



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

May 11, 2021

### Attendees

Claire Ferrier (Chair)

Tina Szykowski (Vice Chair)

Julie Block (Secretary)

Henry Chow (Treasurer)

Tania Kennedy (Member at Large)

Sabrina Ferrari (Member at Large)

Sue Cleall (Member at Large)

Astrid Damberg (Hot Lunch Coordinator)

Alessandra C.

Irene T.

Erika Q.

Michelle C.

Shruthi D.

Tim MacLeod (Principal)

Ilona Wardas (Vice-principal)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm on Zoom.

Claire read the Traditional Greeting. A quorum was declared.

Tina S. made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Sue C. Motion was approved.

Astrid D. made a **MOTION** to accept the January 26, 2021 General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Tina S. Motion was approved.

### Principal's Report (Tim MacLeod)

#### **PAC Support**

Thanks to the PAC for the work they do around the school. They organized Saleema Noon Body Science which was very successful. The virtual parent meeting was well attended and more questions were asked than usual. The kids enjoyed it too. We appreciate the ongoing support for teachers in the classroom, as well as the few parents who have come in to the school to help with the Fruit and Veggie Program.

We're going into our second year where there is no carnival, no track and field and Swanguard Meet. Boundary has had a few Covid exposures but there have been no transmissions in the school. We don't know what next year holds, but teachers are using the outdoor space now the weather is nicer.

#### **Emergency Preparedness Week**

For emergency preparedness, we had both earthquake and fire drills last week. The kids did quite well. We also had a virtual emergency preparedness online assembly with Dream Rider which was entertaining and fun.

#### **Year End**

We will have an online year-end assembly with a slide show of pictures of the kids throughout the year. For the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony, we'll make it a send off they'll remember. All of the Lynn Valley Principals are on the same page so that no schools are doing more than the others. We will relay expectations to families regarding what we are supporting and not supporting.

#### **School Administration**

This is the time of year we look at the setup for next year including staffing. Parents can also put information forward of any changes they want for their child's placement.

New Kindergarteners are registered. We're in planning mode and will have a K Orientation organized.

Grade 6 Late French Immersion will be a full class of 29 students. There is a mix of our kids and others from the district. It's a successful program at Boundary.

### **School Planning Committee**

We are looking for parents to join our school planning committee. There will just be a few meetings to review and tweak the school plan. It won't be as robust as previous years. Please let Tim know if you're interested.

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

#### **Fundraising:**

- West Coast Seeds – we raised just over \$600. Good return but low-cost items. Had some difficulties with delayed delivery and substitutions. Company had greater demand this year and maybe couldn't keep up.
- Ethical Bean – we raised \$335.50. We thought that was a good brand but it wasn't that successful.
- Purdy's – we reran Purdy's at Easter as we felt there was demand. It didn't do as well as Christmas but we did raise \$462. It is simple to run and also gives a good return.
- Cobs Hot Cross Buns – it was a little fundraiser raising \$100.
- Spirit Wear – we decided to re-run Spirit Wear as we heard from parents that some kids were wanting to buy the t-shirts and hoodies they'd seen their friends wearing. We don't have the final numbers but we did get a few more orders. It's something that has done well at other schools but not necessarily here.
- It's a challenge as we can't run our big fundraisers like the Carnival, Parent Social and hot lunch due to Covid. Looking forward to next year when we can hopefully run some of these again.
- Neufeld Farms (quality local meats, frozen dinners and desserts) is a current fundraiser until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can order through hot lunch and use up any funds you have on file. In June, we will be in touch with those who still have outstanding money in hot lunch to see if they want a refund or want to donate it to the PAC.
- Maxfruit Popsicles will be the final fundraiser in June.

#### **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:**

- We are planning a Teacher Appreciation Lunch in June. Funds from the Neufeld Farms fundraiser will go towards the lunch.

#### **Teacher Wish List:**

- We've requested the list from the teachers and will look at it in June.

#### **Front of School Update:**

- It has been slow with the school district as they have had other projects to focus on and staff limitations. Tania and Claire met with Blair from Grounds after Spring Break and he did a quick survey to mark out the slope variation and height differentials.
- We have asked an architect to provide a simple scale drawing of the area, which is what the district requires.
- We have PAC approval to move forward from last year, but will need to have it approved at another PAC meeting as the project has changed substantially. We hope to have a further update at the June PAC meeting.

#### **PAC Executive for 2021/22:**

- Please let Claire know if there are any parents interested in joining the PAC Executive for next year. We've had a consistent PAC for the last 2-3 years but there will be some changes next year. If you would like to find out more about being on the Executive, please let Claire or one of the other PAC members know.

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

Overall it's been challenging for PAC finances due to Covid restrictions. The PAC Executive has worked hard and at the end of April have total assets of \$62,248 down from July's balance of approximately

\$70,000. We've had some good fundraisers including Purdy's and are looking for a strong push at yearend with the Neufeld Farms and Maxfruit fundraisers. We purchased a \$1200 projector which we offset with the library expenditure through a gaming grant. Classroom expenses have totalled \$4394 with all but one teacher using the program. We want to ensure each full-time equivalent teacher is fully supported. Our gaming funds were higher this year but we have a limited ability to use them. \$1100 was allocated to Saleema Noon and \$1200 to the library. We have almost \$5000 left but can use it over two years. The PAC continues to be fiscally responsible and may need to postpone the front of the school project until we can resume fundraising.

### **Other Business**

#### **Hot Lunch**

Astrid is still looking for a Hot Lunch helper. Irene volunteered to help.

Next meeting in June will be the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.