



<b>Meeting</b>	Boundary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting	
<b>Date / Time</b>	Thursday, January 23, 2025 (7-8 p.m.)	
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>BPAC Representatives:</b> Chair: Lindsay Marett Vice Chair: Tracey O'Haggarty Treasurer: Elizabeth Peon Valle Secretary: Jessica Walls Directors-at-Large: Katie Drechsel, Marsha Taylor, Ashley Scott Hot Lunch Coordinator: Emilie Shahkar  <b>School Representatives:</b> Kendra Arkinstall, Principal Ilona Wardas, Vice-Principal	<b>Attendees:</b> Robyn Fenyesi Tammy Gamel Daniel Cotame Mohsen GhaemianAmirkolai Divya Sivanesan Claire Hahnhaussen Aso Kamangar Leanne Menzies

## AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

### Welcome and Land Recognition (Tracey O'Haggarty)

*Boundary PAC would like to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people whose traditional unceded territories our school and community members reside on. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on the traditional unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.*

### Call to Order (Tracey O'Haggarty)

- Report as to quorum (Elizabeth Peon Valle motioned, Ashley Scott seconded)
- Approval of agenda (Jessica Walls motioned, Tammy Gamel seconded)
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting (September 26, 2024) ((Elizabeth Peon Valle motioned, Ashley Scott seconded)

### Principal/Vice-Principal Report (Kendra Arkinstall & Ilona Wardas)

Thank you to the PAC for being so welcoming! It's a wonderful community and I feel privileged to be here as Principal



### ***Playground – Construction is underway.***

**Week one of playground construction is underway!** The safety perimeter and fences are up and there has been lots of excitement and intrigue as the construction team works away. We have also put up signage to advise/ caution people to not touch the fencing. During recess and lunch, there is some construction continuing within the safety fencing during school hours. We will continue to monitor and manage the conditions /situations supported by our safety protocols. Please also have a conversation at home about how important it is to stay off the safety fence. We will communicate regularly regarding any updates or changes as we navigate the construction process.

### ***School Planning Team***

- Schools Goals around (1) Human Development (2) Career Development - Executive Functioning (3) Literacy
- Looking at reviewing the Code of Conduct
- Currently our Code of Conduct is Care for Self, Care for Others, Care for Environment
- Looking at school values and how we can use kid friendly language to support students in their learning and development
- Staff Values include
- Would like to send out a survey to the school community to gain insight into the values of the community.
- Some of the staff values so far are: community/connection, kindness, respect, equity, development etc.

### ***Grade 4 & 7 Families:***

**Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs):** FSA's went home this week for students in Grade 4 and 7 who wrote the FSA's. The FSA's provide a snapshot for your child's literacy and numeracy skills and are not included in classroom assessments or learning updates. The FSAs are annual assessments conducted by the Ministry of Education and Childcare to gauge how students in Grades 4 and 7 are performing relative to provincial standards in literacy and numeracy.

**Student Learning Survey:** We also invite parents of Grade 4 and 7 students to participate in the Student Learning Survey for Boundary. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us enhance our school planning and decision-making processes. Please take a moment to complete the survey by visiting Student Learning Survey.



To complete the survey:

1. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
2. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
  - a. District: the name of your child's district (North Vancouver #44)
  - b. School: the name of your child's school (Boundary Elementary)
  - c. Language: the language of your choice
3. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
4. When you are finished with the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
5. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.
6. Thank you for your participation and support!

### ***Triple Ball for Grade 6 and 7's:***

Thank you to Ms. Dale and Ms. Halliday and the other staff members that will be volunteering at games.

Boundary's Tripleball program is starting next week. We have 3 grade 7 teams participating in a semi-formal league play, and all grade 6s participating in an in-school intramural league.

The grade 7 boys will play their games on Monday afternoons, and the grade 7 girls will play their games on Tuesday afternoons.

### ***Saleema Noon is Coming***

- Parent Evening on January 28<sup>th</sup>
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Classroom Schedules

### ***LFI Bingo Night 6:30 – 8:00 Feb 11<sup>th</sup> in the Boundary school gym***

- *Intermediate Families will be invited to a French Immersion Bingo Night, the Grade 7's will be raising money for a concession at the bingo night.*



### **Reporting and Core Competencies**

- *Self-reflection of the Core Competencies will go home the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences March 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> – early dismissal at 2:00pm*
- *Learning Updates Published March 12<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Calendar – Looking Ahead**

- **February is Black History Month – working on booking Presentation House Artists**
- January 27 Pro D Day (School based)
- Fri Feb 14 Pro D Day (District wide)
- Mon Feb 17 Family Day
- Wed Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day & Staff Collab Early Dismissal
- March 12 - 14 Gr. 4 ODS (unsure if teachers have communicated to families yet)
- April 10 Gr. 3 Long House (one day program – no longer an overnight)

### **Chair / Vice Chair's Report (Lindsay Marett / Tracey O'Haggarty)**

- Overview of current and upcoming PAC initiatives, fundraisers, presentations, and events
  - We had a really great start to the year with a variety of returning and new fundraisers – thanks to everyone in the Boundary community (and beyond!) for their support
  - Here is a recap of the fundraisers we've completed since our last Boundary PAC meeting:
    - Returning fundraisers this fall included Purdy's and The Card Project
    - New fundraisers this fall included Growing Smiles Poinsettias and wreaths and Moja Coffee – both of these received great support, and we'll be looking at running similar fundraisers again
    - We also recently held our Boundary night at the Wolf Pack. This was a huge success – it exceeded our expectations and we raised \$1,000, twice the amount that we raised last year.
    - Plus – we held the Taylor Swift ticket raffle. We sold 800 raffle tickets in under 3 days. Not only was this a unique fundraiser that



generated a lot of money for our community, but it generated a lot of excitement. Who knows – we may revisit a ticket raffle again.

