



Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES

Tues, January 16, 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/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

10 ATTENDEES: Principal Tony Romano, Kathy Tenta, Aaron Neibel, Mike Christian, Cristina Bittante, Melissa Baker, Tim Bottomer, Shelly West, Meghan Colenutt

1. Begin Meeting: 6:30pm
2. Welcome and Acknowledgement
 - December Minutes to be approved at next meeting

3. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tony Romano

- Learning survey through the Ministry of Education will be sent out for Parents and Grade 4 and Grade 7. Parents can participate.
- Basketball will be starting up for Grades 5, 6, 7 and will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- Patty will be starting tap dance, and is open to Gr 3-6. Notice was handed out to students in the gymnasium and students took them if they were interested. Tony to look how information is handed out for future consideration as some of the parents were unaware of the activity.
- Professional Development Day on January 17th, the focus will be on mental health to learn better strategies on coping with mental health issues.
- Staffing Updates
 - The counseling position has been filled by Bailey Wilkinson.
 - Brenda McElroy, the youth and family support worker has retired. Paul Meyers (formerly from Excel program) has now taken the position.
 - Ms. Ikeda is back; the goal is to be back full time once medical is cleared.
 - The district is working on recruiting music teachers. Discussions were had on qualifications, and it was confirmed the teacher must have a degree in education.
- Saleema Noon Zoom presentation for parents is on February 12th
- There will be body science classroom presentations on February 15th
- Parent Teacher Conference is scheduled for February 7 & 8 (early dismissal)
- Learning update will be coming out on March 12 (report cards)
- Tony asked if we are happy with the Photo Company. If there are any changes to the photo company the decision will need to be made prior to the fall
- A library volunteer is still needed to stock shelves, Ashley would be grateful for any help she could get. The volunteer could help on one or more of the following Tues/Wed/Thurs during school hours.
- School is looking at providing AED (defibrillators). Tony to advise on status at the next meeting and will be in contact also with Meagan Colenutt regarding this.



4. BUDGET REPORT - Kathy/Tim (Rose absent)

	December	January	February
Current Balance	\$4,760	\$5,554	
Period Expenses	\$4,384	\$1,298	

- 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
- Tim asked that a new cash policy be implemented for the handling of petty cash. All agreed.
- **STATUS UPDATE OF CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:**
 - Apples (Carey) - **\$914** was deposited Nov 22/23 Carey happy to run this again next year, huge success and well run.
 - Growing Smiles (Jen) – cheque \$197.26 deposited Jan 16th + \$80 cash on site (in school safe) + \$63.95 etransfers = **\$341.21**
 - Mabel's Labels (Kathy) - ongoing
 - Jen W. has been researching grants and advised that COSTCO, SUPERSTORE both have grant applications online.
 - Winter Fair
 - 50/50 raised **\$279**
 - Gift Baskets raised **\$235**
 - Winter Café raised **\$978**
 - Hot Lunch raised **\$255** for November and December
 - Purdy's Winter Fundraiser : should have cheque, Kathy will ask at office.
- **STATUS UPDATE ON UPCOMING FUNDRAISER IDEAS**
 - WestCoast Seeds in new year (Jen) - Opens Jan 16, closes Feb 9th 40% of sales comes back to the PAC
 - TruEarth
 - Movie Night – License expires February 14th so the group **propose February 2nd**. Aaron will head up the concession. Tony to confirm that that date works with the gym. * Kathy can swap the \$80 from the safe and get it changed into float money for this event if needed
 - Neufeld's BBQ fundraiser : Shelley signed our PAC/School up for this at tonight's meeting
 - Possible Ideas for future fundraisers
 - Spring Fair — looking more like Spring Social!
 - Skipping Rope Sales
 - Spirit Wear Sales
 - Neufelds BBQ (February to June)
 - Purdy's - Easter
 - Pizza Lunch
 - Freezies
- **STATUS UPDATE ON FUTURE GRANTS**
 - There was a mistake made on the submission of the gaming grant application as the wrong form was submitted. The \$4,000 gaming grand has been denied. We will ensure all goes smoothly next year.
 - Currently looking at the Canada Post Grant (Canada post community foundation project)



Maximum grant is \$5,000 and looks very applicable to the school. Opens February 12, and the application deadline is March 1. Tony and Jen W (support by Kathy T) will investigate before our next meeting (possible coverage of our Winter performances/Cafe).

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE - Melissa Baker

- Posters / printouts to be put out for the Seed fundraiser.
- There was discussion about possibly using the VolunteerSignUp app for some of the bigger fundraisers. To be discussed further at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that the PAC should keep the main WhatsApp PAC group limited to general interest types and announcements and have a side discussion channel opened up. Some parents are finding the current amount of messages to be overwhelming. The current group will be named PAC Announcements, and a new group will be opened called PAC Discussions

6. CHOIR - Kathy

- Interest in Winter Term? YES! Term is short, choir would start the week of January 15 and the last rehearsal would be on the week of March 4. This makes for an 8-week choir session.
- Junior choir beings Thursday January 18th. It doesn't look like there will be an intermediate group as there were only 8 registered. Tony has confirmed that space would be available for Jr. Choir and will check on gym availability with regards to other sports programs to determine if Senior Choir can run again. We suspect Junior choir would run, but not sure about Senior Choir - Kathy to confirm.

7. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- Treasurer needed for next year as Rose is stepping down.
- Also looking at a DONATIONS COMMITTEE to be looking into donations and grants, etc

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 13, 2024