

Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES

Tuesday October 7th, 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.

Tony R., Tracy C., Anne A., Farjana A.J., Kathy T., Meagan C., Melissa B., Susan, Angelina G., Danny, Jennifer F., Kim, Rosemary, Rylie G, Rose N., Aaron N, Jen W., Sara

Start time: 6:36pm

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement (5 min)

THIS EVENING'S MEETING WILL BE OUR AGM

- September Minutes posted online
- Motion to approve September minutes - motion to approve made by Tracy., seconded by Jennifer F. - motion approved

2. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tony Romano

(20 min)

Terry Fox Run

- Took place on Thursday, September 25 on the lower field.
- Organized by Mr. Thomas — thank you!
- Over \$800 raised so far for cancer research.
- Donations are still being accepted via the Terry Fox Foundation website.

Parent/Student Conferences

- Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22 and Thursday, Oct. 23, starting at 2:15pm
- Early dismissal at 2:00pm on both days.
- Conferences follow a 3-way format (student, parent, teacher).
- Booking instructions will be sent home with students.
- Prepare questions in advance to make best use of time.

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA) – Grades 4 & 7

- Upcoming assessments focus on literacy and numeracy development.
- Provides insight into individual and district-level progress and is used by the Fraser Institute to rank schools.
- Results help inform teaching strategies and resource allocation.
 - Parent discussion summary:
 - Varying opinions about the benefit of the data being collected and the outcome of the testing as it covers material not yet covered in the classroom
 - The teachers union does not support FSA testing and have sent withdrawal forms home. Parents are frustrated by the testing and

unsure if having their students take the test is worthwhile.

Parents are invited to discuss with their student(s) teacher(s) to help make individual decisions.

- These concerns can be brought to the next DPAC meeting on November 2, 2025

Extracurricular Activities

- Cross Country:
 - Over 30 students participated in the last meet at Trout Lake.
 - Two more meets will be held on Oct 11 & 13, and the final meet will be Tues. Oct. 21.
 - Thanks to Mr. Thomas and Ms. Bredin for coaching and volunteering their time.
- Choir:
 - Running after school on Thursdays.
 - Includes both primary and intermediate students.
- Volleyball Club:
 - For Grades 5/6/7, held during Mon/Wed/Fri lunch.
 - Run by Paul; season begins mid-October.
- Halloween (Friday, Oct. 31):
 - Costume parade and pumpkin carving in the morning.
 - Games and activities in the gym in the afternoon.
 - Organized by Ms. Wallace's Grade 7 class.

Grade 7 Camp Update

- Last year's total cost: \$8,800 + \$2,000 for transportation and staff. It was funded by:
 - Grade 7 fundraising
 - Provincial Student Affordability Fund
 - Previous years' surplus
- This year camp has been cancelled due to:
 - No support staff being available
 - The cancellation of the Provincial Student Affordability Fund
 - Financial constraints
- Ms. Wallace is exploring alternative experiences for the students.
 - Parents (Rosemary/Rylie) will also do some research.
 - (Vancouver Aquarium or Science World sleepover/Girl Guide programming/roller skating/Planetarium)

Sexual Health Education (SHE) (Saleema Noon)

- SHE is a required part of the BC Physical and Health Education Curriculum and is taught in a developmentally appropriate and inclusive manner. More information about this curriculum can be found here:
 - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education/1/core>
- Although Saleema Noon presentations are well-known and respected, our teachers feel confident delivering this content themselves and prefer to see the PAC funds (approx. \$2000) be used elsewhere
- Open to revisiting if there is strong parent interest.

- Parent discussion summary:
 - Research other SHE options for students/parents/teachers.
 - Explore a “body positive” education option to support diversity among students and self confidence building.
 - Maegan suggested “Being Me, Being Us”
 - To be further discussed in the future.

