



Lord Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Wednesday, May 12th, 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: Rose, Lani, Petra, Kathy, Shelley, Laura, Carlene, Julia L, Melissa, Julia K, April, Aaron

Minutes from last meeting April 14, 2021 : Approved

Shared some Thank Yous to Lani, and all members of the group for their positivity, cooperation, and ideas

Principal's Message – Lani Morden

Staffing and School Organization

- Principal changing – Mr. Levine would appreciate coming to PAC meeting in June
- 11 divisions for next year, down about 7 students from last year at this time
- Plus Alderwood, EXSEL and Home Learner Programs
- Two days of reductions to some of our non-enrolling staff time

Virtual Book Fair

- Ms. Kelly Quinlan ordering with proceeds going to Beaconsfield Library
- **May 17-31st** – online shopping
- Wed May 19 and Wed May 26 are “Family Night Free Shipping” (otherwise shipping costs for orders under \$40)
- PAC support with advertising and sharing link would be most appreciated

Ukulele Update

- Wonderful to see the ukuleles being used in Ms. Pender's K class!
- Spring Outside Ukulele Lunch Program with Ms. Bredin and Ms. Singer is well underway – about 30 students outside at front of school playing at lunch

Sports Day

- Looking at having Sports Day at the end of June 2021
- Stay tuned for more information

School Grounds

- *Beaconsfield Buddy Bench* has been installed and has been painted, awaiting plaque
- Garden is looking fabulous and outdoor classroom space is actively being used
- Raccoons appear to be living in the tree at the front of the school on – caution tape; purchased air horn as recommended by VSB grounds department

Voice Microphones – for Teachers

- Purchased 4 portable bluetooth microphones for teachers – \$627 – thank you to PAC

STEM Update

- 20 ipads and 11 laptops purchased for school in 2020-21 school year
- On average, across school there are about 8 ipads per class
- Ms. Quinlan just obtained some small robots which she and another Grade 3 teacher are learning to use

Welcome to Kindergarten

- Finalizing plans for Welcome to Kindergarten
- We have received bags from the VSB to distribute
- Kindergarten teachers will be organizing a drive or walk by for families to pick up bags and to “say hello” to K teachers at the end of May

Calendar/School Start Up 2021-2022

- VSB is approving our calendar for next school year – parents to get a copy next week
- Recess 20 min, lunch 47 minutes – school day 9:00 am - 3:03 pm - 178 instructional days
- Tuesday, September 7th – Board Approved - Anti-Racism In-Service Training Day
- Wednesday, September 8th – School Starts for Students, details to follow
- Kindergarten Gradual Entry – Sept 9th to Sept 15th; first full day for K is Sept 16th
- Anticipating that learning will be all be face to face – Option 4 ends June 30, 2021

Questions for Lani:

Rose: we noticed the buddy bench is painted brown, is there the possibility of having it more colourful? - YES, Lani could look into this with the VSB maintenance crew, and it could certainly be at the PAC’s request to have it more colourfully painted.

Kathy: will there be some education by the teachers to the students on how the buddy bench works? - YES, there has been discussions about how to educate the students on how to utilize the “buddy bench” appropriately

Rose: is there any discussion regarding technology about having a ‘BYODevice’ in the future? just considering the purchases of new technology and wondering if changes may be coming for students to be responsible for bringing their own tech to school. - No knowledge of such a thing at present, but Lani would be happy to inquire

Rose: would there be the possibility of a hot lunch program in the fall? c’est mon cafe is doing individually bagged lunches during the pandemic. - Lani was very pleased with how the organization ran things when we last had them, she was happy they did not rely on staff or parents to help distribute, they were very self sufficient and organized. If health standards are in place for next fall and such programs are allowed, she doesn’t see why the PAC could not approach the lunch offerings again. To be discussed with new principal

Julia K: will Lani be passing along detailed information about the PAC’s goals and needs, etc to the new principal so that Mr. Levine will have a good background of the PAC and be open to our ideas? - YES, there is a very professional transition between principals and he will be briefed on details from the PAC. Lani will ask Mr. Levine if he might have time to pop in to the next month’s zoom meeting to introduce him.

?: Is there any ideas yet on how the classes will be using their Year End Celebration funds? - YES, lots of ideas floating around... teachers happy and excited about this. Some ideas include the possibility of an icecream truck coming to the school and kids can choose a treat, bubbles and outdoor fun for kinders, outdoor celebration of some kind, perhaps a special binding for student writing books or project, etc.

Shelley: Was there any further need to contact Ms. Wallace about the grad funding? did she receive enough? YES, Ms. Wallace was very happy with the amount received for the Grade 7’s... \$750 + \$250 babysitting, + \$179.70 from giftcards/recycling. Lani will also make sure that Ms. Wallace knows that if the grad plans end up needing more funds, that she should not hesitate to let the PAC know. (JULIA LU also commented that she had followed up with Ms. Wallace and she was happy with the amount and felt supported)

BUDGET Report – Julia

Last Month’s report approved. see Treasurer Report for this month.

Gaming Acct has \$2577.78 after expenditures

General Acct has \$34223.03 after expenditures

Communications Update - Bilyana not in attendance this evening

Scholarship funding for Grade 12 Graduates who are Beaconsfield Alumni

- Agreed to repeat the same as last year and do two x \$200 scholarships for Gladstone Secondary

- This needs to be done asap and cheque sent tomorrow by blue bag -- Kathy to write cheque and deliver to Lani/Tracey tomorrow morning
 - Make a note to ask the Grad Scholarship Committee to please forward the details of the scholarship requirements to us for future reference.
 - Mark a reminder for APRIL meeting next year to be on top of the scholarship payments and decide if we split between Van Tech and Gladstone or just do Gladstone. See numbers of grads who are alumni at each school.
- PAC Executive Positions for 2021-2022 **** lots of openings to fill :)**
 - o Co-Chairs
 - Currently Ali & Rose ***** Ali and Rose will be stepping down next year**
 - o Attend DPAC meetings,
 - o Meet with Lani monthly 1 week before PAC meeting
 - o Set monthly agenda and chair meeting
 - o Chq signing authority
 - o Co-Secretaries
 - Currently Kathy & Petra **** Petra will be stepping down next year**
 - Record minutes for PAC meeting
 - Post and Update PAC minutes
 - o Co-Treasurers
 - Currently Julia & Kathy (chq writing) **** Rose may shadow Julia next year to learn the position since it will be Julia's last year at Beaconsfield**
 - Monthly Budget Report – General & Gaming Accounts
 - Apply for annual government grants
 - Chq writing & depositing of funds
 - o Public Relations Officer
 - Bilyana
 - Respond to PAC e-mail,
 - Send out PAC reminders via mail chimp, Facebook?
 - update PAC e-mail list annually

Official Meeting ended 8:05pm

Addendum after Lani logged off: Discussion on doing a nice thank you gift for Lani at year end since she will be leaving our school

- Melissa will look at the drone class photos from Pink Shirt Day and put together a collage of sorts that we could frame for Lani (Julia to give photos to Melissa)
- Gift Basket options: perhaps through Seb's Cafe putting together a basket of local East Van items like honey, hot sauce, beauty bars, and add some wine, etc. Shelley and Kathy will look into this. Kathy to contact Seb's
- Julia Lu has a link for an online signature group card and will forward to Kathy to look at for us all to sign
- Julia Ko's Motion put forward to approve up to \$250 of PAC funding to purchase appreciation gift for Lani from the PAC, Rose seconded. Unanimously approved.

UPCOMING PAC MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Wednesday, September 15, 2021