



Beaconsfield PAC Meeting

November 15, 2022

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

Mrs. Wallace, Joel Levine, Ali F., Tim B., Kristen W., Lisa W., Rose N., Marjan, Justin, Melissa B., Aaron N., Sarah, April, Annie, Nicole, Lisa J.. Minutes by Shelley W.

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.

1. WELCOME & Approve October 2022 minutes.

Minutes approved

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

2. GUEST TEACHER: MS. WALLACE -

Mrs. Wallace is our grade 7 teacher who supports kids as they prepare for the transition to high school. Attending today to provide an update on programs happening at Beaconsfield.

Sports: We run team sports for the older children in volleyball, basketball, badminton (limited as there is more interest than can be accommodated), cross-country (intermediates in fall), track & field (intermediates in Spring). We are a smaller school in terms of athletics but work to run as many sports/teams as possible. be involved in all activities. We do as many activities as the larger schools. We have a great staff group.

Community School Team - runs programs such as drama & sportsball. The team talks to schools about needs.

Grade 7s help run intramural activities, club sport activities for both primary & intermediate level. Also sponsor Halloween dance party, Valentine's activities will be upcoming.

Spirit activities such as pyjama day.

Camp - every year or two we take kids to camp. Grade 4-7. Booked this year for Timberline

Ranch in Maple Ridge. Usually we ask the PAC to support with bus transportation. Info will come out before Christmas.

Question: Could the school use new resources in terms of team uniforms/jerseys and pinnies? Yes, this is a definite need. Ms. Wallace to look into what's needed.

There's a parent interested in running a Math Program. Is there capacity for additional programs (math, chess?). Possibly.

Parents would be happy to support programming and new activities if there are additional support needs.

Scholarship award - Gladstone & Van Tech - depends on where kids are going. Is there a way to track all Beaconsfield students?

3. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Joel Levine (10 mins)

Kindergarten registration for 2023 is open now till the end of January.

Remembrance Day - Grade 7s ran an event, it was very nice.

Student & Family Affordability Fund - BC Government has dedicated \$60 million to support families via schools. VSB received 4.6 million; Beaconsfield has received about \$25000 to distribute.

There were guidelines around distribution of funds. Spending was meant to be both targeted and universal and focused on nutrition. Intended to support families and offset other costs, also universal in providing support to all families. We've been working with our three youth & family workers (one for entire school, one for Excel program & one for Alderwood). Plan is to provide grocery gift cards (Superstore) to families in need, the bulk is for those families really struggling to put food on the table.

Universal - nutrition - Cooking program with kids is proposed - we'll use funds to buy supplies.

Will pay for skating this year (usually there would be a charge) so this will save families.

We are looking to lower the cost of camp for intermediates (and cover costs for some families in need).

Ukelele Program - getting someone in to run a program?

This plan was put together quickly, it is general and there is some room for flexibility. If PAC or families have suggestions/ideas please forward to Joel for consideration.

Hip Hop Dance Program. It's just the last week of school, starts a week Dec 12, each group gets four sessions. Performance on Thursday evening 6:15. Friday 9:00 (students), 11:15. 280 tickets. \$500 deposit paid. Program costs \$3400 total

Cultural performances - no performance fee was charged this year, we will pay for African drumming workshop. .

Snow closures - if we have a major snow event, please listen to the radio, check the VSB website. Don't call the office please!

Craig Thomas will attend next meeting to discuss physical education at Beaconsfield

4. BUDGET REPORT - Rose (5 min)

Not much action this month. We earned money for apple sales, received just under \$1K from DPAC.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (10 min)

Mailchimp is an incomplete opt-in list. Better for communications to come through the school. Notices can be sent to Joel & Tracey. PAC can write a blurb for the newsletter that Joel sends out, needs to be submitted just before the end of the month.

6. FUNDRAISING

- Purdys Update (April) - notices being sent out this week along with catalogues. Orders due November 28, pick up will be happening December 12. We'll need volunteers to sort orders. Thanks again to April for coordinating!
- Cafe Noel (Ali)
 - There is a google spreadsheet with all those helping out.
 - Silent Auction (Ali) - will be small, focused on consumables.
 - Coffee (Kristen) - will offer coffee & hot chocolate. Need to check for carafes or we can borrow them. Will purchase or try to solicit donations.
 - Food (Laura) - we'll put out a call for donations (homemade or purchased). Nut-free is preferred. Ingredients list needs to be included.
 - Flyers - Ali & Melissa to coordinate
 - Crafts (Shelley) - Ms. Ward/Ms. Billingsley's classes will be making ornaments to sell. \$160 needed for supplies, we should be able to cover cost with sales
 - Tickets - we'll need volunteers to sell tickets, Tim to run security detail.
- Pancake Breakfast - December 9
 - Volunteers: April, Rose, Sarah, Lisa, Nicole, Aaron, Ali & Shelley
 - Need to start early and make loads of pancakes, things get very busy! Need to borrow skillets. Costco run for supplies.
- Spirit Wear update (Kristen/Tim)

Email sent out, flyer is coming home. Oddball gave us 20% off. There is a free t-shirt for all the kids. Two different links. One for the free shirt, other for purchased items, we will earn \$5-10 on items. Closes on Monday November 21. Pick up December 12. Can we get photos of kids in shirts for the PAC?

INITIATIVES:

1. Mural (Tim)

There has been talk about this. North wall of gym, field facing walls. Contacted the City of Vancouver, they are supportive. There is a program, you need a permit. They will pay for an anti-graffiti. They will provide paint/supplies if VSB trades is ok with it.

Don't have artist or design. Some work was done before but we don't have any commitments.

There is a website that showcases different mural artists. Could propose a few options and then have PAC members vote on it. What's the link for website?

Members interested in sitting on Mural Committee - Lisa W., Tim B., Melissa, Meagan C.

2. Math Club (Bilyana Ward) - deferred, Bilyana not in attendance.

3. Community School Team (Scott Deyell)

Ali - talked to Scott - Gladstone Community Teams. He organised sportball, SuperScience Club, etc. He is working to get programs back post-pandemic. At this stage there have been some concerns with staffing shortages.

4. Movie Nights (Tim)

This would be a social event & fundraiser. We use the gym and show a seasonal film, admission by donation (can't charge admission fees). Concession on the side. Would run 3 per year (spring, fall, holiday). License for rights holdings is \$400 + tax and it allows you to show a huge list of movies, most kids movies are included.

❖ Motion to purchase license for \$455 in order to host movie nights. Approved.

Question - can the school accommodate a double feature?

OTHER BUSINESS

PAC Photo - we need an updated photo!

Red Cross Babysitting Course (for grade 6-7), Stay Safe Course (grade 4-5) - members keen to sponsor this. To discuss further in December or January.
PAC Storage Room - Joel took us on our tour. Room is packed with stuff and needs to be sorted and cleaned up. Members keen to help with this (Sarah, Lisa J.)

NEXT MEETING:

December 6 at 6:15pm