



Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Tuesday, March 29th, 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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Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Beaconsfield 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.

Attendees: Joel, Ali F., Rose N., Kathy T., Meagan C., Julia K., Crystal A., Melissa B., Lisa W., April D., Aaron N.
Minutes by Shelley W.

1. WELCOME & Approve February 22nd 2022 minutes are always posted on the LB vsb page under PAC

Minutes were not reviewed or approved, to be completed at the next meeting.

2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Joel Levine

In terms of health update, notification was received at the end of Spring Break re: travel requirements & new protocols. Information was forwarded to families as soon as it became available. There are new protocols that allow for larger gatherings, visitors are now welcome, and meetings with families in person will be permitted. Field trips are allowed. Kids will continue to eat in their classrooms.

The Gladstone music team will be coming next week and 5 classes (gr 5 - 7) will be attending a performance in the gym.

School community is permitted to gather in the gym, we will continue to enact protocols such as keeping the doors open, masking, distancing where possible.

Field trips will be permitted again. We are going to continue having the kids meet outside and utilizing separate entrances to minimize crowding.

Feels like a strange in-between time, COVID is still circulating however the restrictions are lifting and we're having fewer absences (students & staff). We will be doing more but also taking changes slowly. There are still risks in terms of community spread as restrictions ease.

Welcome to Kindergarten - event will be happening Tuesday May 31 1030 - 1130. Families will be notified of kindergarten placement by the end of April. We have 22 students registered, not sure if the district will have one or two classes (max. count 20). We can have a representative from the PAC come to talk up activities and our work. Shelley or ?

There will be a cycling program by HUB for grades 5-7 to learn about cycling safety.

April 28 is early dismissal for student conferences. Teachers will be in touch with families about how that event will be structured for their class.

2022/23 School Calendar - there will be some changes for how time is utilized. Friday September 30 - will be the STAT for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

Mindful Monday - continues to be a hit, I have been coming up with different information thoughts re: mindfulness and the gift cards are very much appreciated. I have a thank you card from one of the winners, it's a nice way to start the week. We're out of gift cards now.

Julia K. made a motion to buy 10 more gifts cards (\$250), seconded by Meagan - approved.

Request for \$1000 for sports equipment. We use new equipment for the gym and send the older stuff outside. It gets worn out.

Action: to discuss in group chat. (please contact Shelley if you'd like to be added to the whatsapp group)

Question: Is there a policy around student device use on school grounds? A grade 3 student was talking at home about content seen on tiktok.

Shared concern voiced by parents about the possibility of older students sharing online content with younger kids in the schoolyard. Older kids are also sitting on the swings on their phones. Concern voiced as once something is seen, it can't be undone.

Response: devices are used as tools in the classroom, *students are not supposed to use them outside?*. There is a district-wide policy about acceptable use, but typically each school determines its own policy.

Rose's school has a policy prohibiting device use outside the classroom, devices are confiscated and can be picked up at the end of the day in the office. It discourages use and is an inconvenience to students.

Parents can't rely on schools to monitor or police student's content access online. Their access using school wifi is protected but if kids have devices with data they could have much wider access online

Request for Joel to look into this issue & for the school to be proactive around content before any concerns arise that require action.

Question regarding prior discussion about crossing guards, intersection at Nanaimo & 20th can be treacherous.

No capacity identified to sponsor crossing guards. Families encouraged to contact VPD or COV if to report any unsafe activities. Increased reporting will typically get the attention of the city or police. Wonder if the 'Reach for the Stars' preschool has had any concerns

3. BUDGET REPORT - Rose

C'est Mon Cafe Hot Lunch JAN/FEB fundraising \$403. Not much activity in March. Need to issue cheque for the reading materials purchases.

Giftcards for Mindful Mondays will come from the staff appreciation budget. Usually we sponsor a lunch in June for all staff. Request for this to remain individually packaged this year in light of COVID restrictions. Preference is to support a local business.

Motion by Julia K to approve an additional \$400 for staff appreciation. Seconded by Kathy/Ali/Megan

Field trips now permitted, is there a budget or planning for this?

Joel reports there are some funds left over from 2020 that weren't used before the pandemic shut down. Usually the big expenses relate to transportation (renting a bus is \$300-400). Teachers are moving slowing on planning, no major needs have been identified at this time. Joel will let us know if any needs are identified.

It was agreed that PAC needs to remain focused on spending that will benefit and improve the quality of the kids' educational experience.

Could we sponsor an end of year celebration & fundraising event? Perhaps we can explore new/creative fundraising ideas over the new couple months? Online silent auction could be organized, businesses in the community might like to contribute?

4. NEW SIGNING AUTHORITIES - Kathy

- a. Shelley & Meagan are being added as signing authorities. There is no limit on the number people allowed.

5. GLADSTONE SCHOLARSHIP - Kathy

- a. We received an email March 10th to the PAC gmail account regarding graduation scholarships. program: Deadline is May 1 after which scholarship committee decides on recipients. Most Beaconsfield students go to Gladstone, a small number go to Van Tech. Unknown if any are in mini-schools. We need to determine if we want to have both awards at Gladstone, or if there are Van Tech students to send funds there as well. Awards are given to students who have shown leadership qualities and/or community mindedness

Kathy to follow up re: Van Tech students & determine what the status is re: Van Tech

6. SCHOOL GARDEN:

The school garden program has been well-received and the kids have been doing lots of learning in the garden over the past couple years. The kids enjoy the time outside & the program is having a positive impact. Usually we provide classes with about \$20 for any plants/seeds they want to grown in the spring (total budget \$260). Are there any other needs for the garden?

Fundraising idea - seed sales? Westcoast Seeds has fundraising options, good idea for next year?

7. PAC PUBLICITY-ROLL UP BANNER - Melissa (tabled from last meeting)

Designs have been voted on, thanks to Melissa for working on this. Cost is \$35, Melissa to contact printers and give the go ahead.

8. POPCORN SALES: Kathy and Laura have been in touch with Ms. Wallace and the Gr 7's are happy to take this on! First popcorn sale is happening this Thursday March 31). Thanks to Kathy & Laura for coordinating this!

NEXT MEETINGS:

APRIL 26, 2022

MAY 17,

JUNE 14, 2022

TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mural Project for the school - Meagan
- School Name Change - Matthew and Alexis