



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

June 21, 2023

Attendees	
PAC Executive Members	Attendees
Sue Cleall (Chair)	Ayesha H.
Nicole Durnin (Vice-Chair)	Tammy G
Joanna Watts (Treasurer)	Renee J.
Elizabeth Peon Valle (Treasurer)	Marsha T.
Samantha Gutmanis (Member at Large)	
Tania Kennedy (Member at Large)	
Lindsay Marrett (Member at Large)	
Zoe Guillemette (Member at Large)	
Leanne Menzies (Member at Large)	
Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)	
School Representation	
Tim MacLeod (Principal)	Ilona Wardas (Vice Principal)

Meeting called to order at: 7:32 pm on Zoom. A quorum was declared.

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

Leanne M. made a **MOTION** to accept the February 13, 2023, General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Zoe G. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report - Tim MacLeod

Last PAC meeting today – it's been 9 years and I think we're going out on a high note.

Want to thank Sue and all the PAC Exec for their support throughout the year, especially the last couple of years. The PAC provides a lot of support, great events and resources for the school. They brought in performances the kids really engage with, the Carnival this year was one of the best I've seen at the school with the music, all the entertainment and great weather. They're providing new technology such as 15 MacBook Airs with new carts as well as were given iPads for learning services. The district provided us with a new computer lab, which very few schools have and the PAC has allowed us to keep the MAC platform and allow us to focus on other priorities. They're continuing work with the playground committee, helped us upgrade the front of the school and provide provisions for the library and classroom funds as a lot of teachers spend money out of their own pockets for their classes.

Boundary is a true community and the families are very supportive to one another and that means a lot. It feels like a community, but it also feels like a family. Our school has grown and it still feels like a small school, but with all the stuff the PAC does behind the scenes, it all just functions quite seamlessly. We'll recognize our PAC members who are leaving this year at our year end recognition assembly. Big thanks to Sue for all the work she's done – it's always a bigger job than one may expect, and I've really appreciated Sue's demeanour and communication with the school just getting things done and working for what's best for the students. Thank you Nicole, Samantha and Leanne for all the years of service you've provided the PAC.

Boundary Staff updates: Ms Kelly Lee and Ms Chantal Chow have been wonderful additions to our teaching staff this year, but unfortunately we don't have spots for them in the upcoming year and hope we'll see them again. They jumped in and did what they needed to do with the classroom and have positive interactions with the kids, families and staff. We thank Ms Burke, who is retired, but we're lucky to keep having her back. She was reticent about teaching Grade 3, but did a tremendous job and we'll hopefully see her further as a TOC. Anna Coffin is an experienced educator, but newer teacher who worked with us one day a week this a past year, while also working at Cove Cliff and Eastview. She'll be taking on a full time role at Eastview and wish we could have kept her but we didn't have a full time role for her. Deroda Zamora was with us as an EA this year and is unfortunately been surplus, so we hope she'll find another role. Clara Rispin is taking a personal year off. She is still with Boundary, but not for the next year. She may take on some TOC roles if she wants to come back here and there. Lila Rempel is our SLP, who's been with us for many years. SLPs and counsellor are assigned by the school district and sometimes get moved around based on needs. It's sad to have these staff leave, but it's kind of a normal thing at the end of the school year as staff move on and then we have to try to gather new staff over the course of the end and beginning of the school year.

Boundary is almost technically full with 383 students, so there's a couple of spots here and there throughout the grades. Across the school district we're seeing full schools, especially in Lower Lonsdale where all those schools are chock a block full and then the overflow comes up into our catchment area. There's not a lot of wiggle room for next year, so when we build the classes, we hope to build them correctly and move forward with them.

Ms Kelly La Roue is going to be the new principal of Boundary and is currently the principal of Queensbury Elementary. She's an experienced educator and has been an administrator for a long time, so she knows what she is doing and you're in good hands. For her, I am always a phone call away and of course I will help out.

It's a busy time of year for staff as we work to shut down a school while trying to start up a new school. Finances need to be done, the buildings got to be clean, we're trying to get everything in alignment for September. There's lots going on for students too with field trips, performances, Grade 7 farewells, end of year celebrations and the recognition assembly.

