



Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 @ 6:30pm (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 LINK FOR MEETING courtesy of DPAC:

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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.

PARTICIPANTS

Shelley W., Kathy T., Rose N., Melissa B., Meena N., April D., Mr. Joel Lavine, Meagan, Tim B., Julia L

INFORMATION ITEMS (ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

1. Approve Minutes from last meeting - Shelley approved
2. Principal's Message – Mr. Joel Levine (5-10mins)

Overall the school year is off to a good start. While we're seeing kids become sick with colds & sniffles but not hearing reports of COVID. Apparently schools are not sites for excessive transmission and tend to reflect wider community transmission, with more concerns when vaccination rates are low. We are vigilant and following precautions.

Masks are now required for all students. Overall the kids are adjusting well to this change. At times, kids have their masks off. Teachers provide reminders but also exceptions are made if kids can't tolerate it. One issue has arisen, we are having to give out a lot of disposable masks to kids who arrive at school without one. We also find these discarded around the school and playground. If possible, please encourage kids to bring their own mask each day. In terms of singing, it is now recommended singing be done with masks.

Terry Fox Run- happened last Friday. Small groups of students did the run on the lower field. They had music playing and it was fun. Thanks to those who donated.

Orange shirt day - there was lots of participation. Teachers working to incorporate Indigenous history and content into student learning.

School plan - Teachers have been polled about areas of need. The two main areas identified were literacy and social/emotional skills. We will continue to work on the planning process.

Next Thursday Oct 21 there will be an earthquake drill. This happens twice a year (May & October). Usually the spring drill is the big one, but they've switched the big drill to October so we're very busy getting everything

organized. We need two parent volunteers to come and pick up their child at 1430 on that day. This will involve a practice run of the formal process school staff need to follow to release a child to their parent/caregiver (checking consent forms, etc)

- Questions to follow up from last month:
 - Are there pink shirts left? Yes! There is a big box of shirts of various sizes. Joel will take a closer look and see if these could be supplied to the Kindergarden students.
 - Would teachers support the Hot Lunch handouts? Yes for sure
 - Are teachers on board with Seleena Noon, sexual health education - Teaching staff weren't as enthusiastic as expected. Some concerns were raised that the program is not as valuable as the 'hype'. There wasn't time for a thorough discussion so Mr. Levine offered to take the topic back to the teachers to get more details. Shelley will send details re: the options they're offering this year.
 - What are the tech needs for the school?

More ipads are needed. We have a bunch, some are older and will need to be replaced at some point. One issue identified is that while there is some equipment in all the classrooms, we don't have enough for a class set, along with 'tech tubs'. If the PAC wanted a longer term fundraising project, getting a class set would be valuable for learning. This would likely cost \$15-20K (for a set of 30 ipads). How the PAC wants to support tech will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.
- Voice Amplification - these are very popular and the teachers who got sets find them very helpful, especially when wearing masks. There are 4 more teachers who would like to get a set. Estimated cost < \$700 - *added to Budget Report discussion*

3. BUDGET Report – Julia & Rose (10-15 min)

- a. Society End of Year Annual Report to be filed within 30 days of the AGM (last meeting)
 - i. \$40 to file + \$15 to update the directors - filed online by Rose.

Report -

Fundraisers:

- Hot lunch - Rose is organizing. Hoping to get it started for November and hope to earn ~ \$500. Will be offered x2/month. Would like to send a written notice home.
- Greeting card fundraiser - Kathy is interested in organizing this for the Spring.
- Purdy's chocolate fundraiser - April has coordinated in the past and is willing to organize again
- Shopfunds - This involves selling giftcards. Julia organized last year and is willing to do this again. Rose can help. Note: the portion earned by grade 7 giftcard sales will be donated to their graduation fund.
- Spiritwear - has been done over past two years. Will wait and do it again next year.
- Mask sales? In light of mask requirements and the job of keeping kids supplied, perhaps a mask fundraiser would be appealing to families? Shelley to explore local companies, including 3S (these were the masks given out by the VSB last year, local company).
- Reflective tags - the school received info from a local company selling reflective tags. The profit-margin is good and it's a handy product for kids to attach to their jacket/backpack when it's dark in winter. Parents expressed interest, Kathy to organize this.

