



Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)

General Meeting

Minutes

September 27, 2023

Attendees		
PAC Members	Attendees	
Tania Kennedy (Co Chair)	Hilary B.	Michelle R.
Lindsay Marett (Co Chair)	Gordon C.	Negar S.
Elizabeth Peon Valle (Treasurer)	Astrid D.	Melanie SC
Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary)	Leandro F.	Mohammad S.
Amanda Wood Cook (Communications)	Russell H.	Alex S.
Jessica Walls (Director at Large)	John H.	Brenda D.
Zoe Guillemette (Director at Large)	Farnaz J.	Irene T.
Renee Janzen (Director at Large)	Aso K.	Danica W.
Marsha Taylor (Director at Large)	Erika Q.	Leah D.
Tammy Gamel (Director at Large)	Nadine R.	Robyn F.
	Teresa HS	
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, 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: 7:07 pm via Google Meet. A quorum was declared.

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

Amanda W. made a **MOTION** to accept the 12 June 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Astrid D. - Motion was approved.

Principal's Report – Kelly La Roue

Thank you's and Appreciation

Thank you for the warm welcome to the Boundary Community. Ice Cream Social was a big hit! Meet the Teacher night had great energy and thank you to all the volunteers for Terry Fox Run.

School Planning Team Parent Volunteers Needed

Looking for 2-3 parents to join our School Planning Team. Previous work included working diligently to update our school goals to align with Ministry in the areas of Human and Social Development, Intellectual Development, and Career Development. The time commitment for this committee is approx. 7-10 hours with meetings being held in October, November, January, February, and April. Please contact Kelly directly (klaroue@sd44.ca) if you are interested in joining our team. In the subject line please state:

School Planning Council

Emergency Preparedness – Volunteers needed!

Boundary staff devoted the first Collaboration day to Emergency Preparedness. The established staff roles in the event of an emergency, reviewed the classroom supplies (grab and go bags) and updated the emergency toilet buckets for each room at Boundary. Next year, the school will move away from individual comfort kits to a more centralized storage of staff and student supplies. We invite interested parents (3-4) to join our Emergency Preparedness Committee by emailing the School Principal at klaroue@sd44.ca In the subject line please state: **Emergency Preparedness**. The first Earthquake Preparedness Drill will be on Thursday, October 19th. Performing emergency drills and reviewing school emergency plans are important and necessary steps in becoming as prepared as possible for an emergency situation. For more information, check out the ["Shake Out BC" website](#). This is also a good opportunity to talk about being prepared for an emergency at home. The North Shore Emergency Management Office encourages everyone to create a family emergency plan and stock and maintain a basic home emergency kit. Supply lists for a basic home emergency kit can be found at [North Shore Emergency Management website](#).

Fruit and Veggie Program and Food Access program

Thank you to our parent volunteers! BC Agriculture Foundation is increasing their free produce and milk program to a weekly delivery for all North Vancouver schools. All fruits and veggies are seasonal and washed before being handed to students. Our food access program is in partnership with Save-On Foods and is ordered weekly. It is designed to help students who are just a little bit hungry, or to help support kids who didn't get enough in their lunch. The food access program is not a meal replacement, but a good alternative when students need a little bit extra. We typically order mini cucumbers, oranges, apples, and bananas and have it on the foyer counter for students to "self serve". Additionally, a fridge has been purchased to keep individual milk servings for students.

Athletics: Cross Country and Basketball

Thank you to Ms. Chorney-Wilson, Ms. Wardas, and Mr. King for coaching our cross-country students. Practices are on Tuesday's at lunch and Friday before school.

Boundary's Basketball program is starting with the support of Ms Dale, Ms Halliday and the Argyle Leadership students (ALS).

The schedule, sponsors and coaches are as follows:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:00			<i>Girl's Practice (Dale/ ALS)</i>	<i>Boy's Practice (Halliday/ ALS)</i>	
3:15 – 4:30 (games) 3:05-4:00 (practice)	<i>Boys' Games Grade 7 only (Halliday/ALS)</i>	<i>Girls' Games Grade 7 only (Dale/ ALS)</i>	<i>Boy's Practice (Halliday/ ALS)</i>	<i>Girl's Practice (Dale/ALS)</i>	

Games begin in the week of October 10th and end in the week of November 1st and the locations are being determined.

Foundation Skills Assessments

Students in grade 4 and 7 will begin the Ministry of Education assessments next week. Results will be available later in the term. Please see the letter sent home from Superintendent Dr. Ryan to all grade 4 and 7 families. Please connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Parent Teacher Conferences

On October 16th, 17th and 24th, we will dismiss students at 2PM to allow for in person or virtual (via Teams) TERM 1 Student/Teacher/Family conferences. Teachers will be inviting families to sign up for a 15 or 20-minute interviews, as well, will be sending home "parent planning sheets" so that parents can record their thoughts and comments before the interview. Goal setting with students alongside parents is going to be an important activity we're working towards. Please watch for a letter coming home from the school during the week of October 9th with more information.

Outdoor School for Grade 6

Boundary's Grade 6/6F Outdoor school dates have now been confirmed as December 20-22. Please connect with your child's teacher if you know you will be away for the holidays. Fees for Outdoor School will be posted soon.

Calendar Reminders:

October 2 National Truth and Reconciliation Day Observed - Schools not in

session October 9 Thanksgiving – Schools not in session

October 13 Photo Re-take day

October 16/17/24 Family Conferences – dismissal at 2PM each day

October 19 Great Shake Out drill

October 20 Provincial Professional Day (school not in session)

November 1 School based Professional Day – School not in

session November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly

November 13 Remembrance Day Observed (schools not in session)

Co Chair's Report – Tania Kennedy & Lindsay Marett

We'd like to recognize our past Chair and Vice Chairs, Sue Cleall and Nicole Durnin for all the hard work and contributions to our school community over their years of service.