Special Request: Library Support

- Ms. Ashburner is seeking volunteers to help shelf books.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Lockdown Drill – Oct. 9 at 10am
- Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill – Oct. 16 at 2pm
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – Oct. 22 & 23
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Nov. 10 at 11am (limited seating available for parents)
 - Parent questions about in school emergency procedures:
 - Health emergencies - “Hold and Secure” procedure
 - Storm/natural disaster - “Shelter in Place” procedure

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

Gaming Account at time of reporting	\$5,180.19
General Accounts at time of reporting	\$38,595.64
Anticipated Revenues:	
● MunchaLunch	\$3,000
● Apples (Sun-Oka Fruit Farms)	\$1,000
● Concession:	
○ Freezie Sales	\$251
○ Meet the Teacher	\$272.86
○ Hot Chocolate	\$1,000
● DPAC	\$0
● Spring Fair	\$5,500
● Interest (Everyday Banking)	\$1,800
● Interest & Principle from GIC (via BMO)	\$0
● Movie Nights (Concession)	\$1,500
● Movie Nights (Door Donations)	\$300
● Neufeld's Farm	\$0
● Poinsettias	\$0
● Purdy's Chocolates (Xmas/Easter)	\$1,000
● West Coast Seeds	\$600
● Spirit Wear Sales	\$600
● Mabel's Labels	\$50
● Winter Wonderland Cafe	\$1,750
● PAC Donations	\$1,000
Total anticipated revenue	\$19,623.86

Anticipated Expenditures:

● BC Society Registry/BCPAC Membership	\$100
● MunchaLunch	\$252
● PAC Meetings:	
○ Dinners	\$525
○ Childminding (gr 7 contribution)	\$1,000
● Classroom Resources (11 DIV x \$200)	\$2,200
● Field Trip Subsidy (\$15x245 students)	\$3,570
● Library & Resource Room Funds	\$500
● Outdoor Gym Equipment	\$500
● Teacher's Wish List	\$500
● Gr 7 Year End Celebration	\$1,000
● Concession:	
○ Freezies	\$0
○ Meet the Teacher Night	\$0
○ Movie Nights	\$200
○ Hot Chocolate	\$200
● Movie Licence	\$425.25
● Spirit Wear Inventory	\$500
● Dance Class & Retirement Gifts	\$0
● Community Engagement:	
○ Pancake breakfast	\$200
○ Spring Fair	\$1,500
○ Holiday Performance (gaming acct \$3,000)	\$0
● Winter Wonderland	\$100
● Art Show	\$50
● Scholarships - one Gladstone student	\$500
● Staff Appreciation Lunch	\$500
● Special Projects:	
● Sexual Health Presentation	\$2,000
● Special Project	\$5,000
○ Technology Fund	\$500
○ PAC domain name and hosting for website	\$0

Total anticipated expenses **\$21,822.25**

Motion to approve budget - unanimously approved. To be finalized next meeting

4. FUNDRAISING UPDATES (10 min)

- Open House Concession (Sept 18th) - Raised:
- Sun-Oka Apple Sales (Order deadline: October 6th)
 - Running again late Oct/early Nov
- Purdy's Chocolates (Run dates?)
- MunchaLunch (Ongoing)
- Spiritwear - Raised:

5. OCTOBER EVENTS (20 min)

- Apple Sun-Oka pick up Oct 17 (volunteers needed to help sort and distribute- Carey)
- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving (Monday, October 13th)
- Halloween Edition Movie Night- October 17th 5:30pm-8pm
 - Hotdogs and snacks for sale
 - Special Trick or Treat adventure @ 5:30pm before movie

- Costumes encouraged
- Movie title: to be decided
- October 22nd & 23rd: Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 2pm
- October 24th- Pro- D day NO SCHOOL
- October 31st - HALLOWEEN

5. FUNDRAISING COMMITMENTS (15 min)

- Apples (Sun-Oka) (Sept/Oct & Oct/Nov) - Carey (needs help at pick up)
- Freezie sales - weather permitting - Rylie, Melissa
- Movie Nights - Tracy, Anne, Rylie, Melissa
- Purdy's Chocolates (Xmas & Easter) - Looking for someone to take over for Kathy for the Easter run and onward
- WestCoast Seeds (Jan/Feb - Jen)
- Winter Café & Hip Hop Show (Dec 18th)
- Spring Fair (June) - Rylie, Anne, Melissa, Tracy

Meeting adjourned: 8:07pm