



# Lord Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 7pm (on Zoom)

*The purpose of the Council is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and well being of students at Lord Beaconsfield Elementary School.*

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/62312717071?pwd=aTdBdjY1OTJwRDZWeEN4Y3pPazBaZz09>

Meeting ID: 623 1271 7071

Password: PAC

**Attendees:** Joel Levine, Petra D, Rose N, Laura R, Lani M, Melissa, Sandy, Ali F, Lisa W, Shelley, Julia L, Bilyana, Kathy T, Aaron

## INFORMATION ITEMS (ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
  - *I'd like to begin our PAC meeting today by acknowledging that we are gathered on the ancestral, traditional and unceded indigenous territories of the Coast Salish Peoples - in particular the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations of Metro Vancouver.*
- Welcoming of any new members & Joel Levine (new Beaconsfield principal in September)
- Approve Minutes from last meeting-*done*
- A Round of Thank Yous -*done*
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- Principal's Message – Lani Morden :
  - *Honoring the 215 Lost Children in Kamloops*
  - *Wearing Orange to Remember and a commitment to reconciliation - June 4*
  - *Colored shirts and feathers around school including on fence outside*
  - *Reconciliation Orange Rock Project*
  - *Flags will continue to fly half-mast at Beaconsfield until further notice*
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  - *Beaconsfield Garden & Garden Fence Update*
  - *Garden is growing beautifully, had a tour on Tuesday*
  - *Students were watering, weeding and tasting out in the sun on Tuesday. They were eating lettuce & radishes too.*
  - *Fence is painted, almost finished and looks fantastic*
  - *Parent help with summer watering is needed*
  - *PAC support with the garden this year has been noted and deeply appreciated.*
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  - *School Fruit and Vegetable & Milk Program*
  - *Just notified today that this program will be up and running again next year*
  - *Is there parent interest in helping with program in Sept 2021?*
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  - *Ukulele Update*
  - *Kindergarten students are continuing to play*
  - *Grade 7s are learning to play – reporting enjoying learning this skill*
  - *Ukulele club is running successfully during some lunch times (weather dependent) – special thanks to Ms. Singer and Ms. Bredin*
  - *Purchase of the ukuleles has been a huge success this year – thank you!*
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  - *Welcome to Kindergarten*

