



# Lord Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 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=aTdBdjY1OTJwRDZWeFN4Y3pPazBaZz09>

Meeting ID: 623 1271 7071

Password: PAC

Members in attendance: Lani, Rose, Petra, Kathy, Carlene, Alexis, Lisa W, Sandy, Laura R, Shelley, Julia Lu, Tina, Melissa

Introductions and welcome to new parents attending this evening's zoom meeting

1. Approved Minutes from last meeting October. Kathy to make a note and file for future
2. Principal's Message – Lani Morden
  - It's been a full month between mid October and mid November
  - Halloween celebrations
  - And then Shortly afterwards we honored Remembrance Day – wreathes in main hall
  - Grade 7s have stepped up and been creative and supported both the celebrations and school community building activities
  - Last week following Dr. Bonnie Henry – H/S committee met, staff met – reinforced and reviewed produced and protocols – importance of minimizing touch, maximizing distance and needing support with parents gathering with students on playground area on nice days
  - Conferences this week on TEAMS / phone
  - Teachers been working on developing Individual education plans for students with diverse learning needs
  - Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Indigenous Focus Pro D – district driven pro d – last one was excellent
  - Code of Conduct – racism will not be tolerated in our school / threatening behavior not acceptable
  - Applications for outdoor learning called – struck a committee and received \$15,500 for boulder benches and outdoor learning supplies for students eg. clip boards
  - In the process of applying for \$5000 for technology and surveying staff around their needs for tech in classrooms
  - A lot of our technology at Beaconsfield is becoming dated and is becoming redundant (ipads and laptops) – new IT support person has been migrating our new ipads – some but not all will be replaced by the district
  - Continued TTOC shortage in district – have staff but not all staff are reporting to work
  - Student teacher in Ms. Kathleen's class / student SSA – practicum starting in January
  - Conversations ongoing about after school programs at Beaconsfield and possibly Kidsafe over Winter Break
3. BUDGET Report – Julia : no budget report prepared for this evening. Will revisit next meeting
4. Communications update – Bilyanna not in attendance this evening... Rose passed along Bilyanna's messages that B now has access to MailChimp and gmail accounts for the PAC. She is working through the emails and will report in the coming weeks on what's being received. She also is looking for any input as to how to jazz up the correspondence with Parents. Please let her know if you did not receive her last email. Ali and Julia noted that the link in the last email didn't work.
5. Ukulélé Program Proposal --Ali

We have received a great proposal from the teachers via Claire Marie Baker. Lani summarized the proposal for the group. (see copy of actual proposal below)

## 1. HOW MANY CLASSES/TEACHER ARE INTERESTED?

The following 6 classes/teachers are interested in teaching a ukelele music program:

- \*Kindergarten Ms Kathleen
- \*Grade 1 Ms Lee
- \*Grade 3 /4 Ms Bredin
- \*Grade 4 Ms Ward
- \*Grade 5 /6 Ms Billingsley
- \*Grade 7 Ms Wallace

A few other teachers gave reasons as to why they are not participating:

- \*Grade 3 - Ms Amenta/Ms Pashilitias - They have their own music program
- \*Kindergarten - Ms Peterson/Ms Chaplin - They have their own music program

## 2. HOW OFTEN WILL THE UKELELES BE USED FOR A MUSIC PROGRAM?

Teachers have proposed that they could teach a 3 week program and use the ukeleles 2 times per week. Others have proposed 3-4 times per week, and possibly teach a second 3 week program if there is time in the school year.

## 3. BRIEFLY OUTLINE WHAT THE MUSIC PROGRAM WILL LOOK LIKE?

Teachers say the following:

- \*I will follow the expert teachers on Youtube, learning with the students, and mastering simple but known songs.
- \*As I have Grade 1s, it will be a very basic introduction to the ukulele, and then introduce them to some simple chords and playing some simple songs.
- \*Learning notes on strings, reading simple music, simple chords, learning simple recognizable songs

## 4. WHO WILL SANITIZE UKELELES AFTER USE?

All teachers state that they will sanitize the ukeleles after use.

## 5. IF/WHEN SINGING WILL CHILDREN WEAR MASKS?

Most teachers responded that all the children would wear masks when singing. One teacher responded saying there won't be any singing.

## 6. COST AND BRAND OF UKELELES FROM PLAY MUSIC INC.

If ukeleles are being purchased at Play Music on Kingsway for primaries and intermediates below is a breakdown of the cost.

PRIMARIES: 25 Kala Ukadelic Soprano Ukeleles at \$34.80 each = \$870.00 (With Bag)

INTERMEDIATES: 30 Beaver Creek Concert Ukeleles at \$52.30 each = \$1569.00 (With Bag)

NOTE: Need prices on the following:

- \*Stand up folders - to be able to store ukeleles easily and safely
- \*Tuners - not sure how many
- \*Spare strings - not sure how many

Costing comes to approximately \$2500+ for the ukes/bags with a bit added on for strings and tuners.

