



Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 @ 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Land Acknowledgement

The Beaconsfield PAC acknowledges 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.

In attendance: Kathy T., Joel L., Rose N., Lisa W., Aaron N., Melissa W., Shelley W (minutes)

1. WELCOME & Approve February 22nd and March 29th 2022 minutes (posted on VSB website) Motion to approve minutes (Rose), seconded (Kathy)
2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Joel Levine (10min)

This is the time of year when we are considering enrollment numbers for next year. There will be fewer divisions in 2022. We have plenty of space (about 40 empty spaces) at Beaconsfield and may take students from surrounding schools as the district wants to minimize deficits. There is only one kindergarten class planned at this point. If parents have preferences *based on the educational needs* of their children (requests should focus on educational needs). I can't always accommodate all requests, but we can try. Please put any requests in writing by the beginning of June.

There has been a request for about \$1500 to pay for transportation for the intermediate classes to go to camp at Golden Ears Park.

Staff committee meetings - allows teachers to have voice on school issues. There was a vote and most were in support of a name change for the school. We will also panel the other staff and I expect the response would be the same. DPAC webinar around name-changing initiatives upcoming and available for any interested parties (see details below).

Sports Day - we are working on a plan to sponsor this in June. Grade 7s will be heavily involved

April 25 - will be picking up 4 trays of donated plants from Urban Roots giving gardens program.

Screen time & phone use - follow up discussion amongst myself and some of the staff/teachers. Saleema Noon sent out some info around limiting screen time, we wondered if this might be an appropriate initiative to consider for next year (guest speakers, etc)?

Talked to teachers about it, kids listen to music outside of class. In class it's just for learning and they are not supposed to be using internet/data access outside the classroom. We don't find this is a widespread issue amongst the school community. It is difficult for staff to police.

3. BUDGET REPORT - Rose (25min detailed outline of the budget)

a. General Acct Expenses:

- i. Chq #0003 \$260 to LB School for Class Garden Funds ** was supposed to be gaming, so chq#2 from gaming issued to move the funds back into general account
- ii. Chq #0004 \$250 to Kathy Tenta for Mindful Monday gift cards (10x \$25)
- iii. Chq#0005 \$200 to VanTech scholarship
- iv. Chq#0006 \$200 to Gladstone scholarship
- v. Chq #0007 \$4000 to L.B. for Pearson Reading Materials inv 1485057 4208.01 (LB pay the difference)

b. Gaming Acct Expenses:

- i. Chq #2 \$260 to move funds that were issued in error from general account (see above)

c. FUNDING REQUEST: transportation for the Intermediate Camp to Timberline Ranch in May

- i. \$1575+tax – PAC has helped with this in the past -
- ii. Discuss & Finalize a Vote and/or motion

Motion to approve \$1575 plus tax to the intermediate camp to Timberline Camp motion (Kathy), seconded by Aaron.

Paint - to get paint for the buddy bench, and to touch up the fence. (Shelley to source costs).

4. SCHOLARSHIPS - Kathy (2min)

- a. Gladstone: deadline is May 1st - \$200 Kathy issued cheque
- b. VanTech: Kathy got in touch with the principal and there are 8 eligible grads. She received the scholarship request package and issued \$200 cheque

5. PAC PUBLICITY-ROLL UP BANNER - Melissa has arrived at the school. Invoice will be coming. This can be used at the parent conferences next week & use it at the welcome to kindergarten event! Thanks so much Melissa!

6. PARENT CONFERENCES- Rose

Scheduled for next Thursday. We'll use the new banner to advertise the PAC

7. WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN: Reminder next month is a Welcome to Kindergarten event Tuesday, May 31st 10:30-11:30am, and last meeting we agreed that a parent(s) from the PAC would attend to briefly introduce what the PAC is about. We aim to have our event banner produced by then and set up at the event as well. Kathy to attend to chat up PAC business, Shelley there as a parent.

8. YEAR END STAFF APPRECIATION - Rose, Kathy, Shelley

- a. *For Reference Only +++* Last year we spent \$400 indiv. wrapped sandwiches La Grotto Del Formaggio, and \$160 of Costco goodies: sparkling water, mandarin oranges, veggie chips, macarons (Carlene) * we had two dates to accommodate part-time staff, and principal coordinated distribution - we could save some stuff for staff who aren't working on the scheduled date.
- b. **What would we like to do this year - luncheon still? any less expensive options or creative solutions?** Joel mentioned Fujiya? Sandwiches again? in past years parents have also baked goodies and brought them in, but this may be trickier. We'll aim for the week of June 20 (on Tuesday with keeping some items for staff working Wednesday).

9. SCHOOL GARDEN: Kathy (5min)
 - a. We have issued the \$20 per division by cheque.
 - b. We have \$50 in the garden budget for miscellaneous needs, and Ms. Ward and Billingsley have suggested that we please buy some more red, purple, black paint to fix the fence (some of it's wear, but some seems to be kids picking the paint off?) *** last paint supply was provided by Bilyana and her husband and they donated the paint themselves, she doesn't have receipt or colour info. Kathy can go to Lowe's and buy some paint to try and match, maybe just RED if expensive?
 - c. Melissa and Kathy got some little white garden signs (100pc) off the local buy-nothing-group, along with 18pcs of sweet little inquiry garden signs "look here", "listen for my song" bird signs, etc. These have been given to Ms. W and Ms. B for the garden.
10. DPAC WEBINAR REGARDING RENAMING OF SCHOOLS: Kathy (5min)
 - a. DPAC fb is hosting a live webinar about Renaming Your School as an Act of Reconciliation
 - i. "Learn how New Westminster successfully renamed a school and how you can do the same in your district. Join parents from New West, along with two teacher activists, and the president of the BCTF for a discussion on how renaming your school can be an act of reconciliation" WEBINAR: Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 – see DPAC fb page
11. SCHOOL DEVICE POLICY CONTINUED DISCUSSION: (20min if time allows)
 - a. Personal screen devices during recess and lunch: last meeting parent concerns were brought up regarding the use of personal devices during recess and lunch hours outside. Any further news on a school policy regarding the use of personal devices outside of class time on the school grounds?

Kids aren't supposed to be using devices outside classes. Sometimes students use devices to listen to music. It appears this is not a widespread problem. Agreement amongst parents that the preference is to not have devices in use outside the classroom. Joel - concerns in terms of the practicality of policing device use. Will follow up with the school staff and district.

NEXT MEETINGS:

MAY 17, 2022 - pending discussions - executive positions for next year, school staff luncheon planning, year end fundraising.

JUNE 14, 2022

TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR:

- WestCoast Seeds Fundraiser - Meagan/Kathy
- EcoArtHouse Kids Art Card Fundraiser 2022/23- Kathy
- Reflector Fundraiser before Halloween
- Purdy's Fundraiser - Christmas/Easter - start earlier next year.
- Mural Project for the school - Meagan
- School Name Change - Matthew and Alexis
- remember for next year Gladstone & Van Tech Scholarships ** deadline end of April *