We have a solid school plan with lots of buy-in across the board from Kindergarten to Grade 7 with lots of good things happening. We've drafted our school goals that will be implemented next year and a huge part of the draft process was actually trial running a few new programs in our school. We have three main goals that have been articulated and tweaked:

- Human Development- to develop in students the skill, the knowledge and understanding to be socially, emotionally and physically healthy. It's about students learning about themselves and how to be healthy well-rounded people.
- Career Development: Helping students develop the knowledge, skills and understandings needed to approach and complete tasks and routines, even in the face of change. It's where we've been looking at how we can also develop community within the school and rites of passage with the teachers working together on finding really important jobs that each grade level can be responsible for in the community. For examples, this year the grade fives have been responsible for lunch monitoring and maybe the grade two students will be the ones responsible for beautification and as they move into their next grade, they will be responsible for something different in the school community. It's really about making that connection between themselves and their responsibilities to the community that they work and live in.
- Literacy Development: to develop oral language reading skills so students and families can experience the learning and joy creatively through language and story.

We're looking to bring families in through newsletters or a parent information night, so watch for more info coming.

Boundary is in a good place internally and Kelly is walking into a really, really good school. I truly believe Boundary is a good community and good school, so thank you and I will see you around North Vancouver. I appreciate everything everyone's done for this community and their children.

What an excellent year we had! We started off in September with the Stream of Dreams organization come and paint a fish with each and every student and staff member, leaving behind the beautiful mural on the fence. The organization did a fantastic job educating the students on the importance of the conservation and long-term sustainability of Pacific salmon and the watersheds that support them. The school received a grant from the Pacific Salmon Foundation to cover about 85% of this project and the extra funds came out of our PAC budget. We are truly grateful that the Boundary students were able to take part in such a meaningful and important project and what a wonderful addition it is to the outdoor space we completed last year.

In mid-September we hosted the ice cream social that had not been done since before Covid. Ernest Ice Cream very generously donated tubs of ice cream for the event and it felt like our whole school showed up! We have learned from the challenge and rest assured the ice cream we serve at the social in September won't be quite so frozen! I think there were several sore forearms and many broken ice cream scoops from all our volunteers; Principal MacLeod and Vice-Principal Wardas were instrumental in the serving. This particular fundraiser garnered about \$900, which was fantastic.

We had a few other small fundraisers throughout the Fall and Winter. After Spring Break we hosted the parent social where many of you came out to support the school and socialize with your fellow Boundary parents. With the sale of the tickets, the 50/50 and the ever-popular wine pull, we were able to raise about \$2000.

Next up was our online auction where so many local businesses stepped up to support our school. We raised about \$5000, which surpassed our initial goal of \$4000!

Our favourite fundraiser of the year was the Spring Carnival which was once again a massive success! We received \$4500 in sponsorship dollars that went towards the renting of all the attractions, rides and games. Thank you to Wolf Masonry, Lynn Valley Care Centre, Mitchell's Towing, Bailey Environmental, Cedar Mill Childcare, ZLC Financial, Tempe Tots Daycare, Lynn Valley Life and Focus Physio & Wellness for your extremely generous support. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Jesse Cook from Englers and Volkers for sponsoring the amazing Amanda Wood & the Swing Soul Band. And thank you to our very own Amanda Wood for donating her time to entertain us! What a treat this was to have live music. This has got to be a tradition going forward!

With the help of all these sponsors and from the great turn out from our wonderful school community, we were able to raise about \$8500. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Lynn Valley Lions who continue to impress me with their dedication to the community. This organization is all volunteer based and they chose to support Boundary yet again, which is huge as they volunteer all their time and energy and ALL the proceeds go directly back to the school.

With all the money we raised this year we were able to support programs like; Saleema Noon, Raincity Improv, a drumming workshop, new books for the library, funds for each teacher to use at their discretion for classroom supplies, new sports equipment and carts for the equipment. Most recently and notably we spent about \$28,000 on 15 MacBook Air computers, 5 iPads and 2 big locked computer carts to house all the new technology. Over the summer we will be looking to purchase voice amplifiers for each classroom which will be huge for both students and staff to aid in the learning of each and every student at Boundary. Joanna and Elizabeth will be going through the budget for next year and more will be highlighted there. Also to note, we are still investigating improving our play spaces in the back, whether it be adding a new piece of equipment or new blacktop space for the kids to play soccer, basketball etc.

