



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

February 13, 2022

Attendees		
PAC Members		Attendees
Sue Cleall (Chair)	Irene T	
Nicole Durnin (Vice-Chair)	Naved Q	
Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)	Michelle R	
Joanna Watt (Treasurer)	Erika V	
Lindsay Marrett (Member at Large)		
Zoe Guillemette (Member at Large)		
Samantha Gutmanis (Member at Large)		
Tania Kennedy (Member at Large)		
School Representation		
Tim MacLeod (Principal)	Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal)	

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

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

Zoe G. made a **MOTION** to accept the November 21, 2022, General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Nicole D. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report - Tim MacLeod

You can see from the events that have happened over the last few months, things are back to normal.

The **Grade 6-7 Young entrepreneurs night** had a huge turnout in December where they sold a lot of their items. Huge turnout and most students sold out of their items they created thanks to the overwhelming support from the community, teachers and students.

Primary holiday concert was a very full house and fun concert!

Earth Rangers came into school to showcase animals to teach kids how these animals operate in their habitats. Kids went crazy over the lizard, armadillo and toucan and hearing about them.

Dreamrider show, Zero Hero is coming up about recycling.

Argyle choir is coming to our school this week to sing for us. Lots of big events happening in the gym, which really brings our school together.

Pink shirt day February 22

Outdoor school for Grade 6 happened in the second week of January. It was a very cold and wet adventure, but both staff and students weathered it and had a lot of fun as well. In the planning stages for the Grade 3 Longhouse experience and Outdoor school for Grade 4. More information is coming home with the students.

February is Black history month; classes are doing a variety of learning.

It's a **District professional development Day** on Friday, February 17. The PAC has organized two events for students - the **Babysitting and Stay Safe course**, which are pretty much fully subscribed. The staff will be busy at Carson and Sutherland with self directed pro-d activities. Monday, Feb 20 is **Family day**, so school is closed.

February 23 is our **Lockdown drill practice**. It's framed as practice for a bear/ animal on the schoolground and is not meant to scare anymore, but its more meant for the staff to practice what to do and have the students follow along and stay safe within the building.

Athletics: Triple ball for the Grade 6 & 7's. Track and field for Grade 4-7. Unfortunately, Swanguard is being resurfaced and will be shut down in June, so regular field and track events/ qualifications will be held at the school. Another track event will be held June 6, which will be half of the school district in the morning and the other half in the afternoon as the district has found no other site (e.g. SFU, Town Centre track in Coquitlam) could meet our needs.

Grade 7's are starting the process of learning about transitioning to **Argyle Secondary**. School visit and tours and presentations are helping them learn about the facility, the Grade 8 programs as well meet the principal and counsellors. Parents get to tour the school and our teachers got to meet Argyle's school counsellors to help them prepare our students moving on.

Middle year development index (MDI) survey conducted with the Grade 5's to gather the anonymous thoughts and feelings to learn about the social emotional component of schooling (ie what they like to learns, friendships, etc) Anonymous data collected by UBC that is prepared for school district.

Student learning survey is out for Grade 4's and 7's and parents; link is available in the Superintendent's newsletter.

Busy with **school planning** and working with Second Step and Open Parachute to support intermediate grades with social emotional learning.

Summary of proposed goals for next year:

- 1) **Focus on human development:** Develop in students the knowledge, skills, and understanding to enable them to be socially, emotionally, and physically healthy. It's a health goal without erasing the social, emotional and physical health. It includes learning how to demonstrate empathy and why it's important, emotional management and problem solving skills and respect for the ideas and beliefs of others. We've encompassed in there our Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous worldviews in that first goal.
- 2) **Focus on career development:** To develop in students the knowledge, skills, and understandings needed to approach and complete tasks and routines, even in the face of change. This involves learning critical thinking skills, developing the ability to be flexible when things change in their school day, learning a sense of social awareness and responsibility, self regulation and contributing to the community caring for their environment.
- 3) **Focus on literacy development:** To develop and improve the phonological and phonemic awareness skills, specifically in the early primary years but also beyond. Being able to segment language and play with sounds and organize it in a child's head is a precursor to successful reading and writing skills. We have some excellent programs to work with both primary and intermediates to help build literacy development from a foundational level.

Objectives within each goal are more specific and eventually will be shared on our school website.

Thank you!

Welcome!

Boundary's Parent Social is back and we'd love to see you there. It's a great opportunity to know your school community and have a night out. Mark your calendar for March 31st at Seymour's Pub. Tickets are available on HotLunch for \$35, which includes a \$20 voucher to spend at the pub for food or drink. There will be a wine pull and 50:50 draw. If you can donate a \$15-20 bottles of wine, please let us know.

Online auction – May 1st – 8th. Last year we set a goal of raising \$6000 and raised over \$8000, so we're hoping to do the same. We're currently seeking donations, so please send note to chair@boundarypac.ca if you can contribute. Tax receipts are available too.

Playground subcommittee: The six non PAC members are figuring out how we can get a new playground for the school community. The PAC won't be able to fund this project in its entirety, so we will require support from the province, the city and district and likely public businesses, but we're taking this work in stages. We've already applied for a grant and are speaking with the school district to figure out how to embark on this path.

Carnival subcommittee: Similar group as last year and we've already in touch with vendors. Looking at potential dates and the possibility for the Lynn Valley Lions to support us as well.

Home Alone/Babysitting Course is taking place the Family Day weekend. Thanks to Tim and Ilona for letting us use the school for these courses.

Open Floor

Naved: Are there any fun, sporting events for the primary grades 1,2 and 3 ?

Tim: Primaries have Fun Day in May. There's no formal ongoing programming for K's,1's,2's and 3's as the younger kids need additional supervision and the program requires volunteers. The intermediate programs are led by teacher volunteers.

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:31 pm.
