

- Principal/Vice-Principal Report – Kendra Arkinstall/Ilona Wardas

- o **REPORT IT tool** - for students to seek help or submit anonymous reports about concerns
 - o [erase = expect respect & a safe education - Province of British Columbia](#)
- 2) **Student Learning Survey** – We have the majority of our Grade 4 and 7 students that have completed the Student Learning Survey. This survey provides insight into how students feel about school and helps us enhance our school planning and decision-making process. We are asking for more Grade 4 and 7 parents fill out this survey
- o To complete the survey:
 - o Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
 - o Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
 - o District: the name of your child’s district (North Vancouver #44)
 - o School: the name of your child’s school (Boundary Elementary)
 - o Language: the language of your choice
- 3) **School Planning Event** – school planning event is next week at the district where we have Parents, Staff and students coming to share ideas. We will be sharing the parent data and teacher data from the 2-question survey that was sent out in the Week Ahead. Here is a higher level of some of our findings that aligns with our school plan. For more information regarding the school plan, please see a draft here:

	Strengths	Stretches (Gaps)
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming atmosphere • Small School Size – personalized interactions, connections - Friendly greetings and smiles when you walk in. • Supportive families and community. • Supportive Teachers and Staff and Admin: • Safe and Friendly Environment – unique location, forest, parks, gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration for new families, especially those not starting in kindergarten, find it challenging to meet other families.
PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active PAC: The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is noted for its dedication and successful fundraising efforts, enhancing the school's resources. 	
SEL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling and Mental Health Resources

Safety		4) Drop off and Parking - congestion and frustration. Expanding the drop-off zone and improving traffic flow. Crossing Guard
Programs / Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse Programs: music, French, art, and after-school activities, helping students explore different interests. • Strong athletics, art, and learning support, rock band, Christmas concert, gardening program and access to nature • Extracurricular Activities: Clubs, sports, and community events are appreciated. • Enthusiastic learners with access to great resources and technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy (reading and writing) & Numeracy support • Adaptations and support for diverse needs • After School Programs (Art, Theatre, Drama, Music and sports) • Field Trips & Community Interactions • Create more clubs and open the library during recess/lunch for students struggling with peer connections. • Update PE equipment and classroom tools.

5) **Track and Field** is Underway!

- o Sutherland Mini Meet – May 21st at 8:00am

6) **Interior building painting** is underway

7) **Garden project** is continuing this year. The team is looking at the drainage of the front area to keep it safe and sustainable.

8) **Class placement letters** will start going out soon – asking parents for info that the staff doesn't already know about the child but trying to stay away from requesting specific teachers.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report - Lindsay Marett & Tracey O'Haggarty

1) **Overview of current and upcoming PAC initiatives, fundraisers, and events:**

Fundraisers:

- o We've had lots of great fundraisers over the last few months - thanks to everyone in the Boundary community (and beyond!) for their support
 - Returning fundraisers like COBS Bread, which we recently wrapped up ahead of Easter
 - We were also excited to introduce a new fundraiser with Wildflower Photography. This was really successful and the photos we've seen so far have been stunning. We hope to do another fundraiser with Wildflower next year.
 - We are also offering a Stay Safe Course and Babysitting Course with First Aid Hero. This is more of an initiative to support the community than it is a fundraiser, though we are thrilled to have seen so many students sign up for both courses, and the PAC is expected to make a profit.

- Upcoming fundraisers include Neufeld Farms which is always a hit.
 - In addition, we have our Boundary online auction which kicks off on Sunday, April 27 at 9 a.m. and ends on Sunday, May 4 at 8 p.m. If anyone has an item they would like to donate, please email chair@boundarypac.ca. We've got some amazing items so far – lots of summer camps, gift cards, experiences, etc.
- **Events:**
 - Since we last met, we held the Parent Social at Black Kettle Brewing. It was amazing to see so many Boundary families there and we raised a solid amount of funds for the school. Thanks to everyone who attended, purchased a bottle of wine at the wine pull, or supported the 50/50 draw.
 - The Boundary Carnival is coming up on Friday, May 30. It will be held from 4-7 p.m. We are thrilled to have the support once again from the Lynn Valley Lions. We will also have rides, games, a climbing wall, Creativ Music, and more. We rely on the support of sponsors to help make this event a success, so if you own a business or know of a business who may be interested in sponsoring the carnival, please email chair@boundarypac.ca. We've got a great range of sponsorship options. We will also be looking for volunteers on the day of the event so stay tuned for more details soon.