Our hot lunch program had another record year with a profit of \$25,000 which is the most this program has ever brought in, by a mile. We had two outstanding women who ran this program this year; Nicole Pajak and Tammy Gamel and we cannot thank them enough for what a tremendous job they did. Nicole will unfortunately be stepping away from her post as hot lunch coordinator but we are lucky enough to have Tammy Gamel staying on with two new volunteers; Jenny Kim and Trina Windsor. Nicole was extremely organized and detail oriented and has left hot lunch in excellent shape and we thank her so much for the many hours she spent making sure our kids were fed each Tuesday!

As the year comes to an end, so has the tenure of a few of the PAC Executive team members. Samantha Gutmanis will be stepping down as our spectacular communications coordinator. Her Instagram posts were where I feel many of us got much of our school news! Her creative nature and

the time spent on making sure we were aware of fundraisers, important dates and special news, will surely be missed. And Leanne Menzies is a solicitor extraordinaire. The excel spreadsheet we had for auction items was filled with her name and I am quite certain that she was responsible for 30% of the items on the list. Leanne's drive to make sure no stone was unturned when it came to asking for donations as well as her attention to detail on other projects will leave a big hole! We thank both Samantha and Leanne for their 2 years of service!

Nicole Durnin who has been the vice-chair for the past 2 years will also be stepping down having been on the Executive team for 4 years. During her time on the PAC, Nicole has been the lead on many of our fundraising projects, most recently being the leader of the online auction. Her dedication to the betterment of the school is second to none and her support and calming nature will be surely missed.

I will also be stepping down as chair and from the Executive team. The last 4 years on the PAC have been wonderful and I am proud of all that we have accomplished and all that we have been able to do for the students at Boundary. I know I am leaving the PAC in excellent hands with both Tania Kennedy and Lindsay Marett taking over as co-chairs. We are excited to have Amanda Wood as our Communications lead, and we warmly welcome Renee Janzen, Marsha Taylor, and Jessica Walls as Members at Large. We are also thrilled to have Tammy Gammel join the BPAC, as she will continue to support the Hot Lunch Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Tim good luck in his new role as principal at Upper Lynn Elementary. I have enjoyed working with him and got to see first hand how lucky the students at Boundary were to have him as their leader. I remember the first day I met him while doing a tour at the school prior to my son starting kindergarten. When he walked down the halls he knew all the kids names and had a way about him that made all the students feel special. I feel very fortunate that my sons had Tim as their principal for the last 3 and 5 years.

Thank you to all of the members of the PAC Executive team this past year. It has been an absolute pleasure.

Treasurer's Report – Joanna Watt

Joanna Watt presented the financial statements as at April 30, 2023. Our fundraising efforts have come in we'll head of where we did the prior year and where we have the budget for next year, overall about \$50,000. A really big thanks to all the parents and everyone in the community who came out to show their support. Between our \$50,000 surplus from fundraising and about \$20,00 from other expenses, we came in ahead about \$30,000 for the year with quite a bit of dollars in the bank. We're expecting to end the year somewhere in the range of about \$75,000 in the bank, which translates over to the budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

We're holding fundraising roughly at the same as what we did in this year, hedging down a bit. About \$37,000 is saved between all the fundraising programs such as our biggest fundraiser hot lunch, the Carnival, some of the socials, the teachers wish list, which covers off the technology (iPads, Mac Book Airs, carts to store them, microphones) that Tim and Sue spoke to. And then some of the other programs we funded in previous years like IXL and library funds. We're able to fund just over \$45,000, which is really great. We'll operative in a deficit next year, but spending into that \$75,000 that we had at the start of the year and expecting to finish with around \$50,000 in the bank at the end of next year.

Motion to approve the Budget for 2023-24 as presented to the meeting. Elizabeth PV. made the motion, Zoe G. seconded. Motion was approved.

Open Floor

Concern from Parent: Zoe G raised is there budget to do anything with the emergency supplies, especially with the increased population?

Sue: We 100% need to add a line item for that if we haven't. Jo checked and there is a \$500 line item for emergency supplies.

Awesome cheer for this PAC – you've propelled us in a really great direction. Thank you all!

Meeting adjourned at:

8:08 pm.