Discussion was positive for supporting this program and the purchase of the ukuleles from Play Music and it was proposed by Ali to put forward a **motion to release \$3000** to the teachers of Beaconsfield for this Ukulele program. Julia noted that the funds were already set aside for a music/arts program and no motion was needed. It was agreed by the members present that the funds should be released right away so that the teachers can go ahead and make the necessary purchases. **It was budgeted and approved.**

*HUGE THANK YOU TO MS. CLAIRE BAKER FOR INVESTIGATING, PRICE SOURCING AND ARRANGING TO PUT THE TEACHER PROPOSAL TOGETHER FOR THIS. We are all excited to have this new arts addition!*

**ACTION :** Lani will proceed to advise Ms. Baker and the other teachers that the ukulele program is supported and they can go ahead and purchase the instruments, books, tuners, strings and related items needed so they can begin ASAP.

6. Follow up Parent Survey – Ali

Ali has put together the parent survey to get an idea what the parent population would like the PAC to focus on for the 2020/21 school year and going forwards. She removed the technology portion of the survey because the survey limited her to a specified number of questions.

**ACTION :** Ali will send a link for Bilyanna to send out with the next correspondence.

7. Follow Up Fundraising Opportunities (Rose)

a. Special Pink Shirt Fundraising (Spirit Wear)

- Design Contest « Call for Art » among students.
- Lani confirms that the teachers support this cause
- Need to have wearable by Feb 24, 2021
- Discussed using Canuck Volleyball again – Julia could set up the online ordering, or perhaps using London Drugs where the proceeds go to an anti-bullying charity (suggested by Melissa)
- Discussion about costing, etc. and it was agreed by members that if we could have the shirt costs covered by our Gaming Account, we could set it up for a donation (maybe \$5 per shirt, or flexible donation option if possible) and that money from parents would go towards a BUDDY BENCH (suggested by Shelley) and/or a suitable anti-bullying charity
- Discussed approximate cost would be \$7 per shirt x 280 students + 50 teachers (\$2300+)
- **ACTION :** Julia to confirm if gaming grant money can be used towards the cost of the shirts, and see if Canuck Volleyball can offer flexible pricing options on their online order system
- ACTION :** Carlene had good suggestions on criteria for artwork and how it might work for the children to «vote » on their favourite designs and then have the PAC make a final vote. Melissa has graphic design experience and could help liason with Lani on any design assistance needed

b. Shopfunds Fundraiser for Xmas (Julia)

- i. <https://www.shopfunds.ca/>
- ii. Thank you Lani/Tracey for photocopying and distributing the paper copies of the order forms that went home with students today.
- iii. Kathy has posted the information and a link to the form on the PAC page of the school website DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS DECEMBER 1ST ; DISTRIBUTION DEC 14TH  
**ACTION :** Kathy to post link for the form and information also to the fb page and send to Bilyanna for sending out to parents via mailchimp
- iv. Need to pick up and sort cards
  - o Julia, Shelley, Rose, Aaron, Ali, Bilyana, plus more...
- v. Discussion with Lani on how to safely follow Covid Protocols when distributing the cards on Dec 14th – have more than one table for pick up, wear masks, be physically distanced, etc. Sort the order pick up by family last name and spread it out. Julia approximated that around 30-40 families purchased cards last year, and can see what the numbers are like this year and we can arrange pick up accordingly.

c. SPUD (Grocery Delivery Service) Fundraiser – announcement needed

Bilyanna can make an announcement about this on mailchimp, and Lani can also include this info in the next newsletter. Kathy will look into what is needed for a parent to support Beaconsfield via the SPUD website and let Bilyanna and Lani know.

- d. Greeting cards with Eco Art House – student artwork
  - i. Lani with spoke with Staff and they are on board with this fundraiser, especially because it would launch in the springtime
  - ii. Kathy update : received an email from the eco art cards company on Nov 7th confirming details and deadlines :  
ANYTIME : START DATE/ROLL OUT  
MARCH 11 : ARTWORK DUE  
MARCH 12-APRIL 5 : ORDERING TIMELINE  
APRIL 30TH : SHIPPING WEEK  
PAC earns \$5 per pack of cards ordered. There is a link in the email (was forwarded to Lani) that you can click to get started with no obligation. Lani will investigate the link since details should be communicated directly with staff  
<https://ecoarthouse.com/enroll//>
- e. Others –
  - i. Petra on behalf of another parent -- Recycling/return it depot... we could have a Beaconsfield PAC account set up so that when people return bottles/cans for recycling, they can enter our CODE into the kiosk and have a label printed that ensures the money from the donated returnables goes into our account. Petra looked into it a bit on the return-it site and people can either do the above, or PAC can get printed labels done and mail them out to anyone interested in donating their bottles/cans. Goods can be taken to any Return-It depot. This seems like a fairly hands off fundraiser.  
**ACTION** : Petra will look into it a little further on what is necessary to get an account going, and Kathy can provide any account number she may need for direct deposit, or other.
  - ii. Read-a-thon, on-line book fair, virtual auction? --- these suggestions were tabled by Rose due to time constraints on the meeting and having already discussed a few great fundraising options.

#### 8. TABLED ITEMS DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

- a. Beaconsfield Community BBQ?
- b. PAC Publicity Table Top Rolling Board – Rose

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

#### **OUR NEXT PAC MEETING:**

Wednesday, December 9th @ 7pm on Zoom.