



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

April 17, 2024

Attendees		
PAC Members	Attendees	
Tania Kennedy (Co Chair)	Melanie SC	
Lindsay Marett (Co Chair)	Jenny R	
Amanda Wood Cook (Communications)	Leanne M.	
Renee Janzen (Director at Large)	Shooka H.	
Marsha Taylor (Director at Large)	Sally	
Zoe Guillemette (Director at Large)	Bahar	
	Lorenne B	
	Jess F.	
School Representation	Irene T.	
Kelly La Roue (Principal)		

Welcome and Land Recognition

Here is the land, here is the sky, here are my friends and here am I. I thank the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and all Coast Salish Peoples, on whose lands we work and play and we promise to care for them every day.

Meeting called to order at: 7:10 pm via Google Meet. Quorum was declared.

Renee J. made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tania K. - Motion was approved.

Tania K. made a **MOTION** to accept the 17 January 2024 Meeting minutes. Seconded by Renee. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report – Kelly La Roue

THANK YOU TO THE PAC

The students are absolutely loving the outdoor gardening sessions with Teresa! Thank you for getting this up and going!

Thank you for the Cyber Information sessions for the intermediate students. The presenter was fantastic and the students were fully engaged.

STAFFING CHANGES

Please join me in welcoming Anaïs Ferrari to our office team. Anaïs will be covering Lorella's position while she is on a leave of absence.

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Grade 4's will be heading to Cheakamus Centre on May 8, 9, and 10th; grade 3 students will be heading to Skw'une-was on June 18/19. All forms and information items have been sent to parents. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE / CALENDAR / SCHOOL FEES
BELL SCHEDULE 2024-2025 and Calendar

There will be a slight change to our bell schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. As per Ministry requirements, our day will now reflect 295 minutes versus 294 from this year. A copy of the new bell schedule and approved calendar with District / School based Pro-Days and early dismissal days will be sent home to families at the end of May.

APPROVED CALENDAR 2024-2025

Has been approved and will be made available shortly.

SCHOOL FEES 2024-2025

In accordance with the School Act and with School Board Fees Ministerial Order, we would like to advise all Boundary families of the school fees that will be charged for the 2024-2025 school year. A fee may be charged to recover some, or all of the costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities. In all cases, fees are kept to a minimum. The Board may charge a fee at cost for: transportation, entrance fees and equipment rental associated with field trips or special events. Last year an "administration fee" for cash on-line and the use of credit cards was implemented. This fee has been included in the costs below. The activity fee will be used for our school wide tennis program.

School Supplies – we do the shopping for you!! By buying in bulk, we are able to trim costs, get exactly what each teacher needs, and reduce waste. We can provide an individual supply list for you if you'd prefer to shop on your own. Please let us know by June 1, 2024 if you would like your own list.

Fees have not yet been determined for Cheakamus Centre or Skw'une-was Program. Please stay tuned!

SCHOOL PLAN UPDATES

Thank you to our parents and staff volunteers who have helped shape and guide our goals for the 2024-2025 school year. We have focused on the alignment of our goals with District goals and creating a welcoming, safe environment, where all students feel safe to learn. Our final meeting will be Wednesday, April 24th 3:30-6:00 at the School Board Office (2121 Lonsdale Ave). We will then finalize our revised goals and strategies, and work toward summarizing our year.

Goal #1 A focus on Human Development

Goal – To develop in students the knowledge, skills and understanding to enable them to be socially, emotionally, and physically healthy.

Goal #2 A focus on Career Development

Goal – To develop in students the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to approach and complete tasks and routines, even in the face of change.

Goal #3 A focus on Literacy Development

Goal – To develop oral language and reading skills that enable students and families to experience joy, learning, and creativity through language and story.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT REQUESTS

Parents will be invited to email the school Principal (klaroue@sd44.ca) from May 1st - May 24th with any placement requests of their child for next year. Please do not name a specific teacher, but rather the needs of your child. For example, their learning style (needs structure, routine, etc), friendship groups to place (or not place with), and academic needs. Friendship groups cannot be guaranteed. Please send a separate email request for each child. Thank you!

While we appreciate your input, requests cannot be guaranteed.

Requests made after May 24th will have a lower priority in placement consideration.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AND WELCOME PACKAGES

We are very excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students during our orientation on Friday, May 24th. This year we will welcome a group of 26 students! Welcome letters have been sent to our families indicating the orientation times.

