



## Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

September 28, 2022

| Attendees                           |                               |                             |
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| PAC Members                         | Attendees                     |                             |
| Sue Cleall (Chair)                  | Caroline C.                   | Peter K.                    |
| Nicole Durnin (Vice-Chair)          | Echo X.                       | Renee J.                    |
| Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)       | Tina S.                       | Babak B.                    |
| Joanna Watt (Treasurer)             | Ayesha H.                     | Erika V.                    |
| Lindsay Marrett (Member at Large)   | Sabrina F.                    | Leslie C.                   |
| Zoe Guillemette (Member at Large)   | Erika Q.                      | Marsha T.                   |
| Samantha Gutmanis (Member at Large) | Melanie S-Z.                  | Crista G.                   |
| Tammy Gamel (Hot lunch coordinator) | Monica M.                     | Claire Ferrier (Past-Chair) |
|                                     | Nadine R.                     |                             |
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| School Representation               |                               |                             |
| Tim MacLeod (Principal)             | Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal) |                             |

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:02 pm via Zoom. A quorum was declared.

Zoe G. made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sam G. - Motion was approved.

Sam G. made a **MOTION** to accept the June 14, 2022, Annual General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Zoe G/ Tina S. - Motion was approved.

### Principal's Report - Tim MacLeod

Welcome back and welcome to the new parents. It's my 9<sup>th</sup> year at Boundary of 27 years of education, this is my longest tenure at a school. The kids and Boundary community keep me coming back – it's an honour.

Different feel to the start of this year – staff came back happy, elated, positive and enthusiastic. Smooth start with good energy.

Slower start due to limbo with classroom numbers and, at the last minute, our school got a new division. This delayed the students getting into assigned classes by a day, but our door is open for new students and we have lower class numbers, so positive for students and teachers.

A lot has happened in a short amount of time. Doesn't feel like we have had one full week (though we have had one), but the work towards consistency and good routines has been set up.

Thanks to parents for work already done this year. **Stream of Dreams** art installation at the front of school looks amazing. Thanks to PAC for obtaining funding and parents who collaborated to get the fish painted, installed and make this project come to life. The Indigenous support worker provided education for students to learn about salmon habitats and Indigenous ways and Stream of Dreams educated our students about streams.

**Ice Cream Social** had a gigantic turnout and we learned Earnest Ice cream is very solid ice cream haha. With no events for two years, there was excitement to socialize and come out. Thank you to the ice cream scoopers and helpers!

**Welcome Back to parents and assembly** was well attended and the support to welcome teachers back was great. Ongoing PAC and parent support for teachers is great.

**Sports** has started up; it's been 3 years since we've had a cross-country team. This year, we have over 60 Grade 6-7 students doing cross country. The District has a slower start to organizing meets. The first and only meet for the West side is happening on Oct 20. It's more challenging with numbers and mediating space and zones to organize. Students in Grades 4-7 can still join.

**Grade 7's Basketball** started this week for led by Ms Dale and Ms Halliday.

This year, looking at revision of **school goals** focusing on moving into career and physical health. This was the topic of the first staff collaboration day and will be continuing process through staff meetings and Pro D days.

Sept 29 is **Orange Shirt Day** in recognition of Friday's Truth & Reconciliation Day. Learning is being embedded with primary students working together on a mid day project. Intermediate classes as working through social studies as well as being embedded in the language arts and well as reading stories about residential stories and history in BC and Canada. Some of the conversations may be difficult to have – please look at NVSD website for resources on how to talk to your children. Pleased and proud to be part of new way of learning incorporating truth and history of this land. Thank you!

#### Chair's Report – Sue Cleall

Welcome – what a wonderful turnout.

Thanks to our outgoing PAC members – Claire Ferrier, Astrid Damberg, Henry Chow, Tina Szykowski, Sabrina Ferrari. We miss them and their contributions were core to activities.

Welcome to 5 new members – Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary), Lindsay Marrett (Member at Large), Zoe Guillemette (Member at Large), Joanna Watt and Elizabeth Peon Valle (Co-Treasurers).

Welcome back Nicole (Vice Chair), Sam Gutmanis (Communications), Leanne Menzies (Member at Large) and Tania Kennedy (Member at Large).

Two new special project members supporting hot lunch – Tammy Gamel and Nicole Pajak. We have PAC Exec members in total plus the two special members. A huge welcome, thank you for outgoing team members and thanks for continuing to be involved.

Volunteer turnout has been amazing. We have three people per hot lunch session and a sub-list. It's a huge help and great to see the interest and support, thank you.

