

Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl' ilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Start Time: 6:34 PM

In Attendance: Tony R., Tracy C., Anne A., Farjana A.J., Kathy T., Meagan C., Melissa B., Rylie (online), Aaron N., Sarah A., Cristina B., Meena N., Monique T.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement

- October minutes were posted online.
- Motion to approve October minutes: Kathy and seconded by Tracy. Passed.

2. Principal's Message – Mr. Tony Romano

October Review

- PAC Movie Night – Great turnout and community building. Kids enjoyed it, well-organized event.
- Kindergarten Registrations – 19 registered so far; target is 30 for two K classes. Sign will go up on the fence soon.
- School Visits Reminder – All visitors must sign in at the office for safety reasons, even for short drop-offs (e.g., lunches).
- Sidewalk Discussions – Parents reminded to bring concerns directly to teachers or Tony, not to discuss staff or students publicly due to privacy and respect policies.

Upcoming Events (Nov/Dec)

- **Remembrance Day Assembly:** Nov 10 at 11 AM, led by Ms. Wallace and Grade 7 students. Limited parent seating.

- **Volleyball:** There were so many Grade 6/7 students that were interested that 2 teams have been formed; games are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Renfrew.
- **Winter Performance:**
 - Rehearsals: Dec 8, 10, 12, 16
 - Performances: Dec 18 at 2 PM & 6 PM
 - Theme: *TikTok*
 - Winter Café: Dec 18 (5–7 PM), setup at 4 PM
 - After-school care and soccer will be adjusted accordingly.
- **Grade 1 Parent Workshop:** Nov 28, 9 AM in the library: “One to One” Reading. Strategies will be shared with parents to help support readers at home.
- **Choir Winter Performance:** Date TBD.

Hot Lunches – Cristina

- Discussion around having a backup person on-site to help with distribution other than Paul. Tony said there is not enough staff and must be a parent volunteer.

Teachers’ Wish List

- Teachers’ wish list available in the staff room and online.
- Discussion on creating a shared Google Doc or Amazon list for easy parent contributions.
- Large funding requests may include: portable speaker, microphone, or a student presentation on Cyberbullying.

Other Updates

- FSAs completed; will be sent for marking next week and will be sent home once Tony receives them back.

3. Budget Report – Anne & Farjana

- **Motion to approve budget:** Cristina, seconded by Meagan. Passed.
- Movie Night: \$826.18 in profit
- Lunch program: \$1,773.97 profit (approx. 23% profit in 2.5 months).
- Total revenue to date: \$3,107.81.
- Lunch order reports are emailed to vendors 3 days prior, so there is a lot of work to make this work.

DPAC Membership (\$99)

- Discussion on whether renewal affects potential funding:
 - Anne is investigating as we received a cheque a few years ago -, do we lose funding if we don't renew?
 - is there a timeline or due date for renewal?
 - is there a connection between DPAC membership and gaming grant?
- We will renew for the year.
- DPAC rep position currently vacant.

Special Project Fund (\$5,000)

- Ideas discussed:
 - Undercover area repainting or mural
 - Enrichment programs (e.g., gymnastics, curling, Mike's Critters, class projects)
 - BC Variety Grant (for inclusive playgrounds, buddy benches, etc.), need proposal and 50% match. We would need to come up with plan this year and then submit an application for next year. (Rylie)
 - Tony to ask teachers for options for around \$200 that could be available for classes or the whole school, such as butterflies in the main hallway
 - there could be enough money for enrichment ideas and necessities
 - Teachers have started a wishlist, but we need more details
- BC Variety Grant (for inclusive playgrounds, buddy benches, etc.), need proposal and 50% match. We would need to come up with plan this year and then submit (Riley)
- Research to continue; discussion will be carried to the next meeting.

Other Budget Discussions

- **Salema Noon** presentation not happening this year; \$2,000 remains in the budget.
 - Could be a parent presentation.
 - Who coordinates? Tony will contact and set up a date. Cristina - number of sexual health educators, could we look at another option. Who is responsible and who is paying for it?
 - Shift Education- Cristina mentioned it as a recommended program
 - Are there free webinars from VSB similar to Online Bullying? Tony sends out free webinar as he gets them, for example there is a report card and learning updates webinar coming up soon

4. Current & Upcoming Fundraisers

Apple Fundraiser

- First campaign raised \$820; combined total approx. \$1,000.
- Second campaign open until Nov 9 (pickup Nov 20).

Purdy's Fundraiser

- Open until Nov 23 (pickup Dec 3).
- Flyers going out Friday.

Halloween Movie Night

- Next Movie Night possibly in **January**.

Spirit Wear

- Profit: **\$443**, this was used to purchase inventory that will be for sale at upcoming events.
- Delivery in November.
- New green pullovers and black toques available for live sale.

Hot Chocolate Fridays

- Starting soon. Inventory count needed for powder and cups.
- Volunteers needed (3–4 for setup and sales), before and after school.

Winter Wonder Café (During Hip Hop Show)

- **Date:** Dec 18, 5–7 PM
- Team to be assembled for organization.
- Possible Wine Pull and/or Silent Auction, donations may be affected by BCGEU strike, look into parent contributions. Discussion about asking families to reach out to contacts for donations.

Pancake Breakfast (Non-fundraising)

- **Date:** Dec 11
- Same volunteer crew as previous years; seeking donations for supplies (contact Jen).

5. PAC Website & Communications

- Discussion on improving visibility of the website:
 - Add link to Tony's newsletter, posters with QR codes, and agenda stickers.
 - Use website as main hub for information (hot lunch, fundraisers, events).
- Need a volunteer to update the calendar monthly.
- Discussion on balancing communication channels (flyers, WhatsApp, posters) while directing parents to the website as the main source.

6. November Events

- **Nov 9:** Sun-Oka order deadline
- **Nov 11:** Remembrance Day – No School
- **Nov 20:** Sun-Oka pickup (undercover area)
- **Nov 21:** Pro-D Day – No School
- **Nov 23:** Purdy's order deadline

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **December 2, 2025**, at 6:30 PM