

Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES Tuesday February 10th, 2026

*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 (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Start time: 6:36 PM

In attendance: Tony R., Tracy C., Anne A., Kathy T., Meagan C., Melissa B., Danny F., Rylie G., Aaron N., Cristina B., Melanie R., **Susan M.**

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2min)

- **THANK YOU** to Hellcrust Pizza for sponsoring our PAC meeting tonight
- January Minutes posted online.
- Motion to approve January minutes. Minutes approved by Kathy T., seconded by Rylie G.

2. Welcome Robert Ford- President of VEMS (23 mins)

Overview VEMS:

VEMS is a non-profit that can issue tax receipts. Their focus is on keeping the program at the school, to keep the price down, and to make sure the music is relevant to the kids.

Right now, they offer programs in 20 schools, 32 ensembles (choir, bands, ukulele and group guitars), 640 kids active in their programs, with the aim to deliver more music to more kids. They are working with PACs to make sure that the parents are aware, and with the school admin, but they are not competing with the school music program (curriculum). Registration at Beaconsfield has been low in the past year or two. They only offer registration at the second term for the younger kids. They moved the junior choir to lunch time instead of after school, and they are wondering if that is causing a decrease in the registration rate. They need 20 kids for the program to go ahead, only 5-6 were registered in the junior choir for the last term.

Propositions from PAC:

- After school care is lacking so moving junior choir to after school might be more successful than over lunch time, as the kids do not want to miss time to play.
- Proposition to announce the choir program in advance, at least 3 months ahead of time.
- Proposition to do an assembly (or performance) of the senior choir to show to the other students what they are doing. Tony says this could probably be done at the end of the day, around 2:15 PM would be the best.
- The visual supplied contains too much text for distribution to parents, PAC says they have more success if there is color, images.
- Provide an example of the songs the choir practiced in the previous terms to increase interest of younger kids.
- Tony says that Tuesday is busy, so Wednesday would be best for the performance.

-Proposition to put both the junior and senior choirs at the same time: this would be challenging to have both senior and junior choirs at the same time if groups are full, would need 2 pianos, 2 rooms, etc.

-Possibility to do 2 hours, one hour of choir and another hour of something else (advanced card games, etc.). Robert is working on something.

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

February activities

-February: focus on diversity, black history month, pink shirt day.

-February 25th, pink shirt day, to increase social awareness.

-February 11th, Valentine's day celebration with Ms Wallace's class.

-Ms. Ashburner set up a viewing time for the Olympics after the students eat their lunch

-Young actors project going on, brought by Ms. Moore. There is a fee associated with this program, paid by parents.

-Senior girls basketball, only a few weeks before finals.

-A student at Nootka elementary school fell from a tree last year and lost the use of her legs.

After school on March 3rd the students will try basketball in a wheelchair. From 3:15PM onward.

Mr. Romano got the invite today, will have more information soon. He will let the PAC know to whom we should share the information. Great opportunity to talk about the paralympics as well.

-Basketball team: Mix Grade 5 and 6 team with Mr. Thomas.

-Choir to do their performance closer to spring break.

-Tap dance on Tuesday going on.

Report card system

-New report card system: through email access, the CSL system crashed so they are getting training and pivoting now. The next report card will be through the new system. Registration needs to be done for each child, a link will be provided by email. If it needs to be printed out, parents need to ask the teacher, but a copy of the report will go into their file.

Book drive

-Book drive, instead of scholastic sale, March 9 to 13. All funds raised will be used to buy new books for the library. Drop off gently used books before February 27 to Ms. Ashburner in the library. She is looking for volunteers as well. Posters were done by Melissa, they just need to be cut and posted.

Kindergarten registration

-Close to 30 Kindergartens registered so far. Start the process for staffing for next school year next week. They want to have 2 Kindergarten classes.

4. BUDGET REPORT - Anne (30min)

Balance: \$41,438.13 in the general account

Deposit:

\$725 deposit from the christmas purdys

\$2,289 payment form parents Munch-a-lunch

Expenses:

\$98.97 for pizza last PAC meeting

\$97 Winter wonderland
\$798 for Mike's Critter
\$44,19 for pancakes
No expenses in gaming account

Discussion:

\$3,666.77 in profit for munch-a-lunch so far.

-Discussion about plans if kids are sick on hot lunch days. Parents should come and pick it up would be the best. Teachers sometimes can use it, but cannot keep it for too long, food safety concerns.

*Motion to approve budget. Approved by Tracy C. and seconded by Rylie G.

INCOMING

- **West Coast Seeds:** Around \$600, final number to be added by Jen
- **PedalHeads 2025 Spring Campaign- TBD (waiting for payment):** Amount from last year's PedalHeads fundraising is still missing. New fundraising is on. Will send a note in the agenda.

