

**Boundary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)**  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
September 26, 2024

Attendees		
PAC Members		Attendees
Lindsay Marett (Chair)	Tania Kennedy	Mike Murphy
Tracey O’Haggarty (Vice-Chair)	Renee Janzen	Shima Faisafi
Jessica Walls (Secretary)	Melissa Kaye	Melanie SC
Emilie Shahkar (Hot Lunch Coordinator)	Robyn Fenyedi	Nega MG
Elizabeth Peon-Valle (Treasurer)	Tammy Gamel	Negar S
Marsha Taylor (Member at Large)	Erika Quee	Bryony James
Katie Dreschel (Member at Large)	Claire Hahnhaussen	
Marsha Taylor (Member at Large)	Noushin Hashemi-Zenouz	
Zoe Guillemette (Member 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, 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:** 7:01pm via Google Meet. A quorum was declared.

- Eliabeth Peon-Vallee. made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Seconded by Claire Hahnhaussen- Motion was approved.
- Lindsay Maret. made a **MOTION** to accept the 12 June 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth Peon-Valle. - Motion was approved.

## Principal's Report – Kelly La Roue

## Thank you's and Appreciations

- Ice Cream Social, Meet the Teacher night, Volunteers for Terry Fox Run

**School Planning Team Parent Volunteers Needed:**

We are looking for 2-3 parents to join our School Planning Team. Last year the Team worked diligently to update our school goals to align with Ministry in the areas of Human and Social

Development, Intellectual Development, and Career Development. This year our focus will be on data collection – how do we know that we’ve reached our goals? The time commitment for this committee is approx. 7-10 hours with meetings being held in November, January, February, and April. Please contact me directly ([klaroue@sd44.ca](mailto:klaroue@sd44.ca)) if you are interested in joining our team. **In the subject line please state: School Planning Council**

### **Emergency Preparedness – Volunteers needed!**

Our staff devoted our first Collaboration day to Emergency Preparedness. Along with establishing staff roles in the event of an emergency, we also reviewed our classroom supplies (grab and go bags). Last year we created emergency toilet buckets for each room at Boundary. This year we moved away from individual comfort kits to a more centralized storage of staff and student supplies. The district has supplied water and the school has purchased granola bars and fruit bars to be renewed yearly. We invite interested parents (3-4) to join our Emergency Preparedness Committee by emailing the School Principal at [klaroue@sd44.ca](mailto:klaroue@sd44.ca) **In the subject line please state: Emergency Preparedness.**

We will conduct our first Earthquake Preparedness Drill on Thursday, October 17th. 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, [click here](#) to see 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 Office](#)

### **Fruit and Veggie Program and Food Access program – Thank you to our parent volunteers!**

The School District has ended their contract with the BC Agriculture Foundation and instead has engaged in a contract with Kin’s Market. All veggies and fruit will arrive on Tuesday’s and will be distributed to classrooms if they are interested. Any remaining fruit will be available for all students at the self-serve counter in the front foyer. Fruit and veggie options are determined by the season. Kin’s market does not require consent forms for participation as the BC Agriculture Foundation required.

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”.

### **Athletics: Cross Country and Basketball:**

Thank you to Ms. Chorney-Wilson, Ms. Wardas, Ms. Zander, and Mr. King for coaching our cross-country students. Practices are on Monday’s at lunch and Thursday before school.

A message from Mrs.Dale: Boundary’s Basketball program is starting.

Grade 7 boys will play their games on Monday afternoons, and the grade 7 girls will play their games on Tuesday afternoons. The grade 7 boys’ team will be coached by Argyle Leadership students and sponsored by Ms. Halliday. The Grade 7 girls’ team will be coached by Argyle Leadership students and sponsored by Ms. Dale.



The schedule and coaches are as follows:

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

**Game schedule:** Locations to be determined

**Games begin in the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> and end in the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 gr. 4 and 7 families. Please connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions

### **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

**November 12/13/14,** we will dismiss students at 2PM and invite parents and students to meet with teachers in person (or on TEAMS) for TERM 1 Student/Teacher/Family conferences. Teachers will be connecting with families to sign up for a 15 or 20-minute interview. Teachers will also be sending home "parent planning sheets" so that parents can record their thoughts and comments before the interview. Please watch for a letter coming home from the school during the week of October 28th with more information.

