



# Beaconsfield PAC Minutes

Tuesday, January 18th, 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

*I'd like to begin our PAC meeting today by acknowledging 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.*

Present: Kathy T., Joel L., Lisa W., Rose N., Melissa, Coco Chau, Meagan C., Luzelle DC, Julia K., Cristina B. Fernanda Minutes by Shelley W.

1. WELCOME & Approve December 2021 minutes are always posted on the LB vsb page under PAC

Minutes approved from December.

2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Joel Levine

COVID - It's all a bit much. There may be a perception that we're doing something different in terms of safety. From the kids' perspective, we are reinforcing all the safety protocols from the past couple years. Staff are providing a lot more reminders. Things were getting more lax in the fall and we're trying to tighten up all the safety protocols.

Functional closure - if there is a surge of staff absences, and the district couldn't maintain safe/adequate staffing then we'd need to look at a closure. There is a plan in place at the district level. We do have a lot of absences. Schools reflect what's happening in the community. We are finding there are more student absences and they are away for longer, we're also seeing more staff absences. In response to staffing pressures, VSB HR is looking fill all positions and we are trying to plan ahead with reassigning TOCs, etc. If the school needed to close, we would pivot to online learning. Similar to the week after January we would still need to accommodate some students such as vulnerable kids, those with special needs & children of essential workers.

We are managing, so far so good!

Generation Health - this is a 10 week program free YMCA program - with free membership to YMCA. M-F evenings for families with children 8-12 years old. Information is posted on the school website.

Coming up soon - BC Government Student Learning Survey - this is given to students grades 4 & 7 and open to families. The purpose is to get feedback on the education experience

MDI - Middle Years Development Index - VSB partners with UBC. There is an early years survey for kindergarten students. Lots of social/emotional health & well-being questions. We are planning to complete this with the grade 7s. Info was sent home for families and there is an option to opt out. This provides us with information about how students are feeling about things. It will be interesting to compare how the grade 7s are feeling now compared to when they were in grade 4.

We were really hoping we'd be able to do some in-person assemblies, but this is not happening so we are trying to do a teams-based virtual assembly. We used these gatherings to talk about safety protocols. It can be difficult to find content that is appropriate for all grade levels but we're looking at options and will do this monthly with a focus on social/emotional learning. Our goal is to foster a larger group community though it's very difficult without the performances and other large group activities we can't do during the pandemic.

Questions:

How many students have been away each day since returning?

Answer: 30-40 away per day. A little higher than normal but it is cold/flu season.

BCCDC is going to be updating guidelines for school/childcare settings. There is no contact tracing right now, we're moving toward an endemic with children. Adults are more at risk, but COVID is circulating readily amongst children.

Can children play at the playground after school?

Answer: In short, yes this is permitted. HOWEVER, the afterschool program is very careful and if there are other children outside, they will keep the children in afterschool care indoors.

Families are finding fewer opportunities to connect with other parents. Afterschool care usually uses the playground after 4pm. We really don't want to be encouraging large groups to gather at this time. Hopefully things will improve as we move closer to Spring.

BC Covid School Tracking - Established by families who feel the government isn't providing adequate information. Families have the opportunity to self-report infections and the information is updated frequently.

Will there be any repercussions (losing registration space? for students who miss too many days of school? Normally there would be follow up for students who miss more than 30 days of school, however we understand that these are unusual circumstances and nobody will be losing a school space.

Kelty Mental Health - resources for educators and families.

<https://omny.fm/shows/kelty-mental-health-where-you-are/when-school-staff-are-well-students-are-too-strate/>

Last year there were separate recess & lunch hours for different cohorts. Has there been any discussion re: resuming that?

The recommendations have been to stagger entrance/exit points so we don't have congestion or large groups gathering. This is why students line up outside at the beginning of the day and teachers bring them through different entrances/stairwells. Outside there is plenty of space for kids to play so not as much of an issue.

