



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting  
Minutes  
January 28, 2020

### Attendees

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

### Pre-Meeting Business

#### **Samosa Fundraisers (Ria)**

Ria is an Argyle student who was part of an entrepreneurial launch program and has developed Samosa Fundraising Company to help schools and other groups fundraise. They sell frozen samosas, chutneys, and chai masala. 30% of the proceeds go to the school. It has been successful at other schools. Boundary plans to do this fundraiser so watch for details. Gillian will run the fundraiser.

#### **Urban Systems (PJ Bell)**

PJ came to report on the School Travel Planning Project that was held last year in conjunction with the District of NV, NVSD, Translink, the school and the PAC. Copies of the plan are on the school website. There is an Action Plan and recommendations. We can contact the District if there are things in the report that still need to happen.

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

A quorum was declared.

Karen T. made a **MOTION** to accept the November 19, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Lesley C. Motion was approved.

Astrid D. made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Claire A. Motion was approved.

### Chair's Report (Claire Ferrier)

#### **Winter Skate**

The Winter Skate was held in December and it was a great success – despite the pizza disaster! The pizza eventually arrived and everyone was fed and had a great time.

#### **Card Project**

In December we received our cheque for the Card Project, and we raised \$1,166, which is higher than average according to the organizer Marcelle. Thanks to all the teachers who supported this fundraiser and spent time in their classes preparing the art, and to all the parents who purchased items. Thanks again to Emily C. and Ms. Oucharek who took the lead on this.

### **Movie Night**

Movie Night is on February 13<sup>th</sup> featuring the Secret Life of Pets 2, and we will have a bake sale and popcorn as usual. Sabrina has a new job and won't be able to head up movie nights in the future, so if this is something that would interest you, please let Claire know. It is great for these smaller fundraisers to have someone take them on and take the lead from start to finish.

### **Parent Social**

Sue and Nicole have been working hard to organize the parent social at Wildeye Brewery February 21. We are soliciting donations at this time – we decided not to do class baskets and just seek out silent auction items. We will be doing a “wine pull”, and are looking for donations of bottles of wine. Tickets are \$20, which includes your entry and a coupon for \$10 for Wildeye to spend that evening on food or drink. They have a menu available for anyone who wants to eat.

### **French Bingo Night**

Mme Mavor and Mme Hall are planning a family French Bingo Night on Thursday, March 5, open to all families at the school (but the calling will all be in French, so brush up on your numbers!).

### **Argyle FOS Speaker Series**

Together with the PACs at Upper Lynn, Ross Road and Lynn Valley, we are hosting two speakers. The topics are: Making Sense of Anxiety and Bullying: The Making and Unmaking of Bullies. The parent talks will be at Upper Lynn Elementary. The dates are March 5, which unfortunately clashes with our French bingo night, and April 16. More information will follow in the newsletter.

### **Increase in Budget for Fine Arts Presentations**

We have budgeted \$2,500 for Fine Arts Presentations. These are presentations and outside productions brought in by the school to perform at an assembly for the students. In December, we had Goh Ballet who put on an amazing performance. Ilona is organizing the performances and has requested that we have three presentations this year – Goh Ballet, Chancz Perry (who was the hip hop performer last week), and one more in February – Jacky Essombe, who is also a dancer. This will take us over budget by \$415. We have the funds to support all these performances, but need to seek approval from the PAC.

Claire F. made a motion to increase the Fine Arts Presentation budget by \$450. Seconded by Claire A. Motion was approved.

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

Hot lunches are going well. Thanks to Tim and Ms. Dale for agreeing to the extra Fridays. We have three new volunteers. The numbers are looking really good.

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

Financially we are still very strong. We have \$25,000 already for Hot Lunches with 80% of the orders in. We are also asking the teachers to submit classroom expenses by the end of March.

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

#### **School Planning Committee Meeting**

At our recent meeting we had three grade 6 students attend. It was great to have their input. It's good to share our goals and hear from other schools. We will continue to build on our goals which are posted on our website. The District is now saying we need to communicate school goals in a certain way so we will be reviewing it.