This year's PAC members are Tania Kennedy and Lindsay Marrett (Co-Chairs), Tracey O'Haggarty (Secretary), Elizabeth Peon Valle (Treasurer), Amanda Wood Cook (Communications) and our Directors at Large, Tammy Gamel, Zoe Guillemette, Renee Janzen, Jessica Walls and Marsha Taylor. Jenny Kim and Trina Windsor are our new hot lunch coordinators.

BPAC meetings will be moving to four meetings in the school calendar year (upcoming meetings in January, March, along with an AGM in June), reasons being we are communicating more often within the school community and are better suited to use the time when we do get together, instead of month to month. We're open to hearing what you have to say, so please reach out to chair@boundarypac.ca.

The **Ice Cream Social** was a great success and started off our school year socials. We also hosted a **Kindergarten Welcome** with the generous support of Cobs Bread Park & Tilford & JJ Bean Park & Tilford, who donated baked goods and coffee. We're hoping to host a **Halloween Dance** at the end of October for families – more details to follow. Looking to host our parent social in February, an online auction in spring and our amazing Carnival with a bit of a gap in between activities.

Our biggest fundraiser – **Hot Lunch** is back starting the week of October 2. Fresh Slice, Subway, Sushi Katsu, A Moveable Feast, Booster Juice and White Spot menus are back in rotation. We have amazing volunteers that help make this program function and thank them so much for their support. Register for hot lunch at boundaryhotlunch.net as per the instructions in the Welcome Letter – our code is BEHL. If you've signed up before, you can use the same username and email as previously, but still need to sign up at the beginning of the year. Any credits will be transferred to your updated account. We are working on a great line-up of educational speakers – more to come. Pure & Sweet Photography is donating their fees to the PAC as part of our **family photo session fundraiser**. The Card Project, **Purdy's chocolates fundraiser** is coming up along with **Neufeld Farms fundraiser**.

New this year! The PAC is working on bringing together Boundary students **after school ski program** at Grouse Mountain. There will be limited spots with dismissal around 2:30pm with ski lessons starting at 4:30pm, and we're working on getting a bus to and from, with variations. The costs will vary depending on

whether you have a season's pass and your own equipment – watch for more details to follow. This is not a fundraiser but a great opportunity to bring a ski program for families whose kids don't ski and want to try it out.

Update on the **Back-of-the-school playground project** – we are looking to develop the muddy grassy knoll into something the kids can use as well as looking to chip away at updating current playground equipment. The PAC is in the early stages of collecting quotes for resurfacing as well as doing our due diligence in everything we need to do. 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.

A new PAC communication tool: FreshSchools. A tool a lot of other elementary schools use and we were interested in using it to help streamline timely communications coming from the PAC as well as coming from Class Reps. We have a PAC website: boundarypac.ca that does get a great amount of traffic, so FreshSchools will help drive a lot of that communication. It shares calendar reminders for upcoming events, has a school directory, allows for notifications, and has a mobile app for ease. 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. Our goal is for 200 students to self-register – and we are at 126 approximately. We recognize we won't get everybody on the platform, but are really trying to drive sign-ups to see how well we can use it.

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 Sam for all your work on these accounts over the years and to Mandy for taking it over. 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)

In fiscal year 2023, we held several fundraisings being the most important ones the Hot Lunch and the Carnival, but we also had the ice cream social, family photo night, card project, parent social, online auction, for which we raised more than \$45K already excluding our expenses.

We also had other revenue of \$41K from the stream of dreams, GST Rebate, donations and especially from Investments that have been made the year prior.

We're very happy and proud to say that thanks to these funds, we were able to fulfill the **Teacher's Wishlist**, which mainly included 5 iPads and 3 MacBook Airs including their carts for \$32K, and we were able to provide almost \$6K between all the teachers for classroom support. Therefore, our total expenditures were \$41K

We also received \$7K on gaming grant from the government. For this grant we are restricted on what we can spend it on, but last year we were able to spend \$12K on fine arts, students' presentations, special projects and the Carnival. Since we already had an amount of unspent grants from previous years, we were able to cover the deficit and we still have \$6.8k in the gaming account.

We ended the fiscal year with a very healthy amount of more than \$60K of funds, including the gaming account.

Fiscal year 2024

This year we plan to raise \$40K from similar fundraising events as last year, especially hot lunch, the carnival and the online auction, and maybe add new ones like the Halloween dance.

We also plan to spend a similar amount of \$40K on things that are for the benefit of our kids. Mainly we are planning to spend a little more than \$6K on classroom support for the teachers and \$24K on the teachers' Wishlist which includes Library funds and PE equipment. We are also hoping to raise funds to purchase new or improved playground equipment.

We have requested the gaming grant for this year and we are hoping to obtain it (approx. \$7K). Once we receive it, we will plan on how we can spend it (e.g. carnival expenses) to benefit our kids.

Kelly was able to purchase headsets for all the teachers with PAC funds at the start of this school year too.

Open Floor

Question: Who can I reach out to get involved with the Grade 7 Grad planning committee?

Kelly LaRoue: Nancy Dale, Alexis Fletcher and Laura Hall are the Grade 7 teachers, so reach out to Laura Hall, who is taking the lead on grad hoodies. There is also a [Grad 7 committee Facebook group](#) parents can join to find out the latest updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:49 pm.