- Information package has been mailed and emailed to K parents
- June 14 – Welcome to K event (modified) in the afternoon handing out bags
- Gradual entry schedule out to parents on June 14 or 15 by mail and email
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- Grade 7 Leaving Plans
- Hallway on main floor of school is starting to be decorated
- Challenge Day planned for June 17
- Special time to receive certificates and medals is on June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Coordinating medals being handed out with certificates for indigenous students leaving Grade 7 – usually a separate ceremony
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- School Plan
- Beaconsfield's school plan has been "rolled over this year" due to the enormous complexities of the year
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- VSB Education Plan 2026
- VSB is working to compile a renewed 5 year plan
- VSB Board passed a motion that part of this plan must have Anti-Racism goals
- Stronger Together survey link has been sent out to all K-12 parents/guardians, surveys for Grades 6 and 7 students and focus groups for Grades 8-12
- Urban Matters is third party hired to coordinate this engagement process
- Please take the time, if you can, to complete the survey
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- VSB Safer Schools Department
- Transitioning from School Liaison Model with VPD support to a new department with the VSB
- Deena Kotak Buckley is Director of Instruction – hiring a team
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- Sports Day / Challenge Day
- Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> will be Beaconsfield's K-3 Sports' Day and Grade 4-7 Challenge Day (young learners on fields, older students at a local park)
- Thank you to Craig Thomas (PE teacher) and Rochelle Wallace (Grade 7 teacher) for coordinating
- Remember our virtual sports day last year – not as many restrictions this year but still significant restrictions (eg. Grade 7s can't run stations as they have in the past, no secondary school students either)
- We need freezies and possibly ribbons for the students
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- September Start Up
- Tuesday, Sept 7 – Anti-Racism Training Day
- Wednesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Ks 45 min, Grades 1-7 9-10:00 am
- Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – regular school day for Grades 1-7
- Kindergarten Gradual entry is September 9 to 16<sup>th</sup> with first full days on September 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>
- Option 4 ends on June 30, 2021 so all students will be expected to be learning in person going into September school start up.
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- Thank you for your support with my work as Beaconsfield's Principal for the past 4 and a half years. It has been a pleasure and honor to work at Beaconsfield and with the PAC. We have done some great things together for the school with the PAC – such as the Carnivals, Café Noel and other fundraisers, purchasing the sensory equipment, refreshing the library-learning commons furniture and books, enhancing the school garden and the Pink Day shirts and Buddy Bench initiative. It's hard to believe that I have been part of around 40 PAC meetings at Beaconsfield school.
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- *I leave with very fond memories of the Beaconsfield community. I am so proud of work that we have all done together. The students at Beaconsfield, your children, are amazing. The staff work so hard and so skillfully with your children. They are such a great team! Beaconsfield parents/guardians are so supportive of the school. Thank you. I am absolutely proud of the way that our staff, our students, and our school community have navigated the challenges and complexities of the pandemic. I know that I am leaving the school in capable hands with Mr. Levine. I wish you a safe and happy summer with family and friends and all the best to you and yours.*
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- BUDGET Report – Julia see report
- Communications Update - Bilyana not much to report for Communication.
- Buddy Bench – Painted in a different colour? – Rose & Kathy All 5 Benches will need to be sanded first by someone who knows about sanding and paint for outdoor benches. Suggestion for the colour : Pink, Rainbow, or each one of the different benches a different colour and buddy bench to be rainbow. Benches can be painted by students, staff, etc. **Lani will have plaque installed and then bench can be painted in September. Shelley can ask Arlo's dad 'Chris' for advice on paint, sanding, etc.**
- Question for Lani - What will September Start Up Look Like for Students Option 4 is winding down. Expectation for all learners to be on site in fall. Hopefully more information and direction will come but nothing in writing yet. **Joel will send out updated info as it becomes available.**
- Hot lunch with C'est mon cafe starting late October/November 2021 All food now pre-packaged in baggies and individually wrapped. **Rose will bring it to Sept meeting for Oct/Nov.** Depends on health and safety expectations from VSB in the fall.
- PAC Executive Positions for 2021-2022
  - Co-Chairs
    - Currently : Rose & Ali
    - Nominees : **Kathy (& Aaron will help) accepted**
      - Attend DPAC meetings,
      - Meet with Principal monthly 1 week before PAC meeting
      - Set monthly agenda and chair meeting
      - Chq signing authority
      - Prep PAC parent information form for September
  - Co-Secretaries
    - Currently Kathy & Petra
    - Nominees : **Bilyana, Shelley accepted**
    - Record minutes for PAC meeting
    - Post and Update PAC minutes
    - Update PAC Website
  - Co-Treasurers
    - Currently : Julia & Kathy (chq writing)
    - Nominees : **Rose, Kathy (chq writing) & Julia (mentoring 😊) accepted**
    - Monthly Budget Report – General & Gaming Accounts
    - Apply for annual government grants
    - Chq writing & depositing of funds
  - Public Relations Officer
    - Currently : Bilyana
    - Nominees : **Bilyana accepted**
    - Respond to PAC e-mail
    - Send out PAC reminders via mail chimp, Facebook?
    - update PAC e-mail list annually
- How to attract new PAC Core Team Members
  - PAC Publicity Table Top Rolling Board – Rose

- Combination of in person and PAC meetings on-line *Suggestion to move PAC meeting to another day of the week to attract more people?? Tuesday proposed. Potentially meet at school and also have zoom option? Will give more opportunity for those who can't come in person to attend if blended format. Suggestion to start at 6 :30 instead.*
- Future Parent Workshop in our new outdoor classroom
  - Parent Interest Survey to be sent out early 2022 via school principal
- *BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils \$75 dollars due. **Kathy will write cheque** via gaming account and fill in new chair, treasurers and secretaries*
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- New date for September meeting **First PAC Meeting in fall will be on Tues Sept 14th at 6 :30pm in library and on Zoom.**
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- Other

#### TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. SHOP Funds Xmas 2021
- b. Spring Greeting cards
  - i. Postponed to Spring 2022
- c. Beaconsfield Community BBQ – June 2022?
- d. Gladstone & Van Tech Scholarships

#### UPCOMING PAC MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, September ?, 2021