



Lord Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Wednesday, March 10th, 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

In attendance: Lani, Rose N, Petra, Kathy T, Aaron, Ali, Julia L, Lisa W, Christopher, Shelley, Bilyanna, Melissa, Kim

- Minutes from February 2021 meeting were approved.
- Principal's Message: Lani Morden
 - February was a busy month. Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. Many of our families celebrated the Lunar New Year.
 - Exposure leading into Family Day weekend. Meetings with staff and Health and Safety Committee following.
 - AIRS (Artist in Residence in Schools) project has been ongoing well through the term. Students seem to be enjoying this experience. The focus has been to have students draw their room, their home, and parts of their neighbourhood.
 - Grade 7s did three main projects for the month (food bank donations, chain of thoughtfulness and inclusion contest), and a secret project of hearts on classroom doors. All very well received. A special heart was done for Ms. Bell at the office.
 - Pink Shirt Day was a HUGE success. It was a gorgeous day and the shirts looked fabulous. There are photos and drone footage, just need to be reviewed and checked for media consent. THANK YOU to the PAC for providing the shirts.
Parents/guardians donated \$1355 to school in Jan/Feb 2021. Can proceed with buddy bench discussion with VSB grounds/engineer dept.
 - Student photo information was sent out for online booking for March 20 and 21. Student photos will take place for students with online reservations at Mountain West studio.
 - Option 4 students. We had several students return on March 1 st leaving only about 7 students out between regular ed and Home Learners.
 - Ukuleles. Primary Class going well. Intermediates just waiting on 6 more ukes. Tuned up today. Ukulele club being considered for after Spring Break.
 - FSA testing was completed in the month of February
 - Coming up in April. Easter Stat Holidays. April 26 – Pro D Day. April 29 th – Conferences.
- BUDGET report: Julia Lu
 - The gaming account had interest of \$6.66 revenue, and no current expenditures
 - The general account has interest of \$23.16, and "Return It" revenue of \$102.05 that will be put towards the grad funds

MOTION: to provide the school with the funds of approximately \$352 to cover the expense of 6 new intermediate sized ukuleles as discussed in Lani's principal's message (for staff to

use during uke sessions with the classes). ~ *Motion put forward by Bilyanna, and Seconded by Rose and Julia*

- Communications Update: Bilyanna Ward
The emails that have gone out by mailchimp gives data on how many are opened and clicked on ... interesting to note that the email regarding Pink Shirt Day was the most clicked/opened email so far
- Parent Survey Results: Ali Fluevog
Survey Monkey used to be free up to 1000 responses, but very recently changed to only 40 replies, and the fee for yearly subscription is \$1200 = not feasible... so of the 86 responses, we viewed the 40 available to us

- PARENT INTEREST IN CATEGORIES (approx)

1. Arts/Music
2. School Garden
3. STEM
4. Sports
5. Environmental/sustainability
6. Grounds Improvement
7. Walking School bus

- PARENT INTEREST IN WORKSHOPS (probably online)

1. Mental health
2. Technology and kids
3. How to talk about inclusivity
4. Body Science
5. Indigenous Stories
6. Environmental Health

~ STEM: Bilyanna asked what STEM opportunities are in place in the school / what would teachers like? And she'd be happy to help facilitate projects. Lani will present this to the teachers for feedback

~ GARDEN: Lani mentioned about the garden and teachers are keen to get working in there by Mid April. Also interested in having the fence painted as outlined and approved in previous meetings -- Bilyanna has been working on designs and will float some ideas to the PAC and Lani over spring break and can start working on it once a design is approved.

~ also discussion about having pollinator plants put into the garden, and Petra will ask her brother to provide some planting suggestions for the garden

~ reminder for Lani to let teachers know that there is \$260 allocated already for the teachers to use for the garden, Lani mentioned that some teachers have used some of the funds to purchase gloves and tools for the garden in the fall. She will see what money remains after those expenses, and the PAC has given her the okay to approach the PAC again in April should there be a need for a bit more funding for teachers towards the garden.

~ added note: The garden soil that was arranged and delivered in October graciously donated by Aaron Niebel... thank you Aaron!

- Pink Shirt Day update: was a huge success. May revisit again in 2-3 years. Julia doesn't have the final total yet on shirt costs. Canuck Volleyball was EXTREMELY organized and helpful in their organization of the shirts for delivery and distribution at the school (they individually packaged and labelled each shirt) Lani and Julia will discuss how to thank C.V. for their service. Thank you to everyone who helped

make this happen, and special thank you to Melissa for the fabulous design, and to Julia for the organizing and quick thinking on the ordering and delivery of the shirts.

- Spring Greeting Cards: this will be postponed until 2022 school year. Things just too hectic within the school at present. Will revisit for next year.
- School Photos: see Lani's notes regarding the opportunity for families to have school photos taken at Mountain West studio on certain booked dates over spring break. If there is a problem with bookings filling up, Lani is happy to contact them and arrange for more times.
- Grade 7 Graduation: despite some new updates from the District, things are looking very much the same as they were for last year's leaving ceremony. The grads get their special hoodies same as previous years, and the PAC has provided them with the medals (bought in bulk in 3 yr intervals). Money could be put towards the engraving. Ms. Wallace has offered to come and speak to the PAC next meeting to discuss what the class has in mind for ideas, etc. PAC agreed they would be pleased to have Ms. Wallace attend and Lani will relay the invitation.
- Sound Systems: this was discussed last meeting and Lani has put it out there to the staff if anyone might be in need of a sound system in their classroom. She has 5 teachers responded and she researched the cost of approx \$200-220 per system for a long lasting option.

MOTION: Motion put forward for the PAC to provide approximately \$1100 to Lord Beaconsfield Elementary to cover the expense of 5 sound systems for classrooms. The sound systems are to remain the property of the school for the use of teachers/staff in the classrooms. ~ *Motion put forward by Rose, seconded by Bilyanna*

ADDED QUESTIONS:

Ali: will there be any track and field / cross country running events happening this year?

Lani: new protocols by Dr. Bonnie Henry in early february have made changes to before/after school sports with restrictions, and Lani will revisit these with teachers after spring break * note that sporting activities within the school differ from those outside of school depending on the sport (eg. basketball drills are okay, but no games)

Ali: is there anything the PAC could provide the teachers with for some form of celebration or "we made it" at the end of the school year? Either among the teachers, or for the teachers with their students? Lani will put that out to the teachers and get feedback. Last year the staff were appreciative of the little goody bags that the PAC gave out.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

UPCOMING PAC MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 7pm on Zoom.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Wednesday, June 9, 2021