- Upcoming fundraisers include Moja Coffee (again), COBS Bread and Neufeld Farms. There is also potential for a spring photography fundraiser but we are still determining details. We are also looking into a Babysitting / Stay at Home course and will share more info as soon as we have a date.
- We will also be holding the Boundary online auction from April 28 to May 5. This is always a great fundraiser for our school. If anyone has an item they would like to donate, please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).
- Regarding events, since we last met, we held the second annual Boundary BOOGie Halloween Dance. This was a great event with so many families in attendance. Special thanks to the grade 2 and 3 families who generously donated treats for the bake sale.
- Upcoming events include the Parent Social. This year, we are returning to Black Kettle Brewing for an amazing night of food, fun and fundraising! The event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$35 (\$20 can go towards the purchase of food). Purchase tickets now on the Hot Lunches website. We will also be holding a 50/50 ticket raffle and a wine pull – if you have a bottle of wine (\$20+) to donate, please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).
- The Boundary Carnival has also been confirmed for May 30. We're thrilled to once again have the support of the Lynn Valley Lions. More details to come.
- Playground project update
  - This week we marked a major milestone for the Boundary PAC – construction began on the playground upgrade. After several years of conversations, sourcing quotes and fundraising, we are so excited to see these efforts and community contributions come to fruition.
  - Towards the end of last year, we worked with the School District to finalize details and purchase the equipment and transfer the \$97,000 raised through donations, and fundraising efforts to build a more accessible and inclusive playground. Once completed, it will include:
    - Sustainable and more accessible pour in place rubber playground surface
    - Fun and more inclusive playground equipment, such as a TreeTop spinner (which can fit up to 35 kids safely at a go), a new wave slide, musical piece, and more



- It's important to note that there will be no removal of any current playground equipment. The Buddy Bench will also return, hopefully refurbished and in a new location.
- A huge thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to support this exciting initiative. Special thank you to our amazing Playground Sub-Committee (led by former PAC members, Renee Janzen and Tania Kennedy), as well as parent and community supporters. So many people have been involved in this project – thank you!
- We look forward to sharing more details in the weeks ahead.
- Community garden update (Amanda Wood Cook)
  - We have received several grants for our community garden. Thank you to Theresa Hay-Sabourin for all her work in leading this initiative. The spring session will begin in the next while and we look forward to sharing more updates then. Over to Amanda for additional updates.
- Potential Walking School Bus Program (Jessica Walls)
  - The Walking School Bus is a new initiative led by the Society for Children and Youth of BC and the District of North Vancouver that is being proposed to Boundary.
  - The Walking School Bus is a group of students who travel to and from school each day along a designated route, stopping along the way to pick up more students. The bus is supported by trained adult Walk Leaders, who walk with the group daily.
  - There are many benefits to this initiative, including:
    - Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
    - Increasing physical activity levels
    - Fostering a sense of community
    - Reducing school zone traffic
    - Saving time on your morning commute
    - Raising money for our PAC
  - We will send out a survey to determine who might be interested in volunteering as a walk leader or the program coordinator.
- FreshSchools reminder as a way to streamline school community communications
  - FreshSchools is how we keep parents informed with the latest and greatest at Boundary. Visit [boundarypac.ca](http://boundarypac.ca) to sign up for this platform if you haven't already, and be sure to add your child to their classroom so that you can stay up-to-date on Boundary-related events and more.



- In addition to class rep emails and social media updates, we regularly use this for PAC communications - sign up so you don't miss out! There is also a calendar that we update every month.
- After school program reminders
  - At Boundary, we offer a variety of lunchtime and after school programs, including Chess Club, Artists for Kids, multi-sport, Farsi, and Lights Up! musical theatre.
  - A friendly reminder for any parents who have kids in after school programs to please email their teachers if their child needs any reminders on where to go after school (and to remind your child at drop off too), that would greatly help out the office and staff with troubleshooting, (especially with the younger kids) when they end up at the office unsure of where they're going etc.
  - Be sure to check for updates on registration for the final term by following our social media accounts and reviewing the Week Ahead emails.
- Call-out for volunteer positions (carnival committee) and donations (wine pull; online auction)
  - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to support our school community this year. We have a great group of class reps and we certainly cannot hold events like the Halloween dance or the carnival without volunteer support. In the coming weeks, we will be putting out a call for volunteers to join the Carnival Committee.
  - Of course, we are also grateful for the ongoing support of the hot lunch volunteers.
  - As mentioned earlier, if you have any wine to donate for the wine pull at the Parent Social or items to donate for the online auction, please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).
- Next meeting reminder (April 24, 2025)
  - Our next Boundary PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. We are considering having this as a hybrid (in-person and online) meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Elizabeth Peon-Valle)**

- Budget updates for 2024 / 2025
- All fundraisers this year have exceeded the budget
- We are on track to have \$30,000 in the bank for the end of the year



**Any other business / open floor**

- \$25 gift card draw – Congratulations Divya Sivanesan, thank you for joining the meeting.

**Adjournment:** 7:49pm