



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting  
Minutes  
November 19, 2019

### **Attendees**

Claire Ferrier (Chair)	Manireh M.
Tina Szykowski (Vice Chair)	Tania K.
Julie Block (Secretary)	
Henry Chow (Treasurer)	
Karen Tinto (Member at Large)	
Gillian Paton (Past Chair)	
Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)	
Nicole Durnin (DPAC Rep)	
Astrid Damberg (Hot Lunch Coordinator)	
Tim MacLeod (Principal)	
Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal)	

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

A quorum was declared.

Sabrina F. made a **MOTION** to accept the September 24, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Tina S. Motion was approved.

Note that the minutes no longer include the last names of parents (with the exception of PAC members and school staff) due to privacy concerns. Julie will keep a copy of the minutes with the last names on file.

Gillian P. made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Sabrina F. Motion was approved.

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

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

These courses were held on the October 4<sup>th</sup> Pro-D day and were well attended (26/17). They were run by On the Go First Aid, and feedback was good. It was a fundraiser and we made \$946.

#### **Jesse Miller**

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Jesse Miller came to the school to talk about the internet and social media. He spoke to the kids during the day and to parents in the evening. It was well received.

#### **Movie Night**

Thanks to everyone who helped out but especially Sabrina for organizing another great movie night. Everything went very smoothly, and we raised just over \$500 (\$503.56).

#### **Family Photo Night**

This was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and was sold out, with 18 families attending. There were a couple of no-shows at the last minute and people looking to cancel, but we didn't offer any refunds. Next year we will try and maintain a wait list for cancellations. We raised \$450.

#### **Card Project**

This is underway, and everyone should have received their child's art. The priority deadline has passed but you can still order.

### **School Travel Planning**

Tim and Claire received the final report from Urban Systems and it was actually quite good. A couple of their people are going to come to our January PAC meeting to do a presentation.

### **Dishwasher**

Thanks Lesley C.s' neighbours who donated a shiny almost-new stainless-steel dishwasher for our kitchen which is working well. We are still on the lookout for a good fridge – a tall skinny one (82 cm)!

### **Winter Skate**

The Winter Skate will be Thursday, December 12 at Karen Magnussen. Claire is finalizing all the ticket prices and details and hopes to get everything in the system so tickets can go on sale next week and advertising can start.

### **Lynn Valley Parade of Trees**

We will have an entry in the Parade of Trees at Lynn Valley Village and Claire is co-ordinating with a couple of teachers to see which classes would like to decorate the tree. She's suggested a "50<sup>th</sup> birthday" theme.

### **Parent Social**

We have a tentative date for this at the end of February. It will be held at Wildeye Brewery, which is part-owned by a Boundary parent. We will be asking parents for silent auction items so if you have a business that can provide merchandise or a basket, or other sponsorship, please let us know.

### **Carnival**

We are getting organized early this year, and have fixed a date for the carnival with the Lions – Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Will try and get the rides ordered before the end of the year.

### **Argyle Update**

Argyle construction is on track for completion in September 2020 as anticipated.

### **Front of School Update**

A parent, Tania K., is helping out with securing some additional quotes and ideas for the front of the school. We have met with some contractors and are looking at a price of around \$20-25,000 to redo the west side of the front. Now we have to start fundraising for the remainder. It could be a combination of a cheque drive, sponsorship, grants... We are applying for a community grant through Walmart, and there are other grants out there.

### **Argyle FOS Speaker Series**

The Upper Lynn PAC wants to host two talks in the Spring, and has invited the Argyle family of schools to attend (and share the cost). The topics will be Anxiety and Bullies. At the moment we are looking at venues and dates so stay tuned.

### **Christmas Charitable Collection**

We will be doing a charitable collection at some point in the next month, usually we support the Harvest Project but are looking into some other ideas.

### **Hot Lunch Update (Astrid Damberg)**

Things are going well. White Spot was a big success. We are working on plans to add one more hot day lunch a month and it will be White Spot. Their food was ready on time and pick up was easy. One parent noted that the fruit was a small portion (only four grapes).

We also have plans to do a hot lunch survey and may get more volunteers. Smoothies were well accepted – 180 orders. They were frozen when they arrived so were nice and cold.

### **Treasurer's Report (Henry Chow)**

Our fundraising programs are off to a good start and our Hot Lunch program is going strong. We have recorded fundraising revenues of \$25,351 as of October 31, 2019 compared to \$19,280 as of October 31, 2018. This is due to an overall increase in the support of the Hot Lunch program, the success of our first White Spot day, and the addition of Booster Juice as a complement to pizza days.

We have received our annual Gaming fund (\$6840), \$682 which has been used for the Jesse Miller presentation. As of October 31, 2019 we are in a healthy cash position given our expected budgeted costs for the rest of the school year.

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

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Concert for Primaries - December 19 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be only two tickets per child.

Entrepreneur Fair – December 11<sup>th</sup>. Grade 6 and 7 students will be selling items they made.

Teacher Parent Conferences – Tim is setting it up so people can sign up online.

#### **Report Cards**

Go home on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **School Orientation**

Thanks, Tina, for representing the PAC. There was a good turnout. The District builds schools based on catchment and if there's space, allow students from out of catchment.

#### **Hot Lunch**

Thanks Astrid. Teachers didn't complain about adding an extra day per month, so you can go ahead and add it. Astrid will do so for January ordering.

#### **Strategic Planning**

There is extra parent involvement with strategic planning for the District. It's a 10-year plan in three chunks. There is a follow up meeting in March. Boundary had an excellent turnout.

#### **School Planning Committee**

We are looking for extra parents to join. We have two now. It's a robust plan with involvement from parents, teachers, EAs.

#### **Technology**

The District is looking at ways to support technology in schools. Schools often look to PACs to fund technology but then you have the have/have-not schools as some PACs generate more money than others. The District is looking at different models and using IBM consultants. IBM has talked to teachers and students. Tim has been involved in some of those meetings. They are trying to determine what kind of access there should be for Primary and Intermediate students (i.e. four iPads in a class or access to a cart); teachers (computers vs laptops); schools (computer lab or cart); Mac vs Dell etc.

Next year the District may be supplementing technology in schools at \$800/unit. We should hold onto the money from the PAC and save it for next year as our money will go further.

#### **School Planning (Ilona Wardas)**

One of our school goals is Math Learning which includes computation and conceptualization of math programs. We had Nicky Lynam who is a classroom teacher working on her PhD in Victoria do a workshop in September. Teachers were really engaged. We applied for a grant for a Book Club and are doing a program called Number Talks. It involves putting up a computational program and invites multiple answers. There is not just one way to solve it. A small group is doing it and will share with the other staff. If 15 minutes of math is done every day, students will benefit in engagement and curiosity in math. The group is meeting every second week at lunch.

Another of our goals is Indigenous Education. We have booked an Inuit author (via a \$500 grant and some money from the PAC) named Michael Kusugak and his wife, Gerry. He has written books including Arctic Stories, Baseball Bats for Christmas and The Little Sled Dog. They will be with us Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and students (in groups of 70 - 80) will have a 45-minute session with Michael and a 45-minute session with Gerry.

## **Other Business**

### **Young Entrepreneur Night**

Sabrina F. asked if it is only open to Grade 6 and 7 students. What if there are Grade 4 or 5 students who want to participate? Tim said they have opened it to younger students in the past but parents found it hard to do two years in a row. If we only open it to one or two students, we will get 10 or 20. It's also a curriculum item with the teachers. There is a lot more than just making and selling things. A lot of the projects are also done in class. There is a process to it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

**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 Paton 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.