



Beaconsfield PAC Annual General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

The Beaconsfield community humbly acknowledges that the land on which we live and learn is the traditional, unceded territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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.

Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 @ 6:30pm (on Zoom and in-person in the school library)

Present:

Joel Levine (principal), Tim Bottomer, Sarah Hundal, Lisa Jones, Annie Chiu, Randeep Singh, Penny Mei, Phuong Ho, Rose Ngo, Aaron Neibel, Meena Neibel, Sandy Cocke, Laura Runte, Marharyta Skavvonska, Andy Stromberg, Lauren Shay, Melissa Baker, Meagan Colenutt, Lisa Walker, Bilyana Ward, Shelley West (minutes)

Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 3916 5885 Passcode: 659645

1. WELCOME & Approve June 2022 minutes.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-beaconsfield/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/Lord-Beaconsfield-Elementary-School-PAC.aspx>

2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Joel Levine

Welcome, great to see the good turnout tonight! Things are stable at the school. 200 students, 9 divisions this year, 1 district program, plus home learners. There are three district programs in the school (2 classes at Alderwood - Children's Foundation, Excel (Social/Emotional Program) and home learners. Things are good.

A few points:

Health & Safety - in terms of Public Health, the most important thing we can all do is conduct a daily health check with your children. Please ensure you check or ensure your children are reporting to you, if they have symptoms and feel unwell. The best prevention is to ensure that sick kids don't come to school. We work on hand washing and other public health measures here at the school.

We are keeping the kids eating in their classrooms rather than the larger lunch (there is no plan to re-open the lunch room at this time). Masks are welcome for those who wish to wear them.

Code of Conduct - In terms of addressing behaviour concerns & issues that arise in the school setting, the principle is: 'where possible and appropriate, consequences will be restorative rather than punitive'. All of the kids are little, they are learning, they make mistakes, there will be conflicts. The best opportunities are for us to find ways to work through conflicts in a restorative manner. Sometimes families have expectations and want a punitive response if they feel their child has been hurt/harmed. We will ensure that consequences are in line with the circumstances. If you have concerns about how a situation was addressed, please speak to your child's teacher. If you're unsatisfied with a response please contact Mr. Levine.

Plan for Terry Fox Day on Sept 22. It will be a fun event with music and fun. Donations can be made through the pay-fees VSB website. All the activities will be happening on school grounds.

Walk-a-thon is planned for October, watch for more details soon. We will be raising money for field trips and/or intermediate camp. Any donations will reduce the costs of events for students. Donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt.

The school has received notification that there will be curb-ramp/crosswalk installations at Penticton and 20th and 21st. Not sure if this stemmed from PAC concerns re: traffic safety last year. This will be happening in October.

3. PAC STRUCTURE

- a. Election of co-chairs - Ali F. & Tim B elected unanimously

Background: Ali and Tim were both involved on the board at Learning Tree preschool. Tim is a lawyer and a board member with VPL. Ali works in public health research and has been involved in other community organisations. Ali has two sons grade 2/4. Tim has a grade 2 student and another child coming to K next year. Our goal is to be an active PAC. Beaconsfield is a nice community-minded school. It has been challenging with the pandemic-related changes. It's great to be back to in-person meetings. We want to work on re-establishing our school community.

- b. What positions do we need to fill? Julia - Communications (Shelley can assist) Shelley is secretary (would be great to have back-up for minutes). Rose is treasurer (again, if anyone is interested in sharing responsibilities we could use a co-treasurer)
- c. Recruitment: Publicity roll-up banner. Would be good to get a banner outside to encourage family involvement at the PAC. We will bring out the banner at the Meet the Teacher event Thursday Sept 29 (Ali to assist?)
- d. In terms of PAC, should we move forward with a program-based set of responsibilities? Would be great to get folks signing up for particular areas of interest and report to meetings with updates, etc. There was interest in this sort of structure.
- e. Who currently has signing authority? Who needs to have it? - Shelley, Rose, Megan, Kathy. Would be good to have a co-chair who can sign off. Ali nominated to be a signing authority.