TRACK AND FIELD (Grade 4-7)

Thank you to Mrs. Dale for being our lead track and field coach and many, many thanks to our teacher sponsors for helping out in order to provide a wide range of experiences. Practices started this week and will continue until the end of May. Please ensure your child has completed the consent forms.

Dates to note:

May 1st Sutherland 3:30 - 5:30 Track Mini meet
May 15th Sutherland 12:00 - 3:00 Track Qualification
May 22nd Boundary 3:30 - 5:30 Grade 6/7 field qualifications

Calendar items:

April 22 Earth Day
April 24 Staff Collaboration – 2PM dismissal
April 24 School Planning Event at the ESC 3:30-5:00pm
May 1 Track and Field Mini Meet at Sutherland 3:30 – 5:30pm
May 3 District Professional Day – Schools closed
May 10 Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast (GR. 7 sponsored – more details to follow)
May 15 Track Qualifications at Sutherland 12:00-3:00
May 17 Fun Day (K-3) Playland Field Trip (4-7)
May 20 Victoria Day – No School
May 21 Tennis begins
May 22 Field Qualifications at Boundary 3:30-5:30
May 24 Kindergarten Orientation
May 31 PAC Carnival 3PM – all welcome

Co Chair’s Report – Tania Kennedy & Lindsay Marett

Key PAC fundraiser and program updates:

Online Auction start on April 28-May 5; it’s one of our biggest fundraisers, so stay tuned for all the great items. We’re still accepting donations. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact chair@boundarypac.ca. All money raised benefits our students and school community!

Neufeld farms fundraiser is happening May 10-27. All order must be picked up on Wednesday, June 5 at the school.

School carnival is set for May 31 and planning is very much underway. Please volunteer to help this marquee event happen.

Online safety presentations with Safer Schools happened this week for Grade 4-7s; great to hear the positive feedback

The **Lunch Grit** program is returning for Grade 3-6s. Registration info is in the WAG for 4 sessions happening May 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Back of school project update: Still working hard to raise money and have applied for grant and waiting for approval. Grant would be for rubberized surface around buddy bench. More info to come.

Community garden update: Kids involved seem very happy learning and participating. 4 classes Wed AM, 1 class in Wed PM. Most likely continue for next school year.

Want to help our school? Volunteer for school events; we’re always looking for help.

Volunteer at the school Carnival: a link will be sent around for people to sign up to help with event. So many roles & timeslots to help with and we appreciate the help!

Join the PAC; we are looking for new members. Please email chair@boundarypac.ca if interested.

Emergency preparedness bin. School district will cover water and granola bars. Looking for 1-2 people to man the storage shed. If interested, please email PAC at chair@boundarypac.ca or Kelly.klaroue@sd44.ca

Safety around the school. 2 parents attended a safety meeting with NS Safety. A pedestrian controlled light on William and 26 is coming. Some changes on Vinedale and Tempe with modified cross walks (timing to be confirmed but potentially by Sept)

PAC AGM is scheduled for June 12, 2024

Reminder: Sign up for FreshSchools for your timely school community info. Check out the boundarypac.ca website for sign-up information; you need to register and set-up your children's profiles on the desktop version. A key thing to do is to add your kids to their class, so class reps can reach out. There is a handy FAQ to help with the process, but it's a new tool for all of us, so please reach out to boundaryfreshschools@gmail.com if you need help.

Connect with us on social media! Follow **@boundarypac on Instagram and Boundary PAC for Facebook**. Thank you to Mandy for her great work on these channels. We have some great content, but we really want to engage the community and want to hear from you on any updates or content that would be relevant to the Boundary School community, so send us a DM through our accounts.

Treasurer's Report (Elizabeth Peon Valle)

From all our fundraisers and donations, we have a total income of **\$104K**

Expenses related to our fundraisers are **\$59K**, which give us a gross profit of **\$45K**

We have additional operating expenses including Classroom support and teacher's Wishlist for **\$10K**

Therefore, at this moment we have a net profit of **\$35K** for FY24

Further, we have **\$78K and \$14K** in the accounts, which include the net revenues from this year and the revenues from last year that were rolled forward. A portion of these funds are planned to be used by the PAC on special projects for the benefit of our children (e.g. back of the school, community garden, presentations, etc.).

Open Floor

If anyone has more ideas or suggestions, please email Chair@Boundarypac.ca,

Meeting adjourned at: 7:38 pm.