



# BOUNDARY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## PAC Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

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**Meeting called to order @ 6:05 PM**

**36 in attendance, including Parents, Staff and PAC Executive**

### PAC Executive

- Shante Sidhu – Chair
- Paul Caetano – Co-Chair (*regrets*)
- Rina Sidhu – Treasurer
- Dildeep Kaur Khaira – DPAC Representative
- Hailey Zerr – Fundraising Coordinator
- Roman St. Germain – Secretary

### Staff

- Kelly McEwen – Principal
- Karen Ward – Teacher
- Janice Purewal – Teacher
- Raj Gill – Teacher
- Holly Dutchak – Teacher

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### 1. Adoption of PAC Meeting Agenda

- Motion to accept by Hailey, seconded by Dimpy
- Vote conducted, all in favour, motion carried

### 2. Adoption of PAC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday December 19, 2023

- Motion to accept by Sahar, seconded by Dimpy
- Vote conducted, all in favour, motion carried

### 3. Guest Speaker (Jaclyn Blaney – Safe Schools)

- Safe Schools is unique to the Province of BC
- Supports safety in elementary and secondary schools
- Staff assigned and dedicated to secondary schools – SSL's
  - Builds relationships with students and is always out and about
  - Work closely with teachers and admin
- Provide support for situations that come up in elementary schools
  - Vaping for example is an issue that is not something typical for elementary schools



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- Social media issues – more prevalent
- Preventative resources – bullying, online citizenship, substance use, healthy relationships
- Substance use liaison team
- Vet external provider presentations
- Here this evening to listen to Boundary Park concerns, will take note of all and communicate with Superintendent
- PSST – Protecting Surrey Schools Together
  - Described full usage of PSST website
  - On the back of all students' daily journals
- What is the reporting capability of the PSST site?
  - Utilization, number of incidents
- Is there tracking of resolutions?
  - Bridging resources and conducting due diligence
- Sometimes the greater the number of reported incidents doesn't necessarily mean that there are more incidents but that more students are stepping up to report
- Are the victims of bullying being heard?
  - Stating "just keep reporting" doesn't seem like a resolution – the victims are feeling like the onus is on them and feel like they're not being heard
- Code of Conduct for parents – list of consequences for misbehaviour
  - Guideline for behaviours
  - Not uniform through Surrey Schools – more specific to individual schools
- Realize that the district favours restorative justice
- Assessment of risk to others
- Varying levels of Suspension are considered for individual cases
- Teachers communicated that they are not seeing consequences and are often confused with what is, or is not, happening
- Teachers also talked about (at their January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting) what the expected consequences are
- Similar issues relayed by parents saying that their child saw no consequences after reporting issues
- Parent keeps hearing that there is no clarity regarding accountability and the goalposts, rules, consequences, and there is a desire for us all to be clear



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- There is a feeling of little or no support – even though there are supports clearly available
- A parent who was a victim of bullying in the past is very aware of her child being responsible for reporting issues in the appropriate way feels that nothing was done to address an issue of bullying and was given the explanation that the other child is “handsy” – this parent’s child is now ashamed to wear certain articles of clothing for fear of being bullied
- Teachers feel that their hands are tied
- Concerns that children’s mental health is being adversely affected
- Why is the Surrey School’s code of conduct not available?

#### 4. Chair’s Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 8. Grade 7 Representative Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 5. Treasurer’s Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 9. Principal’s Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 6. DPAC Representative’s Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 10. Digital Literacy for Parents

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 7. Fundraising Coordinator’s Report

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

#### 11. Open Forum

- Deferred to February PAC Meeting

Next PAC meeting: Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:35 PM**

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