



Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES Tues, February 13, 2024

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.

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 Səl'ílwətaʔ/Selilwiltulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

10 ATTENDEES:

Principal - Tony Romano

Parents -, Kathy Tenta, Aaron Neibel, Mike Christian, Cristina Bittante, Melissa Baker, Tim Bottomer, Shelly West, Rose Ngo, Kathy Tenta, Soizic Wodge, Anne-Marie Kennedy, Meghan Colenutt, Tracy Cook, Kylie Geant, Sofia

Note – There were parents that attended through Microsoft Teams. A list of names who attended online was not recorded.

1. Begin Meeting: 6:30pm
2. Welcome and Acknowledgement
 - December and January Minutes Approved

3. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tony Romano

- AED (Defibrillator). The question was raised why the school doesn't have them. Tony advised VSB protocol is not to supply unless they support a student specific need and that the WorkSafeBC doesn't mandate it. Ultimately it is a cost issue. Some schools have student specific AED's but are partially funded by the parents as they are responsible to maintain the batteries. Meghan had a personal experience with a student having cardiac arrest and is more in line with a no risk approach. Cost is approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 each. The group agreed it would probably best for the issue to be raised a Vancouver District parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
- Ministry of Education is moving towards a ban on cell phones in schools. Will be rolled out in the fall. Tony commented that it is a problem in schools.
- 2 teachers applied for a grant to replace a tree that was taken down on the property, the tree that has been chosen is a tulip poplar and they will be receiving a \$500 grant. The trees are close to \$1000 and the school maintenance department will charge \$1000 for installation. Jen W will look into the TD Environment grant to cover more costs.
- Hip hop is available in December, price is \$3500. Number of different options, movies, musical theatre, etc. Tony to take it to with the teachers to see if there is any interest in the teachers putting together a performance. There was a mixed debate with the group over the cost benefit for hiring a company to put together a performance. It was agreed that the PAC would wait another month to make a decision.
- Basketball will start in February Basketball for Grades 5, 6, 7 and will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- Ms. Neibel is back and will be teaching tap dance.
- Choir is underway.



- Track and Field starting up in March (grades 3 and up)
- Report cards will be issued on March 12 (learning updates)
- Body Science, Workshop will be held on February 15th
- Kindergarten registration is up to 40 registrants and the cap is 22 students
- There will be a choir performance held on March 15 after school
- If there are any changes to the photo company that is being used the decision will need to be made prior to the fall.

4. BUDGET REPORT - Rose Ngo

Revenue	\$3,120
Current Balance	\$6,579
Period Expenses	\$1,332

- Update on funds in the PAC GIC account, total \$20,000 (2 @ 10,000). Maturity date for one is May 2024 and the second in November 2024
- The new cash policy implemented for the handling of petty cash. Outstanding action.

● STATUS UPDATE OF CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- Growing Smiles (seed sales) raised approximately \$385
- Movie Night raised approximately \$500 minus expenses. Annual cost of \$435. Decided to wait and only renew if we decide to run another movie night before the end of this school year. The group did ask why there is not a district wide movie license.
- Rylie Grand raised the idea that the PAC needs an option for digital payment such as the square. Riley will take it away to see what options there are and the associated costs to operate.
- Neufeld Farms will be from April 19 to May 5 and will be delivered on May 13th at 7:00pm. Volunteers will be needed for the delivery.
- Purdy's Easter chocolate drive. April will arrange the fundraiser. It was noted that it might be challenging due to the timing of Spring Break this year. It was agreed that the fundraiser would still proceed.

● STATUS UPDATE ON UPCOMING FUNDRAISER IDEAS

- Spring Social - The group agreed that a spring social is a good idea. Will start the effort of starting to pull together volunteers. Mike said he would look into finding a large donation BBQ. The date is tentatively set for Friday June 7th.
- True Earth - changing platforms— (Kathy) - will look into resetting to new platform.
- Movie Night – License expires February 14th
- Spirit Wear – There was discussion about coming up with some more options for spirit wear, similar to Trout Lake Little League. The idea is to have different designs to try and promote sales to people that already have the current design.
- Possible Ideas for future fundraisers
 - Skipping Rope Sales
 - Spirit Wear Sales
 - Pizza Lunch
 - Freezie Sales

● STATUS UPDATE ON FUTURE GRANTS



- Canada Post Grant – The application opened February 12th and closes on March 1st, Kathy has put effort in the initial application. It was discussed that a meeting with a small group might be the best way to complete the submission - Jen and Kathy and Tony to meet and handle submission.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- There was discussion about possibly using the VolunteerSignUp app for some of the bigger fundraisers. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- Treasurer needed for next year as Rose is stepping down. Still have not found any volunteers.
- DONATIONS COMMITTEE to be looking into donations and grants, etc.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 12, 2024