



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting
Minutes
November 21, 2022

Attendees		
PAC Members		Attendees
Sue Cleall (Chair)	Astrid D	
Nicole Durnin (Vice-Chair)	Sabrina F	
Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)	Stacey P	
Joanna Watt (Treasurer)	Julie B	
Lindsay Marrett (Member at Large)	Jenny R	
Zoe Guillemette (Member at Large)	Elahe S	
Elizabeth Peon Valle (Treasurer)	Naved Q	
Tania Kennedy (Member at Large)		
School Representation		
Tim MacLeod (Principal)	Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal)	

Meeting called to order at: 7:06 pm via Zoom. A quorum was declared.

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

Zoe G. made a **MOTION** to accept the September 28, 2022, Annual General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Astrid D. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report - Tim MacLeod

Welcome parents, thanks for joining and accommodating the late invite. Thanks to PAC for all you do behind the scenes. This is a great school to work at with great kids coming through our doors thanks to all the wonderful parents and families.

We are back to normal now. Lots of activities are happening and we're moving at a pace. It's been inconsistent school weeks up to this point, but we will have full weeks of school in session until Christmas helping us get into the swing of things.

Grade 7 Basketball is running and cross country is happening for the first time in three years with great support from parents. Over 60 kids participating from grades 4-7.

Welcome and hi from new Administrative Assistant, Stacey Playle, who came to us from Ridgeway School and prior to that Sutherland School. We are allowing adults back in the school and Stacey is the face of the school along with Tracey Christiansen and Lorela Rivera. Great addition to our team and has quickly got our staff organized, please say hello when you stop by our offices.

We had an in-person **Remembrance Day assembly** and it was nice to see the community back in the building participating and attending the thoughtful ceremony. We had 55 kids in the colour guards, including Scouts, Cubs, Sparks, Girl Guides representing those who participated in the war efforts.

The Halloween Parade was hosted in the gym as a result of the rainy day plan, so we didn't invite parents this year due to room capacity.

North Vancouver Junior B Wolfpack Hockey Boundary PAC night fundraiser and community initiative. We had 10 Junior B hockey players visit and read to our kids, answer questions and sign autographs – everyone had fun. 8 of our students will be singing at the upcoming Sunday night hockey game. Tickets are on sale for \$5 per kid, \$10 per adult, so grab a ticket if you can attend as it's a great opportunity to support the community.

Grade 6-7 Young Entrepreneur evening is happening Tuesday, December 13 and will be open to all Boundary families. Through the ADST/ Careers program, students create a product, market and sell it. We've done this a few times prior to COVID and it's always a huge success.

Primary Winter Concert will be put on by the Kindergarten to Grade 3/4 classes on Thursday, December 15, 6-7pm. More details will be coming soon.

We're encouraging students to wear their team's soccer jerseys or the colours of the country they want to win for **World Cup Day**.

The dates for the **Grade 6 Outdoor School** experience is set for January 11-13, 2023. Attend the in-person parent meeting on Wednesday, Nov 22 at 5:30pm to get all the information.

Parent teacher conferences are coming up December 6 & 7 with a mix of participation options including in person, online and parent choice. An email is being organized to outline what each class is doing and sign-up will happen Sunday.

Band concert at Queen Mary is happening on Thursday, December 8 at 7pm featuring the joint forces of the Boundary and Queen Mary band members, choir and our Grade 3/4 guitar students.

Report cards are going home on December 9.

Boundary Builds takes place on December 6 & 7, where students are encouraged to build a Lego structure to help fundraise for the Elizabeth Fry Society. There will also be a toy drive component to the fundraiser, so more information will go out to classes. You'll be able to view the creations if you come into the building for parent teacher conferences too. Last year we raised \$1700 for the Harvest Society.

School planning committee met at the school offices recently. We have a strong team with great representation consisting of two parents, two students, four teachers, one EA and two administrators. The committee will be surveying student and parent populations in the coming months and gathering info. Previous focus was on numeracy, social/ emotional learning, Indigenous worldviews and inclusive education. This year, **school goals** have shifted more to focus on what it means to be successful and career development.

Earlier this year, teachers, learning support, counsellors and administrators came together to share about their classes and developed class profiles that include class goals, interests, strengths and stretches etc. We noticed the challenges all grades are facing pertain to peer interactions, being able to follow multiple instructions, independent work, transitions and social skills extending to how to appropriately play with others. Our counsellors and an outside organizations/ programs Second Steps and Open Parachute are working with the classes to support our students as we look at how we create a successful individual. Success can mean many things to many people, but how can we support helping a person to move forward in a positive way. Career development is a large component of the learning outcomes outlined in the curricular competencies for BC schools.