Anticipated expenditures

- Fruit/veg program - budgeted \$100 to purchase any supplies needed
- Tech needs/fundraising - will discuss further next month.
- Voice Amps - budgeted \$700 for the purchase of 4 more sets for teachers.

- Field trips - are they allowed? Yes, as long as COVID guidelines are followed.
- Garden box - teachers may need some funds for supplies in spring. Also might need supplies for summer watering (hose, lockbox, etc.). Some funds dedicated to cover these expenses. Also, Joel ordered two yards of soil and bark mulch from the District.
- Any outside performances? Nothing at this time.
- Sports Day - hoping to have this in the Spring. In the past we budgeted \$200 for ribbons, etc. Concern that older students don't value the ribbon and it gets thrown out. Could we sell food/drinks to fundraise? Grade 7s may want to do their own fundraising for their graduation.
- Year end celebrations - last year we distributed \$2150 to teachers for year end celebrations. Pre-COVID these funds were used for a community celebration (Spring Fair, etc). Not sure what will be permitted this year.
- Decision made to budget \$15/student (\$3450) for each class. Teachers can decide how to use these funds (field trips, year end celebration, etc)

MOTION - Rose made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 budget. SECONDED by Kathy.

4. Communications Update - Bilyana & Julia Ko (5-10 min)

Last month we discussed a parent survey. Julia Ko has sent copy of survey she's drafted (thanks Julia!). Some feedback and suggestions were provided. Kathy to take back to Julia. Once completed, responses will be compiled on a spreadsheet for review.

Thanks to Mr. Levine for adding PAC info to the monthly newsletter!

5. Hot lunch with C'est Mon Cafe - Rose (10 min)

Teachers are willing to assist with distributing lunches once they are packaged & labelled.

Rose - has information from C'est mon cafe - there are loads of options, we will likely keep it a little simpler. There will be a notice sent home and parents can order online. Rose will review and make some proposals. Likely to start for November. Will work on it soon, would like paper to go home.

6. Walking School Bus (WSB) -

Will send out info to parents to see if they are keen. Will need to have some people who are eager/interested as it will require parent volunteers. Wouldn't be starting till the new year. If there is interest, we'll ask the VSB representative to come present at a future meeting.

7. Fruit and Veggie Program - April

- a. First delivery was Mon Sept 27th - Blueberries, everything went great. Thanks to April, Sandy, Laura and Kathy who helped wash and distribute the fruit
- b. April purchased new supplies for the program (\$31.08 cheque given to April for reimbursement from General Account) & she arranged for new yellow trays to be delivered because the old ones went missing
- c. Next delivery is scheduled for October 16 (next Monday) and will be tomatoes. There were a few students who opted out or identified allergies.

8. PAC Information Board - This was discussed last year. Melissa shared a few different designs she's put together (they look great, thanks Melissa!). Could we add a QR Code to link to the PAC website? Options include a large sign to bring out for big events, cost would be \$200-350. Less expensive options might

include table-top signage, etc. No decision made.

9. School name change - Ali (for Matt & Colette) proposed this for consideration last meeting. Likely a slow process that involves consultation and approval by the School Board.
10. Buddy bench - Shelley. There was no paint left from the fence. Need to colour match and get paint. Shelley/Chris willing to get this done. Thanks to Kathy for offering sawhorses

TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

- a. Spring Greeting cards
- b. Beaconsfield Community BBQ – June 2022?
- c. Gladstone & Van Tech Scholarships ** deadline end of April **

UPCOMING PAC MEETING DATES:

** Tuesday November 9th, 2021

** Tuesday December 14th, 2021