**Need class reps** for Ms Dale, Ms Fletcher, Ms Johnson & Ms Cockburn, Ms Koenigsfest & Mme Hall. Not a ton of work, but the role acts as a liaison between PAC and teachers. Can collect money for donations and teacher's gift and send reminders. If interested, email [vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca). Would like to wrap this up soon.

**Ice Cream Social** – way bigger turnout than expected. Apologies for the wait and thanks for your patience. Will learn for next year. Tania enlisted Earnest Ice Cream, and with that donation, we made \$830 from that fundraiser alone, which exceeded our expectations.

**Stream of Dreams** – super impressed and excited with the outcome. Received grant last year and it looks amazing on our front fence; it completes the outdoor project we started last year. Thanks to helper with putting up fish and Tina to helping put up the remaining fish. A lot of positive feedback.

**Hot Lunch** – off to a good start and the first one is the week of Oct 3. Approximately 13 – 20 students are signed up per class, per order. You have up to seven days before to order and make changes. Prices did go up about \$.25-\$.50 on average as some items are a bit more expensive from the vendors themselves. If you know someone who wants to participate but is finding it cost-prohibitive, please contact the Tim MacLeod and he will liaise with PAC so we can help – it can remain anonymous too.

**Thanksgiving pie fundraiser.** The Bakehouse normally charges \$29 per pie, we are making \$4 a pie. They are massive 10inch wide and super deep. Only 30 left of the 100 available and we sell out each year.

Via hot lunch system, we've received \$520 in **direct donations**, so thank you!!

Future fundraisers:

- **Parent social with auction** in February 2023. Need a venue – please let us know if someone has a space and auction items.
- **Carnival** will happen in Spring.
- Approached by **Junior hockey in North Van**; need to pick a Sat night. Opportunity to raise money with 50% of ticket sales going to our school. Also, an opportunity for the kids to sing the opening anthem. Idea being possible class contest.

## Treasurer's Report – Joanna Watt

Highlights from financial statements for the full fiscal year ending July 31, 2022.

We'll put together statement for September/ new fiscal year soon.

**Ended year with \$52,000 between cash and short term investments;** \$38,000 in cash in bank and \$12,000 in short term investments.

Very successful year for fundraising with PAC raising total **revenues of \$100,000**. \$62,000 was generated from hot lunch with profits of \$12,000. Carnival raised \$14,000 with \$6400 in expenses. **\$65,000 of expenses were attached to total revenue.**

\$35,000 in profit plus \$9300 in donation revenue amounted to **just under \$50,000 in fundraising and donation revenue last year.**

**Major expenses totaled \$55,000.** Largest grouping was under outdoor beautification project at \$30,000 and the teachers' wishlist under \$15,000.

Desire is to recreate last years' fundraising efforts and surpass. Last year's goals were the front of the school project and projectors for teachers; PAC exec will determine this year's goals.

Other upcoming PAC funded projects:

- Educational session: Saleema Noon – Body Science in February
- Librarian Ms Eden has an author/ speaker coming in.
- First Aid/ Stay at home course

## Open Floor

Sabrina F: Will you be running the Stay at Home and First aid course?  
Yes! Bringing in First Aid and Stay at Home course every second year.

Renee J: In reference to the new playground project – what does that entail/ next steps? Looking to update playground and make it more accessible. We've touched base with local MPs, city councillors, City of NV and District of NV to determine funding, what grants we can access as there's money from both districts for school grounds. It's approx. a \$150k job, so isn't a project we (PAC) can do alone, but there are grants. Can we get parent sub committee to help organize/focus the efforts and direct answers to questions such as: Where are we on the district list? Will the City and District provide us money to fund updates? What types of grants can we access? Sub-committee's sole focus would be on the playground update. Please let us know if you want to get involved. This project will take a while, will not complete before the end of this year, but we need to get the ball rolling.

Peter K.: Staff collaboration days – is this new or experimental or a norm going forward?

Tim: Staff collaboration days were regular in the school year for the last 10 years , but recently hasn't happened. Joint effort between teachers/NVTA & school district to allow teachers & district to meet and plan. Doesn't take away from teaching day as that's why the school day has been lengthened by 2 mins, which adds up to those 4 hours. We have 4 shortened days this year, previously 7. Will change year to year and will likely continue going forward.

BPAC is the opportunity for us to let you know what is going on and provide transparency on fundraising. Currently, our focus is teachers wish-list of \$24,000 and putting money aside for the playground. Check regular updates on PAC activities in the Sunday newsletters. BPAC occurs every second month, so next will be November and in the off months, the PAC exec meets to plan and solve.

Email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca), [vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca), [hotlunch@boundarypac.ca](mailto:hotlunch@boundarypac.ca) with suggestions and questions. Helpful to get suggestions, new ideas and what is of interest to our community.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 pm.

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