### **Outdoor School for Grade 6**

Our grade 6 date has now been confirmed as December 16-18. 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:**

September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day Observed - Schools not in session
October 1-31	FSA's for grade 4 and 7
October 3	District Lockdown Drill
October 11	Photo Re-take day / Harvest Assembly
October 14	Thanksgiving – Schools not in session
October 15	Gr. 6 Immunizations
October 17	Great Shake Out drill
October 24	PAC Boundary Boogie

October 25 Provincial Professional Day (school not in session)

November 1 School based Professional Day – School not in session

November 8 Remembrance Day Assembly

**November 11 Remembrance Day (schools not in session)**

November 12/13/14 Family Conferences – dismissal at 2PM each day

### MEET OUR TEAM FOR 2024-2025

Staff Member	Role
Kelly La Roue	Principal
Ilona Wardas	Vice Principal and Gr. 2/3 Teacher
Stacey Playle	Administrative Assistant
Tracey Christensen	Office Assistant
Anais Ferrari	Supervision Aide
Nancy Dale	Grade 6/7
Alexis Fletcher	Grade 6/7
Elissa Halliday	Grade 5/6
Greg Meyer	Grade 4/5
Joel Streat	Grade 4/5
Amber Chorney Wilson	Grade 4/5
Monique Zander	Grade 4/5
Ilona Wardas / Monica Regan	Grade 2/3
Laurie Johnson / Marnie Cockburn	Grade 2/3
Caroline Falconer	Grade 2/3
Melanie Warren	Grade 1/2
Tawnya Weber / Brandy Eller	Grade 1
Leigh Koeningsfest	Kindergarten / Grade 1
Susan Oucharek	Kindergarten
Laura Hall	Late French Immersion Grade 7
Mia Mavor	Late French Immersion Grade 6
Felicity Eadon	Teacher Librarian
Natasha Dash	Learning Support Teacher
Denise Bradley	Learning Support Teacher
Jennifer Webster	Learning Support Worker
Anne Midzain	English Language Teacher
Juan Claude Leibman	Fine Arts Teacher
Monica Regan	NIT Provider and VP Relief Teacher
Patrick Metzger	Band Teacher
Teresa Crowe	Education Assistant
Tony King	Education Assistant
Danielle Par	Education Assistant
Rebecca Sumalde	Education Assistant
Astrid Umanzor	Education Assistant
Leili Atri	Education Assistant
Jeanne Tessier	Education Assistant
Sara Malakotian	Education Assistant
Nari Shin	Education Assistant
Rocio Rockhill	Education Assistant
Christy Judd	Education Assistant

Penelope Fitzgerald	School Psychologist
Alex Dunn	Speech Pathologist
Scott Walter	Counsellor
Leo Manangan	Day Custodian

## Chair Report - Lindsay Marett:

### Acknowledgement of work completed by former PAC members:

Before we dive into our PAC commitments and initiatives for the 2024 / 2025 school year, we would like to acknowledge the incredible dedication and achievements by former PAC Executive members. Most recently, Renee Janzen, Tammy Gamel and Tania Kennedy (our former Co-Chair) resigned from their positions on the PAC at the end of the last school year. All three are still involved with the school and for that we are extremely grateful.

As we move forward as a new PAC this year, we do so with great footing, thanks to our former members. This year, we have a wonderful group of PAC Executive members, and we look forward to a great year working together to support the Boundary community. We welcome 3 new members: Emilie Goode, Ashley Scott and Katie Dreschel.

### Overview of PAC initiatives, fundraisers, and events throughout the year

We have a great variety of fundraisers and events planned for the year ahead. Many of these are returning from previous years due to their high success rates, while there are a few new initiatives, as well.

We already kicked the school year off with our first event – the Ice Cream Social. This is one of our favourite events at the school, bringing together families, while raising important funds for our school. We received generous support from Save-On-Foods who gave us a 20% discount on ice cream and toppings. It was a really fun night, and combined with the Open House, we had a lot of families in attendance.

We also held our Kindy Welcome earlier this week. This is an opportunity for some of our newest families to meet each other over a hot coffee and delicious treat. Special thanks to COBS Bread Park & Tilford and Delany's Lynn Valley Village for their generous donations. We had a really great turnout and there seem to be a lot of supportive and engaged families joining our school this year.

Our next event will be the Boundary BOOgie Halloween Dance, which will be on **Thursday, October 24 from 6-8 p.m.** Tickets for the dance will go on sale on the Hot Lunches website on **Tuesday, October 1 at 10 a.m.** Ticket prices will be \$7 per adult and everyone ages 4 and up will need a ticket. We will have a concession with drinks, bake sale, candy and other fun things. Hot Dogs are available for pre-order only.