We've developed two draft goals for Human Development and Career and Personal Planning:

The human development goal has been separated into four areas:

- developing a sense of self worth and sense of personal initiative,
- the importance of physical health and wellbeing (physical literacy program action item),
- developing a sense of social responsibility, and
- demonstrating respect for beliefs and ideas of others (through social studies or career development)

The career and personal planning goal looks at developing:

- effective work habits,

- executive functioning skills, and
- flexibility to deal with change in school, self or community.

We're addressing these through strategies, developing programs and using new curricular resources as being recommended by the district.

Primary teams are refocusing on early literacy in classroom instruction for our youngest learners, which is also a focus across the district. Looking at phonemic and phonological awareness, which relates to oral language, segmenting and rhyming. This helps us play and build language skills before focusing on pencil and paper, printing and phonics etc. Primary teachers have developed kits with the district and implementing in classroom instruction. We'll continue to work on these themes and areas of focus during staff collaboration days, staff meeting days and professional development days and staff are on the same page, excited and motivated to work together and progress on these themes.

Thank you!

Chair's Report – Sue Cleall

Welcome!

GRIT is a potential after-school or in classroom speaker option that supports our school goals and can help empower our kids. We're looking at bringing it in next year and it focuses on developing your self worth and how to work through conflict resolution by feeling good and confident in ourselves.

Purdy's fundraiser has been very successful so far with a goal of \$3000. Closes tonight and we're currently at \$3300, so an approximate profit of \$880 thanks to a great push this weekend!

Babysitting/ Stay at home course will happen on the Family Day Professional day. 8:30am-4:30pm for the Babysitting course and 9am-3pm for the Stay at home course; The courses are \$60 per child, per course. More info about sign up will be in upcoming newsletter.

North Vancouver Junior B Wolfpack Hockey PAC Boundary night fundraiser tickets are on sale for \$5 per kid, \$10 per adult. A great opportunity to support the community. 8 kids singing the anthem

IXL is back online. If anyone is experiencing any issues still, please let us know.

We applied for an **ArtStarts grant** to bring in a performing artist or visiting artist which allows for two to three performers to come into our school this calendar year. We've booked Milton Randall Drumming workshops and an improv comic in May, where the kids can work on a poetry or standup piece and potentially JessDance performers.

We have a date and venue for the **Parent Social + silent auction!** It will be at Seymours Pub on Friday, March 31, 2023. It's gonna be awesome 😊 and a great opportunity to meet fellow parents. We'll be canvassing the community for silent auction items in the new year.

Boundary's Lynn Valley Christmas Tree has been donated by Bailey Environmental this year. We have two volunteers to help decorate the tree with items from 4-5 classes, but it would be great to have a couple more volunteer decorators. Send Sue an email at chair@boundarypac.ca if you want to volunteer to decorate in the first weekend of December.

Hot lunch has been going great. Our volunteers are doing an amazing job and we have a great system set up. The cut off time to email if you can't need to make alternative arrangements for a hot lunch item is 9am the morning of, so our volunteers can make the appropriate arrangements. Thank you for donating your time and appreciate your patience with the process. Big thank you to Nicole and Tammy – it's a huge job!

Fundraising goal. Last year our goal was to raise money to update the front of the school and the new playground is a long-term goal in co-operation with the school district, municipalities and local businesses, We're still discussing with teachers and Tim what this year's specific fundraising goal is and will loop back on that.

Open Floor

Jenny R: Are Grade 6's the only one doing outdoor school?

We are planning one group at a time and then will work through other group options. Current options available are the Grade 3 longhouse experience, Grade 4 outdoor school and Grade 6 outdoor school. Some schools do all three, some do none. These experiences offer lifelong memories but is a huge ask of a teacher's capacity to go up with 80 kids for 3 days and are responsible for kids with no breaks. We have high school volunteers for the Grade 6 group, but may need parent volunteers for the Grade 3 experience. Attend the in-person Grade 6 info evening.

Astrid D: Last year, most of the Christmas lights were broken when she took down the tree, so will we need more?

We will need lights and there is a family business we can possibly reach out to help us out.

Tania K: Will the link to sign-up for babysitting course be in next week's newsletter?

Yes

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: 7:43 pm.