OUTGOING (APPROVED)

- **Art Supply Closet (Kathy)- not including donations \$1500 max (including tax):** Ms. Knight made a list of the needs for each class, Kathy gathered and printed the list.

*Motion to approve the budget. Approved by Tracy C. and Aaron N.

- Got an amazing donation from Opus Art Supplies: Printmaking category. Tracy picked up the supplies on February 10. Kathy will send a thank you card. Kathy to check if there is a maximum amount per year per school. Opportunity for Beaconsfield to use Opus next year?
- Educator's Credit Account inquiry (Tony) at Staples. Homeschooling families have 10% at Staples. The school has an account but not sure of the rebate. (mentions of 10% on expenses over 50\$)
- Crafting items are always welcomed, give to Ms. Knight or PAC to gather and to put in the Art Supply Closet.
- **Rocks & Rings (Rylie)- \$285/day (7-9 sessions/day for 2 days)**
 - When should we book and coordinate with Mr. Thomas/school: After spring break. Rylie is in contact with them already, she will meet with Tony.
- **Butterfly project:** This project was approved but is put aside for now, Rylie doesn't have the time to do this. Cristina and Rylie to check if one teacher could be interested in running this project.

BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE FOR Munch A Lunch (Anne): Continue to look at options to have easy e-transfer for hot lunch.

- **Vancity:** Vancity has slow transfers and sometimes problems with Interac.
- **RBC**
 - Monthly fees? Transaction fees? Minimum amounts held?

5. CURRENT & UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS (15 min)

- **Movie Night** - postponed due to many cases of illness happening at the school. New date proposal: February 20th. Need new posters with the new date, same movie.
- **Hot Chocolate Sales 86ed?**- due to warmer weather, will try for a Popcorn sale after school.
Need to check the popcorn reserve. March 6th for a popcorn sale. Cash or tap available. Will bring out the spirit wear.
- **Spirit wear**- opportunity to bring out during after school sale at the popcorn sale. Can we set up a display in the school with a couple items: bulletin board. Spring campaign to be launched after the Spring break.
- **PEDALHEADS FUNDRAISER IS *BACK* - currently running** (posted on website, to go out in newsletter, posted on ClassChats. Agenda flyers?)

Here's how it works:

Pedalheads will offer an exclusive \$25 off code for your school's families, until the end of the year. For every use of the code, we will give \$25 back to your school PAC fundraiser.

Benefits for the school:

- A special discount on our bike camp programs to all the parents of your school
- Enjoy a program that parents already register for while fundraising for your school community

Spring Break Registration Date and Offerings:

Our Vancouver Spring Break Bike Camps will be running the weeks of March 17-21 & March 24-28 at the following 3 locations:

Vancouver – Point Grey @ Jericho Hill Centre (4196 W 4th Ave, Vancouver)

Vancouver – Oakridge @ Jamieson Elementary (6350 Tisdall St, Vancouver)

Vancouver – 23rd & Main @ David Livingstone Elementary (315 E 23rd Ave, Vancouver)

Registration for Spring Break camps launches on January 20

Contact: Nick Pavlakis, BC Regional Manager for Pedalheads Bike Camps

5. SPECIAL EVENTS (15 min)

- **Mike's Critters (January 23 & 30th)**
 - Feedback-Excellent feedback from kids and parents, huge success.
- **PINK SHIRT DAY- February 25th**
 - Wear pink. Sea of Pink- School photo at the time of assembly
 - Stickers? Pins? Words of kindness wall? Tony to talk to the staff. Stickers on Amazon of pink shirts are available and cheap.

- **BOOK DRIVE- March 9-13th**
 - Donate gently used books (toddler-adult) to Ms. Ashburner
 - Looking for volunteers to help sort. Please email Ms. Ashburner @ aashburner@vsb.bc.ca

6. Upcoming Important Dates (5 min)

- **February 13th- District Pro D-Day (No school)**
- **February 16th- Family Day (No school)**
- **February 20th- Movie night (proposed)**
- **February 25th- Pink Shirt Day**

7. Discussion special request

Sexual health and body awareness: offers a customizable course for each school. Empower teachers and parents to discuss these subjects with the children. Offer Pro-D day for teachers and she also does an after school session for parents. Possibility to have AI and social media focus courses. The needs are different for Grades K to 3 vs Grades 4 to 7. Possibility to have it with Nootka elementary to split the costs. Plan to have something for next year and discuss the focus for each group (junior vs senior).

Price for teacher education session: \$750 for the (helper) person, \$1,500 if it's her doing the course.

Motion to adjourn: motion approved by Tracy C. and seconded by Anne.

Meeting adjourned: 8:01 PM.