairns

Nadine Reedman

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Henry Chow made a **MOTION** to accept the April 16, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Astrid Damberg. Motion was approved.

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

### Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)

#### **Carnival – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

We are good to go. We have 48 out of 66 volunteers needed. Hoping the rest of the spots will fill up. Please spread the word and try to get people involved. So far we have \$1800 in sponsorship. Jeeniece also applied for an RBC Grant so they will send three of their staff to help between 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

#### **Parent Social – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

It was a great night. Thanks to everyone who came and the organizers. We would like more in attendance. We made about \$3,400 – 3,600 which is a bit under from last year.

#### **Red Cross Stay Safe Course – May 6<sup>th</sup>**

The kids had a great day. We raised \$750. We will plan to do it again, along with the babysitting course.

#### **2019/20 Boundary PAC Executive**

We're looking to recruit for next year if you know of anyone who is interested.

#### **Financial Statements (Henry Chow)**

Henry reviewed the Boundary PAC Financial Statements for nine months ending April 30, 2019. We are up in about \$5,000 in revenue compared to last year due to hot lunches (including the two free ones), the new Stay Safe course, and lower fundraising expenses. We should be around \$38-40,000 at the end of the year.

The hot lunch website will now cost \$200/year. We have to pay early bird rate by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Astrid, Henry and others are happy with it, and parents seem to be as well, so we will renew it. Paypal rules are changing because they are not a bank. There are 11 things on the list they require and there are one or two things Henry cannot answer. There is a new platform call Bambora that Henry will plan to set up to replace Paypal. We will give it a test.

### **Teacher's Wish List**

Claire got it from Tim this afternoon. The PAC Executive will meet to review it and Claire will meet with Admin. It will be formally approved in June at the AGM.

### **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 so much going on which you can read about in the newsletter and on the website.

### **Track and Field Qualifications**

Field qualifications for Gr's 4-7's are tomorrow. There are 100 kids involved. It's really growing. There are some Mini-Meets coming up followed by the Swanguard Meet Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Appreciation Assembly & Metis Beading Celebration**

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am (Assembly) and 3:30 pm (Metis Beading Celebration). We hope people come out as a lot of work has gone into both events. For the beading, the Gr. 6 & 7's have beaded and the rest of the kids did painting. They all got the presentation on Metis beading. Some District Members and Trustees will attend, along with the District Indigenous Education Team. We'll share with parents the Indigenous Education we've been learning with involvement from students and a Metis fiddler.

### **Visiting Groups**

The West Vancouver Youth Band came and performed. They were elementary age to grade 9. Our band played as well. On Friday, the North Shore Academy of Dance will come in a give a presentation.

### **New Kindergarten Orientation**

Next week we will have the 48 new Kindergarteners for next year come with their parents for an orientation. There is a waitlist for Kindergarten.

**Late French Immersion Tour** – will be in June. Forty-six people want to enter which is more than Braemar.

### **Grade 3 Longhouse**

Will be May 30-31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Grade 7 Events**

- The Grade 7's are busy at Argyle. Argyle does a great job of showing new students what to expect.
- The Argyle Breakfast for French students is next Friday.
- The Grade 7 Farewell is coming up. We won't have the same staging; it will be a different setup this year.

### **Friday Pancake Breakfast**

It went very smoothly along with Fun Day and Playland.

### **Walk and Wheel Wednesdays**

The kids have been doing pretty well. Wednesday is not a great day as there are band practices and track and field mini-meets where parents drive their kids. However we have about 71% of the kids walking or wheeling to school. Ms. Weber and Ms. Chand's classes are leading. The kids are having fun.

### **Math Committee (Jeeniece)**

Some teachers are using two years of Dibble's assessments to come up with strategies for targeted interventions in the classrooms. This can be shared with parents and is activity based. The committee has scaled down a little with a bigger picture in mind.

## **2019/20 Staffing & Class Configuration**

Staffing for next year is coming up. We have one teacher retiring and one leaving. EAs are staffed based on school needs. We will have 365 kids next year and have grown two divisions since Tim has been principal. We can't add any more classrooms. Some schools in the District (i.e. Eastview) are not full so the District is shifting catchment areas.

We will have combined and straight classes, and are looking to combine more classes due to the student population. LFI classes will be straight.

Teacher's will be getting an extra 10 minutes of non-instructional time next year (from 100 to 110 minutes) so we are shifting the schedule without having to change the start and end time of the school day.

The class placement process has changed to be more standardized so parents can take time and think through the process. The teachers take a lot of time about student placement and often stress about it over the summer. We try to accommodate parent input.

## **2019/20 School Calendar**

The School calendar has to be submitted to the District by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The staff have picked Sept. 20 & June 8 as School Pro-D days.

## **Emergency Parent Release**

We will be releasing all students early on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to practice our Emergency Release system. Jeeniece reviewed the procedures/plan. It's been a good process for Tim, Jeeniece and the staff to think through. Info will go out to parents soon.

Angie asked if the Comfort Kits will be given out to the kids, so they will know who does not have a comfort kit. Jeeniece said they didn't want to give them out as they are still needed at the school until the end of the year. Angie commented that there are a lot of kits in reused bags and you can hardly read the name on it. Plus, there were a lot that didn't come back this year. One suggestion is to give it to the kids as they wait in line to get picked up and then they are given back to the school before leaving.

## **Boundary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

2019/20 is Boundary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are keeping it on the radar and are looking at old photos, blueprints, papers from the purchase of the land.

## **Performances (Jeeniece)**

For the 2018/19 year \$3000 budget, we had four amazing performances including drumming, Michael sharing about inclusivity, Flying Bob and How the Raven Store the Sun. For next year, the Presentation Booking Team is looking at Goh Ballet, Hip Hop Hoop dancing (Indigenous education), Dancers of Damalameed, and the Young Actors Project (YAP). The YAP is costly as they do three-six sessions with K-7. They have left the decision for their June Staff Meeting.

## **School Plan (Jeeniece)**

Goal 1 is to foster a culture of communication around Math learning including strategies for assessment and using the results, and learning more about math with the curriculum change (finding books etc.). Goal 2 is Social Responsibility, Inclusivity, Indigenous Education. Our objective is still to use Second Step.

Next year will be year three of the three-year plan. It will be carried on by whatever Administration is in place.

## **Other Business**

### **Williams 30 km Sign**

Tina said the 30 km sign on Williams is being blocked by an overgrown tree. Tim said to take a picture and send it to the District of NV. People are still not obeying the drop-off/pick-up zone in front of the school. Parents and students are also going through the staff parking lot.

### **Fun Day**

Tina asked if the school has thought about bringing back Sports Day. Some kids at Playland had sugar high/lows. Tim said it's a good learning experience for the kids. With Sports Day the older kids don't like

running the stations. Plus schools cannot encourage winning/losing anymore. With relays, everyone wins. The primaries have fun but the older kids do not.

### **Emergency Equipment**

Angie said they talked last year about getting new tents and tarps. Should we plan it out and get a few tents each year? There is \$300 in the budget. Get tarps and one tent.

### **Bike Racks**

Is anyone looking at changing the bike racks? The older kids can't fit a bike lock. It only fits to a tire. Tim will ask. It may have to be a PAC initiative, but there may be a school that's closing that has some. There is also a problem with scooter parking as the teachers are not happy to have them in their class.

### **Playground Bridge**

The replacement will be a hard bridge with high rails that is safe to cross. The District won't fund a metal moveable bridge. They will pay the additional cost and install it.

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.