

Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES **Tuesday February 11th, 2025**

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/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Attendees: Tony R., Tracy C., Kathy T., Aaron N., Rylie G., Farjana A.J., Meagan C., Anne C., Melanie R., James

Virtual attendees: Melissa B.

Minutes by Rylie G.
Start time: 6:34 pm

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2min)

- January Minutes posted online
- Motion to approve January minutes
APPROVED Tracy/Anne

2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tony Romano (15min)

- February focus:
 - Promoting diversity and inclusion through meaningful initiatives to foster understanding, empathy, and respect among our students.
 - Black History Month. Teachers are encouraged to lead age-appropriate activities and discussions that explore topics such as privilege and racial bias, helping students develop a deeper appreciation for these concepts.
 - Pink Shirt Day. Wear pink (shirt) day is on Wed, Feb 26th. The goal is to enhance students' social awareness and empathy towards others.
- The Student Learning Survey:
 - BC Ministry of Education Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers feedback from school staff, parents, students in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. Topics covered include student achievement, human and social development, health, and school safety. These results are used to support planning, improvement initiatives, and goal setting.
 - Gr. 4 and 7 students will complete the survey at school, Parents are encouraged to participate from home. All responses are anonymous, and participation is voluntary. This information (link) was shared in the last school newsletter.
- What's Happening at our school this month:
 - Our artist in residence continues with students on Tuesdays.
 - School Sports:
 - Basketball teams - (Gr 6 and Gr 7 girls' teams, and Gr 6/7 boys team) — 3 more games left in their seasons. There will be playoff games at a nearby high school to end the season (Date TBA)
 - Intermediate and junior choirs continue to practice. There will be a performance just before spring break (Date TBA)
 - In preparation for the next school year:
 - If you will not be returning to Beaconsfield in the fall of 2025, please let our office know by emailing us at tbell@vsb.bc.ca . This is crucial for our staffing and helps us to build class for next year.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Fri. Feb. 14 Pro D
 - Mon. Feb. 17 Family Day

- Wed. Feb. 26 Pink Shirt Day
- Mon. March 10 CSL reports go home
- Tues. March 4 PAC meeting
- Fri. March 14 Last day before Spring Break

4. BUDGET REPORT - Farjana/Anne (20min)

- Fundraiser updates from Dec/January:
 - Poinsettia Cheque from DeVry \$90.25 deposited
 - Jan 31 Hot Choc sale Cash : \$237.50 cash counted Feb 3/25 KT, TC
 - Purdy's Xmas cheque received (made out to the school—Ms. Bell deposited and submitted chq to us for \$655.34). Deposited online Feb 3/25 into general account by Kathy T.
 - Movie Night \$82.35 on square (FEB 7) + Cash 95.40 donation + \$717.60 concession
 - Motion to approve budget report—approved Rylie/Anne/Kathy
- Community Gaming Grant – **new online application system** to be registered in -
- Set up a business BCeID account (takes weeks to be approved and grant applications open in three months) — Anne is looking into this
- Canada Post Grant - opened - until Feb 28 - \$5K towards computers/tablets - Kathy will review with Tony. Possibly Melanie R.?

5. CURRENT & UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS (40min)

- **Hot Chocolate Fridays** - held Fri Jan 31st \$237.50 cash
 - Next sale: Friday, Mar 7
- **WestCoast Seeds** - Kathy to organize - running this month
- **Movie Night** - held Fri Feb 7th - Despicable Me 4
 - Next event: Friday, April 11 - Showing Moana 2
- **SpiritWear** - opportunity for selling remaining stock on hand? Tracy (Rylie?) will take inventory before next meeting
 - Consider shorts/small bags/tank tops for the spring run (more info to come)
- **Pizza Day** - Friday Feb 28th (orders in by Feb 19th)
- **SIDE NOTE: snack sales** - a parent asking if we can provide known allergen-free options as well (Lay's Yellow bag plain potato chips, for example)
 - Info to be past along to Ms. Wallace. Concession team has been made aware.
- ***NEW* PEDALHEADS FUNDRAISER - currently running**
 - Tracy will print flyers and distribute this week
 - **Details:** \$25 off code for your school's families, until the end of the year. Every code used is \$25 back to the PAC fundraiser.
- ***NEW POSSIBLE* VEGGIE FUNDRAISER - FRESH TO YOU**
 - <https://www.bcaitc.ca/fresh-you-fundraiser>
 - Benefits: promotes healthy food, provides high-quality, fresh, and seasonal produce as a fundraising option. Produce is primarily sourced from BC suppliers.
 - Fresh to You provides educational information for students and community members about fresh, locally grown vegetables, and recipes to inspire you.
 - 40% of all profits made on FTY bundles sold

- MINIMUM 40 bundles
- **Basic Bundle - \$25** — 2lb carrots, 3lb Ambrosia Apples, 5lb Golden Beets, 5lb Russet Rorraster Potatoes
- **DISCUSSED AND DECIDED—NOT THIS YEAR**
- ***NEW POSSIBLE* BRIGHTRAISSER (email to PAC)**
 - Brightraiser offers a variety of everyday Canadian-made product assortment, plus seasonal favorites for Fall, Christmas, Easter, Summer, and Back-to-School.
 - PAC earns up to 25% (if over \$500 sales)
 - Free for PACs. They handle everything—order fulfillment, sorting, shipping (to home address), customer service, etc.
 - **MORE INFO NEEDED—RUNNING TIME, SHIPPING COST, ETC.**

7. FENCE REPAIR/GARDEN (10min) (SPRING PROJECT)

- “Gate” opening needs securing better/bracing
- Missing and loose boards need replacing/repair
- New paint needed (sand existing once repaired and repainted)
 - Rylie and Aaron can provide hand sanders
 - Rylie sourced a 5 gallon paint (light olive green exterior paint) from Sherwin-Williams—will Pickup near Kingsway and Rupert Feb 12th
- West Coast Seeds funds raised can go towards garden repairs if needed

8. SPRING FAIR

- It be held on Friday, June 6th, 2025
- Explore new opportunities (ex. Elevate Ultimate - silent auction item, and fun booth Vancouver@elevateultimate.com)
- Gladstone Robotics — Tracy will coordinate again
- Kathy - will request fire truck
- Annie/Jessy - ambulance (Kathy will ask them)
- Games, Concession (Rylie will book cotton candy machine from Bundles of Fun) and inquire about additional game rental from them
- Mini donuts or other treat/food truck? To be considered
- need more pop up shade
- Splash Tower:
- Create a schedule and limit water access when not in use.
 - Source large bin for easy water access when in use
- Soccer game?
- Egg Drop (Soizac) - Kathy will ask
- Craft Table—Anne-Marie will organize again (Budget TBD)
- Other possible additions: Silent Auction? (No wine pull)

9. MARCH PAC MEETING: Tuesday March 4/25

Meeting adjourned at 7:48p