



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting  
Minutes  
January 26, 2021

### Attendees

Tina Szykowski (Vice Chair)	Alessandra C.	Wileste P.
Julie Block (Secretary)	Lesley C.	Alexa S.
Henry Chow (Treasurer)	Noushin H.	Lara R.
Sue Cleall (Member at Large)	Irene T.	Sarah L.
Tania Kennedy (Member at Large)	Nazila K.	Sarah H.
Nicole Durnin (DPAC Rep)	Sarah S.	Stephen C.
Astrid Damberg (Hot Lunch Coordinator)	Samantha E.	Erika Q.
	Angie H.	
Tim MacLeod (Principal)		
Ilona Wardas (Vice-principal)		

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm on Zoom.

A quorum was declared.

Astrid Damburg made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Sarah L. Motion was approved.

Sue Cleall made a **MOTION** to accept the October 7, 2020 AGM minutes. Seconded by Nicole Durnin. Motion was approved.

### Chair's Report (Tina Szykowski)

- We made \$1,200 on the samosa fundraiser.
- We held a family photo session with Mark Your Moments Photography and raised \$875.
- The Card Project raised \$1,300.
- The response on Purdy's was amazing and we ended up with almost \$1,500.
- The Spirit Wear was a great idea. The quality of the items was great but perhaps the timing before Christmas could have been better. We raised just under \$700. Thanks to Sue for organizing.
- We managed to fulfil the teacher wish list item of new projectors for the downstairs area of the school, providing the funds to purchase five brand new projectors. This will be an ongoing project as we seek to replace and upgrade projectors in all classrooms.
- Under new business, we have a West Coast Seeds fundraiser coming up, so please spread the word. We get a great return on seed packets coming back to the school at 40%, and it's a low cost item people can get something back from.
- The PAC is funding Saleema Noon's virtual visit to the school for "Body Science" at the end of February. The specific dates are in the newsletter (Feb. 23-25). On the Tuesday evening there will be an online parent evening and then Wednesday/Thursday Saleema will deliver her presentation online to classes.
- As to fundraising, we are taking a bit of a pause this term as last term was a big ask in terms of fundraising. We may run some smaller low-key fundraisers, and there is interest in re-running the Spirit Wear again. There are ongoing fundraisers at Cobs Bread, Stongs Market online, Indigo online and Mabel's Labels.
- Possibly at the start of the Spring term, we will run another larger fundraiser through Neufeld Farms. Look out for details of that. They provide quality local meats, frozen dinners, and desserts and we get a return of at least 20% of orders.

- Just a reminder to sign up for [hotlunches.net](http://hotlunches.net). Yes, we know there is no hot lunch, but we are trying to build this database as a way of communicating with parents. We would prefer not to go back to the hard copy green forms! Some people still have funds in their hotlunch account which they can use or donate to the PAC.
- We also have a fundraising page of our PAC website that lists the current fundraising options.

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

We are trying to preserve our cash. The biggest purchase has been the five projectors from the teacher's wish list. We have \$44,000 in cash which, if needed, would last us three years.

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

#### **PAC Support**

Thanks so much for the five projectors we received. They have been installed in the lower east wing. The others jiggled when kids walked above so they were the first priority. We will ask for more projectors in the future as most are six-eight years old. The new ones mount on the wall and are clearer and have good speakers. We're doing a lot more with technology now so it's very helpful.

Thanks also to the PAC for helping teachers with classroom support funds.

#### **School and COVID**

The fruit and veggie program is going ahead with COVID protocols. While the day to day looks fairly normal, it is a different reality. All adults have to do a daily health check, wear masks, and sign in. Most of the staff are pretty isolated. There are different start times, recess and lunch times. They eat alone in their classrooms. Staff meetings are through MS teams. Staff don't get to see each other very much and are not able to collaborate like before.

Thankfully we have had no COVID exposures at Boundary. The families and staff are doing a good job.

The challenge is how to build community with 380 students. We did do the Boundary Builds Lego fundraiser in December where we raised \$1350 for the foodbank.

We've had Spirit Days including Black Shirt Day. Tim makes videos and puts them on MS Teams for all the classes to see.

Through COVID, a medical room has been built along with a bookroom/student room.

#### **Saleema Noon Body Science**

This will be a virtual event where a presenter will log into a class. They will show a pre-recorded video and are there to support teacher and students with Q&As etc. The parent evening may work better being virtual as more parents may come out. Links will be posted soon.

#### **Registrations**

Late French Immersion sign up is happening soon for grade 5 students. Be sure to get paperwork in on time as Boundary as been full the last three or four years. Band registration is also happening and numbers are up as well.

#### **Foundational Skills Assessments**

FSAs are postponed until mid-February for grade 4 & 7 students.

#### **Learning Surveys**

Grade 4 & 7 parents/students will also have a chance to do a Learning Survey which is 60 questions about the school and ministry. Will take place after Spring Break.

#### **School Planning Committee**

We are looking for two or three parent volunteers to help with School Planning where we will build upon and refine school goals. It's not a large time commitment. Please send Tim an email if you are interested. The District also sent an email out today about the District Strategic Plan and are looking for feedback as they plan the next ten years.

## **Other Business**

### **Can the Mask Fundraiser Come Back? (Sarah L.)**

The masks are great – soft, breathable and good quality. Would be nice to order more. Tim believes not all of them were sold so we will advertise it again in the school newsletter. It would also be nice to know how much money comes back to the school.

### **Is there anything parents can do for the staff? (Sue Cleall)**

Tim said the treats and gifts the PAC provided at Christmas were really nice. Astrid said the staff are always on the PAC and parent's mind. Sushi Katsu provided a sushi hot lunch at Christmas for the teachers. There was also a coffee and treats morning and a gift bag for the teachers.

Tim said It's hard to know what each person is feeling. Staff attendance has been good as there are less colds and flus. Much fewer TOCs available in the District as only 80 of 280 are working. There are a lot of cleaning protocols like dwell time between room use and technology and PE equipment use. They are doing new things in PE like agility training and dance so there is some good coming out of the situation.

The kids are doing their part by washing hands and wearing masks (older kids). Their spirits are high and they seem happy. They realize they are missing out on things, but are doing a great job overall.

Tim had a walk through at Argyle. It's an amazing building. The kids are really fortunate.

### **Valentine's Day**

Parents are wondering about cards. Tim said he will discuss with the teachers at the next staff meeting in early February. They may need to be in a sealed bag for a few days. There will be no food or treats.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.