



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting
Minutes
January 17, 2024

Attendees		
PAC Members	Attendees	
Tania Kennedy (Co Chair)	Melanie SC	
Lindsay Marett (Co Chair)	Amanda B	
Elizabeth Peon Valle (Treasurer)	Hector DV	
Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)		
Amanda Wood Cook (Communications)		
Renee Janzen (Director at Large)		
Marsha Taylor (Director at Large)		
Tammy Gamel (Director at Large)		
School Representation		
Kelly La Roue (Principal)		
Ilona Wardas (Vice 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, Tseil-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: 7:05 pm via Google Meet. Quorum was declared.

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

Amanda WC. made a **MOTION** to accept the 27 September 2023 Meeting minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth PV. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report – Kelly La Roue

Hope everyone had fun and safe snow days! Thank you to parents for using the SafeArrival app as it's helping immensely with attendance administration.

Foundational Skills Assessments

Grade 4 & 7 parents should have received FSA's with letter from district and a one page printout from the Ministry explaining where your child sits with respect to the standardized test. Grades K-2 will be participating in early learning assessments starting next week, followed by numeracy skills testing for kindergartens in February. For more info on the early learning testing, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Band and strings registration has opened up for 2024-25 school season. Check the WAG for the link to more information as the website contains various important dates for registration, withdrawals etc. Patrick will be band teacher for next year.

Black History Month

February is Black History month and we observed Black Excellence on Monday, which is a day that we highlight all the great achievements and contributions of black Canadians in our country. As we move forward and learn more about the important people who have shaped our history, morning announcements will also feature a different black Canadian.

Salmon spawning project has started. We've received 50 chum eggs that Ms Oucharek is taking care of them and they're in the hallway just cross from the Strong Start classroom.

Grade 7 transition process has begun. Letter from Argyle have been sent out to parents, so please reach out to classroom teacher for more info or if you know that you're not attending Argyle next year. Grade 7s will be attending Argyle for an assembly in Feb.

Emergency preparedness. Next year we will be doing away with comfort kids and will collect a small fee for a school wide system that will stock enough water and granola bars for staff and students a 48hr period. Will need 1-2 volunteers to complete inventory of the storage but should be an easy transition with some planning. Please reach out to Kelly klaroue@sd44.ca if you're able to help.

Triple Ball has started thanks to Ms Dale and Ms Halliday, who are coordinating practices. Check that WAG for practice schedules.

Parent teacher conferences. There will be three early dismissal days for parent teacher conferences before the end of term 2: March 12, 13, 14 at 2pm. Teachers will sent out scheduling options through Sign-up genius. Learning updates will be published Monday before spring break.

Calendar reminders

We're excited to have the North Van Wolf Pack players visiting the school **Jan 29** and game day **Feb 3**.

February 16 is a Professional day before the **Feb 19** Family Day stat (schools not in session)

Pink Shirt day is **Feb 28**

Co Chair's Report – Tania Kennedy & Lindsay Marett

BPAC meetings will be moving to four meetings in the school calendar year, so the next meeting will be after spring break on April 17 along with an AGM in June. We are utilizing FreshSchools and other channels to communicate more often within the school community, so be sure to sign-up for those channels. We're open to hearing what you have to say, so please reach out to chair@boundarypac.ca.

North Vancouver Wolf Pack: Saturday, February 3, 2024 is Boundary Night at the North Vancouver Wolf Pack. Buy tickets online and 50% of sales will go to Boundary (Enter promo code Boundary at checkout). Please note that tickets will not be available at the door. You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.showpass.com/wolf-pack-regular-season/>.

Parent Social: Get your tickets now to the Boundary parent social on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Black Kettle Brewing Company. Tickets are \$35 (includes a \$20 voucher to use towards food) and can be purchased on the Hot Lunches website: <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/>. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle as well as a wine pull - please contact chair@boundarypac.ca if you have a wine bottle to donate.

Online Auction: The Boundary online auction is one of our biggest fundraisers! 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!

Cyber safety presentations for Grade 4-7s are being scheduled with Safer Schools Together. Will be two days with two sessions.

Cobs Bread fundraiser will start Feb 16 and **Neufeld Farms fundraiser** will be happening in May, so watch for more info coming.

The Carnival is scheduled for May 31 and we will need help, so if you're interested in joining the carnival committee, please contact chair@boundarypac.ca

Back-of-the-school playground project is our key fundraising goal and we are aiming to make improvements. We are in the very very early stages of meeting with the school district, getting quotes and working through all our options (adding hard surfaces, extra equipment, accessibility options and sensory pieces) in order to coordinate next steps.

As mentioned previously, we will share more info once we have it, but we're going to make a big push this year in terms of showing that the money we are raising as a community is being used for really great things that do, in fact, benefit our kids. We want to be able to have our kids use it while they're still here, not 6 years from now.

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.

Volunteer as part of this great school community! We are always looking for volunteers, whether if you're interested in joining the PAC next year or helping at a fundraising event. We wouldn't be able to run the PAC for as many different programs without the support of volunteers. Thank you to all our hot lunch volunteers – we have an amazing group helping with that operation. Reach out to chair@boundarypac.ca if you can give us a hand.

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)

Budget updates for 2023/2024. We are up to date for Dec 31, 2023 and are doing very well.

We have \$54K in revenues and are on budget. Main fundraiser is hot lunch, but other events have been great (i.e. Ice Cream Social, Halloween dance, gaming grant monies received), so thank you for all the support.

\$34K in expenses is as expected and mostly related to hot lunch.

Profit to date is \$20K, though we do have some operating expenses to account for, including some classroom supports as we await some vouchers from teachers, but we have more funds to give.

Net profit is \$13k to date. In accounts we have \$50k, so a very healthy amount to spend.

Further income not recorded \$3k, expenses not recorded \$1200.

Open Floor

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 pm.