4. BUDGET REPORT - Rose

Last year hot lunch brought in over \$1600.00. Interest earnings about \$500
Gaming grant - we are still waiting on these funds. Still have \$2800 left in the account from last year

Last year DPAC contributed about \$1300 last year. Reflector fundraiser earned over \$1000. Purdy's \$1000. Tru-Earth & Mabel's Labels (new fundraisers) about \$100.

Full report will be available next month.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE - We've received a few emails re: pac interest. Will send out reminders re: Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth.

6. SCHOOL GARDEN - Who is the liaison now that Kathy is away? No one expressed interest, could send a notice with PAC communications? Joel to check on the school end to see if anything is pressing as we wind things down for fall.

7. FUNDRAISING

- a. What do we have on-going? Tru Earth, Mabel's Labels. Purdy's (Christmas - April N) Shopfunds (December - Rose).
- b. Hot Lunch - C'est Mon Cafe has been provided over the past couple years. Last year we had it scheduled for two days/week. Families can order lunch any or all of the dates. Feedback - there were requests for more meal options. Lunch is \$7.50 (PAC gets \$1 from each meal). Rose has been looking to expand the options. Tuesday & Thursdays. Options for getting some extra meals to donate for those who don't get? Most order dates there are about 50 orders.
- c. Looking to the future, what is coming up? PAC interested in sponsoring some sort of holiday event. Pancake breakfast? Cafe Noel? Silent auction?
- d. Should we do another run of spirit wear? Yes! Shelley to contact Julia Lu re: Canuck Volleyball & TLLL re: their apparel provider. Any interest in sponsoring orange shirts for June? School colours are green/yellow Mascot?? Joel to inquire with the teachers.
- e. Apple Fundraiser - closing date October 8. Boxes of apples can be purchased and will be delivered for Honeycrisp Ambrosia 10lbs \$23/28?. 33% proceeds to PAC. No minimum. *Kristen Wilson will coordinate.

8. PAC INITIATIVES

- a. Math Club (Bilyana Ward) - there has been some interest from students in establishing a Math Club. If kids are interested they can take part in some enrichment programming. Bilyana is mathematician and would be interested in spearheading this. There are established programs that provide materials/structure, etc. There is an associated cost that we could fundraise for. Programs tend to be geared at grade 4-7. 12-15 students, meeting weekly. If there is more interest we could have two/three terms. If the PAC and the school are interested, classroom space would be required. Would we require a sponsor teacher? Joel to look into what's required on the school end... likely there would need to be a VSB

staff member who is supporting it. There might be a program at Tyee that is already established. Community School Team - might be appropriate to support this?

Community School Team - was more involved pre-pandemic. They run extra programs (sport-ball) after school program (More-sports also Super Science Club). Scott is the coordinator for Gladstone feeder schools. Question - could we invite Scott to see what options there are?

- b. What other initiatives have occurred in the past?
 - i. Hip hop dancing (coordinated by Ms. Ikeda)
 - ii. Tap Club with a show (Aaron's mom)
 - iii. Grade 7s have sponsored dances
 - iv. Soccer club and Cross-country are happening again this year. Question: Lower field - is it gravel or grass? Does it need love?
 - v. Movie nights - in the gym. Copyright concerns? This is small scale & enforcement is unlikely
 - vi. Bingo night - gaming licensing required.
 - vii. Bake sales - Holiday cookie exchange?
 - viii. Other ideas - suggest panel parents & teachers for ideas/suggestions
 - ix. Ways PAC can support inclusiveness for all students (purchase of hot lunch for kids who might not get one, anything else?)

PARENT QUESTIONS:

Can families bring in hot lunches to students again? In the past there have been some issues with lunch drops being disruptive to class. Drop-off to office should be ok.

9. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a. What is our vision? Priorities? If we are fundraising, what are we fundraising for?
- b. Suggestion to go through a Strategic Planning exercise - perhaps a weekend afternoon meeting/social event

NEXT MEETINGS:

October 18

November 15

December 6

TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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