Weather - lots of rainy days - lots of kids are gathering together under the smaller covered area. We are doing our best to trouble-shoot when weather is bad. There is a cohort of kids who are using the gym (40+), sometimes teachers will keep some kids inside. Outside is considered lower risk than inside.

Have you asked teachers about how to best support them? What was the response?

Joel: While I have asked this directly, my role/job is to support teachers. My focus has been getting them lots of information. Teachers have many questions and we're trying to ensure distract info is communicated effectively.

3. BUDGET REPORT - Rose & Julia

Saleema Noon cheque #274 gaming acct \$971.25

Kathy - new cheques not arrived yet... we are low and they were ordered pre-holiday

Hot lunch made 472.00 from Oct - Dec. Purdy's cheque sent to school, waiting for totals.

Amplifiers purchased, class funds.

There is a lot of enthusiasm to get outside. Anything else we can fund to encourage more outdoor time?

Health & Wellness fund - spending to improve health/wellness in the classroom. Now is the best time to spend, everyone is tired

Joel - the biggest thing I find is that we don't have a full class set of tech devices. Teachers can't do an online activity where each child can participate online. We have 10 in library. From my perspective the need is in tech.

Wish list? For teachers to identify outstanding needs

Survey - long term value, can be shared and all students can benefit from? Apple - the products should last, operating systems need updates.

Teachers wellness - 'wellness day' - funds available to foster wellness of the school community. Can we support teachers with a draw or to win a gift card?

Motion - to approve \$25 gift-card every monday distributed by random draw. . \$400 total - gaming funds can be dedicated to this.

4. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS - Kathy

- a. COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Bilyana has notified that she needs to step down from the Communications position, and as Co-Secretary. CAN SOMEONE PLEASE STEP INTO THIS ROLE FOR THE REMAINING 6mo? Bilyana can show you how to send out mailchimp emails, etc. - Shelley to take on communications
- b. CO-SECRETARY: we need another person to be back up Minutes-Taker for Shelley - Julia to assist with minutes
- c. CHAIR: next september, Kathy will be stepping down from this position as she'll be away, anyone want to try co-chair for the next 6 months to learn about the duties for next school year? Suggestion - if we don't have any takers, could consider a rotating chair?

5. N95 MASKS FOR STAFF - Julia, Ali, Colette, Kathy

- a. Discussion on January 10-12th regarding the purchase of N95 masks for staff from Costco.ca
- b. 120 masks purchased by Julia and Kathy that can be made available for teachers with a budget of \$400 if approved tonight by the PAC
- c. Any further motions for setting aside gaming money towards more PPE/cleaning for staff?

Motion made (Shelley), seconded (Rose) to purchase N95 masks (120 masks) for teachers to use in the classroom. Purchased by Kathy Tenta and Julia Ko via costco.ca

6. C'EST MON CAFE - Rose

Back on last week. More options are available. Website is up and running and lunches can be ordered.

7. Reminder: SALEEMA NOON Sexual Health Education - Shelley & Joel

- a. dates booked Monday Feb 14th for Parent Zoom 6:30-8pm, Tuesday Feb 15th Kids in-person. Slated for February - info going out at the end of the week.

8. TRAFFIC SAFETY:

- a. GAMING GRANT FUNDS: \$500 was approved last meeting for traffic safety equipment
  - i. 28" cones for no-stopping zone: purchased \$298.20 Midland Liquidators Kathy T
  - ii. two STEP2 Safety "kid" props for the corners: purchased \$98.54 Wayfair.ca by Kathy T
- b. reminder to parents they can go online to 311 to ask about crosswalks, etc

Safety cones and green guys purchased. Cones are big/heavy and will be effective. \$400 purchased.

9. MURAL PROJECT RE-VISIT - Meagan - table to future meeting

10. PAC PUBLICITY-ROLL UP BANNER - Melissa - follow up at future meeting

11. SCHOOL NAME CHANGE - Ali & Matthew (tabled from last meeting) - for future discussions.

TABLED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Gladstone & Van Tech Scholarships \*\* deadline end of April \*
- next meeting: Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 on Zoom