



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

September 24, 2019

### **Attendees**

Claire Ferrier (Chair)	Niki K.
Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (Vice Chair)	Lesley C.
Julie Block (Secretary)	Danielle R.
Henry Chow (Treasure)	Claire A.
Sarah Christian (Member at Large)	Julie K.
Karen Tinto (Member at Large)	Tania K.
Gillian Paton (Past Chair)	Negar S.
Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)	Sarah S.
Sue Cleall (Member at Large / Events Coord)	Kathy C.
Nicole Durnin (DPAC Rep)	Janet H.
Tim MacLeod (Principal)	
Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal)	

The Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Gillian P. made a **MOTION** to accept the May 21, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Sabrina F. Motion was approved.

Karen T. made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Lesley C. Motion was approved.

### **Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)**

#### **Ice Cream Social**

Was a great success despite the terrible weather. It was a fun social event and we raised \$350.

#### **New Playground Bridge**

The new bridge in the playground has been installed thanks to the School District.

#### **Travel Planning**

The travel planning initiative is now finished from the District's point of view however we want to keep it up with initiatives like Walk 'n Roll. We are also looking for new drop off zones to keep traffic on the outskirts of the school. Please watch where you are parking and your speed. They are ticketing. Gillian asked if we are getting brochures. The District of North Vancouver did not want to do it. It would be nice to have something more than a report.

#### **Front of School Improvements**

Nancy Dale is coordinating efforts and the PAC is funding it. Nancy is looking for more quotes. Concrete is expensive so they are looking for other options.

#### **Class Reps**

The Class Reps are filled. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

### **Stay Safe / Babysitting Courses**

There are currently 17 registered for the Babysitting course and 10 for the Stay Safe course. Spread the word as there are still spots available in both courses. We can open it up to other schools. It's a fundraiser for us as we get a percentage from the registration.

### **Jesse Miller**

On October 9<sup>th</sup> Jesse Miller, founder of Mediated Reality, will be speaking to the Gr 4/5's and 6/7's about social media and internet use. He will also give a parent workshop discussing technology, youth and social media that evening from 7:00-8:30 pm. We recommend attending as there are many apps and things we don't know about. It's always very informative.

### **Card Project**

Emily C. and Susan Oucharek are coordinating the Card Project, a fundraiser with cards and notebooks displaying our children's artwork. We get a percentage from this. This year they are needing parent's consent for a child to participate so please fill in the consent form.

### **Upcoming Events**

Movie Night – Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> "The Greatest Showman"  
Winter Skate – Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Hot Lunch**

Starts next week. We have made a few changes including adding Booster Juice to pizza week. Freshii was not a huge hit, so this time we are trying White Spot. So far, White Spot ordering is very popular reaching \$1700 in revenue (our second largest day). If anyone wants to help on pizza day, please come at 11:45 or noon.

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

Henry Chow, Treasurer, presented the Boundary PAC 2018-19 year-end Financial Statements as of July 31, 2019 as well as the 2019-20 Budget. The financials and budget were reviewed and discussed. No questions were asked.

Sabrina F. made a **MOTION** to approve the 2018-19 Financial Statements. Seconded by Gillian P. Motion was approved.

Sarah C. made a **MOTION** to approve the 2019-20 Budget with the addition of \$300 for a new dishwasher in the PAC kitchen. Seconded by Tina P.

### **Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)**

Thanks for coming tonight. Great attendance!

### **Start of Year**

It was a nice to surprise to see the turnout at the Ice Cream Social on a rainy night. Between 200-300 people came. The Welcome Back Event was not as packed but that's likely because many parents felt they have heard the same information before. We already had a meeting for Grade 6 Outdoor School with approximately 12 parents attending. Many people already know what's happening.

### **New Staff**

We now have 16 divisions (up by two) with just over 360 kids. We have a new Vice-Principal, Ilona Wardas, who came from Upper Lynn Elementary. We were in the same family of schools, so the transition has been very smooth. Ilona spoke to the group and said it's lovely to be at Boundary and it has a nice, close, comfortable vibe. The kids, office staff and leadership are great.