2) Playground project update

- We are so excited to have recently wrapped construction on the playground upgrade. The expanded playground is now open and kids are loving the new equipment. The playground is more accessible, allowing for greater inclusivity and it introduces fun elements like a spinning climber, duo rocker, and more. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, plan a weekend or evening visit – and a reminder that supervision is strongly recommended when using the playground equipment.
- The playground upgrade was a major fundraising initiative that was supported by the Boundary community, as well as generous sponsors and grants. We are truly grateful for everyone who donated to the playground and to all those who gave their time to helping us make this happen. 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.

3) Community garden update (Amanda Wood Cook)

- Started with 5 classes last year and continues to grow
- Teresa Hay-Sabourin has been instrumental in getting funding through grants and leading the program
- The program is under budget & excited to continue to expand
- All the soil for the gardens was purchased through the Grade 7 Grad Committee fundraiser

4) Walking School Bus Program (Jessica Walls):

- We had a great pop-up at the school back in early February where members of the district staff and council as well as SCY (Society for Children & Youth, the group that supports the program) attended and offered information for interested families.
- If you're not familiar with the Walking School Bus, it's exactly like it sounds...groups of children, accompanied by a parent/adult walking to school along a pre-determined route, stopping to pick up children along the way.

- This is an initiative that has been successfully implemented at a few NV schools and they're hoping to expand the program next year.
- It is also a fundraiser for the school as the district will donate \$1 for every KM walked up to \$1000 per term.
- The next step we need is a parent or 2 to volunteer to be the program coordinator. You would liaise with SCY to coordinate the parent volunteers and run the program for the school. SCY would provide the route mapping and walk leader training.
- If you are interested in this role, please reach out to me at secretary@boundarypac.ca

5) Call-out for BPAC Executive members in 2025-2026

- We are putting out a call for new PAC Executive members in 2025-2026. Our school thrives because of the amazing support from our parent community — and we're looking for more helping hands to join the team as new members at large next year. Join an awesome group of parent volunteers, who are passionate about supporting and making a difference in our school community. Time commitment is fairly minimal with the ask that you can commit to supporting at least one fundraiser per school year - from there, we'll work with your strengths, interests, and capacity to find the right options for you to get involved. Your time, energy, and talents help create unforgettable experiences for our students — and we can't do it without you!
- Reach out to chair@boundarypac.ca for more info if you are interested in joining.

6) AGM reminder (Thursday, June 12, 2025)

- A reminder that the Boundary PAC AGM will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. More details to come.

Treasurer's Report (Elizabeth Peon Valle)

- Currently have \$59,000 in the account and based on upcoming fundraisers and expenses planned for the remainder of the year we are on track to end the year with \$37,000
- We are also still waiting for the playground grant reimbursements which is almost \$30,000
- Overall, we should have approximately \$66,000 at the end of the year
- Asking for teacher expenses to please be submitted soon.

Open Floor

Q: Amanda Wood Cook: Will the school continue the "Walk and Roll" initiative this year?

A: Kendra Arkinstall: Yes we are signed up and it is scheduled for June.

Comment: Amanda Wood Cook: For the school integration for new families that start mid-year or in later grades, maybe we could do a PAC welcome package and a personal introduction. Ideally align to families/students in the same class or similar age.

Comment: Kendra Arkinstall: 2025/26 Kindie orientation is June 2nd if any PAC member wants to join to present to the new families. Lindsay and Tracey will discuss.

\$25 gift card draw for attendees: Negar G

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:48pm