### Upcoming fundraisers

Purdy's in October / November, The Card Project in October / November, Poinsettias in November / December, and potentially another fundraiser with Pure & Sweet Photography.

We'll also have fundraisers with the North Van Wolf Pack, COBS Bread, and Neufeld Farms in the New Year. As well, we are hoping to do another Babysitting/Stay at Home course.

## **Upcoming Events:**

We are planning a Boundary Skating Night at Harry Jerome in December, as well as our Parent Social in the New Year, the online auction in the spring, and the Boundary Carnival in May.

Our largest fundraiser is our hot lunch program. We have a new vendor this year, Cornelia Fine Tacos, which we're all very excited to try. Thank you to our amazing hot lunch coordinator, Emilie Good, who has joined us this year.

We will also be looking to bring a variety of presentations and programs like Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators, which are budget dependent.

## **Fresh Schools:**

Fresh Schools 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. This will be our main form of PAC communications - sign up so you don't miss out! If you registered last year, you do not need to register again. Instructions can be found on the PAC website, or contact [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca) or your class rep if you need support. This helps us and the class reps make sure you're getting the right info for your class.

## **Call-out for volunteer positions:**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered as a class rep. We had so many of the roles filled in the first few weeks, which is amazing. We are still needing a class rep for Mme. Hall. Please contact [secretary@boundarypac.ca](mailto:secretary@boundarypac.ca) if you are interested.

We also welcome volunteers to support our events and fundraisers throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).

## **Fundraising goal for 2024-2025 (Playground Project)**

The purpose of the PAC is to raise funds for educational resources and activities, and to bring our school community together through events and other initiatives. This year, we are fundraising for an expanded and more inclusive playground, which includes new playground equipment and a more accessible, rubberized area. We are 85% of the way there, but we are trying to raise \$16,000 through donations and corporate donations so that we can prudently commission the work and place orders for equipment to ensure we fulfill timeline requirements of our grant funding.

## **Playground Committee Report (Tania Kennedy/Renee Janzen)**

We are very close on getting the funding needed, but we are about \$16,000 short.

We are ready to start and have all the vendors ready to go, we just need the missing funding to get started.

The urgency comes from the fact that one of the grants from NVD may expire at the end of the year. We are reaching out to get corporate charitable donations. If there is any business or organization that you know that can support, please let us know. Anything over \$25 will get a tax receipt. We are also looking at how we can recognize larger donations such as permanent signage or limited time collaboration for the purchase of the product.

## Treasurer's Report (Elizabeth Peon Valle)

We have 2 accounts for the PAC funds:

### Restricted fund account

- In FY24, we started the restricted fund with \$3K and received a \$7K gaming grant from the BC Government. We used these funds to cover some of the carnival expenses, resulting in a fiscal year-end surplus of \$10k.
- This year, we have applied for the gaming grant again and expect to hear back from the BC Government shortly. We hope to receive a similar amount, which would bring the surplus in the gaming restricted account to approximately **\$17k**.
- We plan to spend the majority of that funding on the playground upgrades.

### General account

- Additionally, thanks to the incredible support from the Boundary community on all our fundraisers and the healthy surplus that we had saved from previous years (approx. \$50K), we concluded FY24 with a surplus of **\$67k**.
- We plan to hold similar fundraising events this year with a target net income of approximately **\$12K**.
- We plan to continue covering school programs that will benefit the students; such as presentations, teacher Wishlists, and classroom support.
- We also intend to allocate last year's surplus from both accounts, and more, to the playground upgrade and the community garden.

## Open Floor

### Q. From Elizabeth PV: How does my child participate in cross country?

A: Ask for consent forms from the office or your child's teacher.

### Q. From Robyn F: What are the outdoor school dates for Grade 3?

A: It will be in Spring based on past experience. Most of the learning happens on the first day, so this allows us to make the arrangements for support to make this overnight trip happen. The dates are listed in this week's WAG.

### Q. From Claire H: Have you worked with the playground vendors to ensure you're getting the best price and/or looked at other vendor options?

A: We have done extensive research and negotiating with our vendors and feel we are getting the best deal possible on the work and the equipment.

**If anyone has more ideas or suggestions, please email [Chair@Boundarypac.ca](mailto:Chair@Boundarypac.ca),**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:51pm.