New teachers include Ms. Wellbelove and Ms. Chorney-Wilson.

### **Playground**

Some parents are concerned about the primary playground being reserved for K's in the first part of the year as it leaves the Gr. 1 & 2's without a playground. We do allow the Gr. 1 & 2's on the intermediate playground at recess and Gr. 3's and up use it at lunch. We are monitoring it and most often the Gr. 1 & 2s are in the forest playing so it's not really an issue.

### **Combined Classrooms and Configurations**

We spend a lot of time working on classroom configurations and combined classes taking into account staffing, class size and composition with the goal of creating conducive learning environments. In May we ask for parent input, taking a proactive approach before we built classes. We do our best to take in all voices including teachers, parents and administration.

### **Road Work Construction**

Tim is in discussion with the engineers and asked them to provide flag people at the beginning and end of the school day to direct traffic which they have now done. They know we are upset with the lack of drop off zones and are working with us to create short term parking areas.

The RCMP are putting an emphasis on school zones and gave out 13 tickets last week. Everyone was receptive and apologetic.

### **Pro-D Day**

The staff focused on Mathematics and gave very positive feedback on the workshop.

### **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- Athletics – Cross-country
- Basketball – Gr. 6 & 7
- Outdoor School – Gr. 6's after Thanksgiving
- Terry Fox Run – need more volunteers
- Foundation Skills Assessments for Gr. 4 & 7's
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Brown Bag Lunch – once/month with seniors. Kids sing, read poems etc.

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

We will be celebrating Boundary's 50<sup>th</sup> in the Spring and are looking for people to join the committee. We have lots of pictures and some former students who are eager to see a celebration.

### **School Planning Committee**

We are looking for some parents to join and work with implementing some of the plans. Committee includes teachers, EAs, parents etc.

### **Other Business**

#### **Parking**

Claire A. is concerned with parents driving behaviours in front of the school (u-turns, parking where they shouldn't etc.) Tim encouraged her to phone the District of NV and complain. Ask for By-laws to come. Is there anything more permanent that the District can do (i.e. delineators)? You can't put anything in the yellow emergency zone. There is a North Shore Safety Council Meeting Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Playground**

One parent asked about the feasibility of getting another playground. She noticed that Lynn Valley Elementary has a Home Depot sign by their playground. Did they donate it? A small playground costs anywhere from \$60-100,000. It would be great to have three playgrounds but it would involve years of fundraisers. There is grant money available. The School District has a process.

#### **Orange Shirt Fundraiser**

Lesley C. asked if there is way to do an Orange Shirt Fundraiser for Orange Shirt Day where we could provide the shirts and make some money. It would be better to give the money to a charity. The problem is that it comes up so quickly. You need time to get the kids sized and order the shirts.

#### **School Performance**

Lesley C. asked if there will be a Christmas or Spring performance this year? Nothing is formalized as of yet. It is up to the teachers. Sue C.'s mom is a retired school music teacher and has offered to help put on a holiday show. It's a great offer but we also need teacher support as it's a lot of behind the scenes work.

**Entrepreneur Night**

Will there be one this year? If we do it, it will be with the Gr. 6 & 7's. We've had some complaints from families about the time and costs involved. It's a conversation to have.

**Grade 7 Graduation**

Gillian P. is organizing the Gr. 7 Graduation and has noticed how segregated the English and French speaking kids are. They are not nice to each other. Is there anything we can do to integrate them more? The LFI program is challenging to manage. Boundary has two classes and they are isolated. If they integrate with English, then they are not immersed. The two LFI classes do things together. The kid's language and the way they treat each other needs to be addressed with teachers. It's not acceptable behaviour. Because LFI is a lottery program it creates challenges with the parents and student group (i.e. I got picked and you didn't).

There was no further business and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.