#### **Teacher/Parent Conferences**

The online sign-up went well. The back-end was hard to set up. 370 parents used it so it was a high participation rate. The cost is \$100/session but it is worth it and is definitely more convenient for people.

#### **Young Entrepreneur Evening**

It was very good. Every child was successful. The kids worked really hard. We will keep it to an every other year event.

#### **Primary Holiday Concert & Band Concert**

Both events were very successful.

## **West Vancouver Field Hockey**

They came once again to our school. It's free and the kids enjoy it.

## **Snow Shovelling**

Thanks to the parents who helped shovel the snow at the school. They are a big help!

## **Presentations**

Chanz Perry performed hip hop dancing and Indigenous storytelling last week. The kids loved it. We also had Dream Riders who do a very energized presentation on emergency preparedness.

## **LFI**

There was an LFI evening at the School Board office for grade 5 parents looking at Boundary and Braemar for LFI.

## **Grade 's**

Our Grade 7s are starting to transition to Grade 8. On February 10<sup>th</sup> they view Argyle. Hopefully they will be entering the brand-new building in September. There is also a parent info night.

## **Upcoming Events**

Triple Ball – for the Grade 7s

Jump Rope for Heart – focusing on physical activity and kindness

Pro-D Day – February 7<sup>th</sup>

Movie Night – February 13<sup>th</sup>

Parent Social – February 21<sup>st</sup>

French Bingo Night – March 5<sup>th</sup>

## **Staff Updates**

Craig, our custodian, retired after 28 years. The staff did a party after school with a cake. He just wanted something small. Gary is the new custodian and he is doing a great job. Mrs. Wellbelove is going on maternity leave. Mr. Rogers, our music teacher, returns Monday.

## **Front of School Update (Claire Ferrier)**

The Front of School Improvement project was started by Nancy Dale two years ago. Nancy commissioned a drawing for the east and west side. Each side will cost about the same. For now, we are focusing on the west side. Tania K. has a revised drawing with a retaining wall and smoothed out edges. Tania and Claire have spoken to five contractors including TA Stonewall, C&C Landscaping, Northern Touch, Great Canadian Landscaping and Sequoia. Sequoia and Great Canadian Landscaping have been ruled out. We have to work with budget concerns, safety restrictions and School District approval. We've determined that we will be using Allan Block for the retaining wall and it will be approximately two feet high. We also need to use bags of engineered wood fibre (wood chips) as per the SD requirements. There will be some benches made of stone with wood on the top. The project will take approximately one week of and can be done during school. Ideally it would be nice if it can happen over Spring Break but we'll have to talk to the contractors.

Tania presented the quotes and there were concerns that the quotes include drainage. The School District may also have some trees and if they plant them, they may take ownership of watering them over the summer.

One of the companies, TA Stonewall, has a family connection with Tania. Gillian was concerned that could potentially be a problem if anything went wrong. Tania was not concerned as the company has a good reputation. It would also be nice to use a family connected with the school.

Financially we are in a good position. TA Stonewall's quote was the most reasonable at \$23,299.50, including drainage. We have \$10,000 already set aside for the project. We have another \$12,000 that was originally set aside for computers, however due to SD computer initiatives we won't need to use that money for computers and can use it for this project. Gillian will also apply for Walmart and Blueshore Financial grants. The Gr. 7 Legacy funds may also cover the cost of the benches. We also will raise money at the upcoming Parent Social. Would be great to raise enough to do the east side too!

Thank you to Nancy and Tania for everything they have done with the project.

We will call a motion to use TA Stonewall for the Front of the School Improvement project and Claire and Tania will go back to them and continue the process. They will give Tim the new drawings (they are not to scale) and see if the SD is interested in contributing. Tim said the SD is at the end of a cycle of funds so they may have some money left. Maybe they will look at doing the drainage.

Gillian P. made a motion to use TA Stonewall for the Front of the School Improvement Project (west side) and to move forward with the project. Seconded by Karen T. Motion was approved.

### **Other Business**

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

The school has not organized anything yet up. Tim and Claire will talk about planning something. Leah D. is also a party planner. Astrid knows her, so she will check with her to see if she would like to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.