Beaconsfield PAC MINUTES

Tuesday September 15th, 2026

The purpose of the Parent Advisory Council is to support and enrich the quality of education and overall wellbeing of students at Beaconsfield Elementary School by fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive school community.

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 ̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Start time: 6:35 PM
In attendance: Lily N, Aryan M A, Manu G, Stephanie D, Teresa C, Frankie Y, Aaron N, Meena N, Kathy T, Jenny L, Giulia V, Kim S, Aja G, Kimisha al, Cassandra H, Amy H, Jesse A, Annie C, Chantelle D, Kevin, Meagan C, Melissa B, Susan M, Melanie R, Rylie G, Anne A, Tony R.

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2 min)

○ June Minutes posted online

○ Motion to approve June minutes: made by Susan, seconded by Kathy, Julie, Melissa. Motion approved.

2. APPOINTMENT/VOTE FOR FILLING EXECUTIVE POSITIONS (3 min)

Thank you to everyone on our executive team last year!

This year's nominees are:

- Co-Chair position: Rylie Geant & (no last minute nomination)
- Co-Secretary: Melanie Rouleau & Susan Marynewich
- Co-Treasurers: Anne Agustin, Jesse Abney
- Motion to approve nominees as executives:
    - Approved: Katie; Seconded: Aaron, Rose
- Additional roles to recognize:
    - Communications & Print Marketing: Melissa Baker
    - Online Communications & Design: Cristina Bittante
    - Special thank you to Farjana for her work as Co-Treasurer over the past two years.

3. LAST YEAR IN REVIEW AND A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE - RYLIE (10 min)

- MunchaLunch launched in October - well received, affordable and profitable
- Community fundraising & events:
    - Welcome Back Open House Concession (Sept 29): need some hands
    - Family Movie Night (Oct): to be confirmed
    - Free Pancake Breakfast (Dec)
    - Winter Wonder Café, Hip Hop Show & Silent Auction (Dec): if enough volunteers the silent auction will be on.
    - Spring Fair (June)
- Other fundraisers:

    - MunchaLunch (Oct-June)
    - Freezie Sales (Sept & June)
    - Sun-Oka Apple Sales (Sept/Oct & Oct/Nov): already started, information was sent home
    - Purdy's Chocolates (Dec & Mar/April)
    - WestCoast Seeds (Jan/Feb)
    - Popcorn Day (Mar)
    - Spirit Wear (Ongoing)
    - Mabel's Labels (Ongoing)
    - Pedalheads Camps (Ongoing)
- Special Projects:
    - **Art Closet supplies** - last year, the art supply room was low, so this project was taken on by the PAC. We were able to fully stock the art closet with paper, paint, printmaking materials, and so much more
    - **Rocks & Rings - postponed**
    - **Mike's Critters** - requested again. Last year he came to the school (2 days), brought exotic animals; PAC needs to fundraise for this.
    - **Pink Shirt Day Stickers**
- One time funding contributes in the past year:
    - Sound system repair in the gym ($80)
    - Replace portable sound system ($270)
    - New extension codes ($100)
    - Community Garden - underground watering system ($500)
- Ongoing PAC funded commitments:
    - Gladstone Scholarship
    - Classroom Resources (supplies + home learners)
    - Field Trip Subsidy
    - Library & Resource Room (supplies)
    - Technology Fund
    - Hip Hop Show
    - Staff Appreciation Lunch
    - Welcome to kindergarten event
    - Winter performance
    - Winter café
    - Community breakfast
    - Staff luncheon
    - SO MUCH MORE
    - Come to next month's AGM for more details
    - **SPECIAL PROJECT PRESENTATION & VOTING AT THE AGM!!**

4. OUR REASON WHY & HOW TO HELP - Rylie (10 min)

- Supporting and enriching the quality of education and wellbeing of students
- Fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive school community
- Volunteer Lead Events, Activities & Roles Form:
- The PAC needs you: google form will be sent around, to be used for attendance and to see who is available to volunteer at the near future events. (Sept: Meet the teacher concession, Freezie sale; Oct: Apple delivery (they

arrive on a pallet), Movie night (set up concession, cleanup); Nov: silent auction for the winter café; Dec: Purdy's sort order, Pancake Breakfast; Feb: movie night; March: Purdy's, book drive; June: teacher appreciation luncheon)

- Ongoing needs:
    - Posting and removal of promotional materials for events: meet at 2:45PM, to put up/take down the flyers
    - Hot lunch: drinks set up for hot lunch (2-3 helpers needed - take turns 1-2 time/month, about 30 min.) Label drinks and move into the fridge
    - Co-treasurer: preference for someone with book keeping experience
    - Google calendar on the PAC website: someone to update the google calendar with the school events (about 10 minutes once in a while)
    - Picking up supplies for events
    - Photocopy and stuff teachers's mailboxes with agenda flyers (approx 30 min)
    - Choir liaison person: Kathy is moving on next year, and we need someone to take over the communication with VEMS. Robert sends the info and this person needs to communicate with Tony and PAC, other parents.
    - When you fill the survey, it is not a commitment, the PAC will contact the person that raised their hands once the need comes.
- Whatsapp: announcements made for the community, class chats, but also groups for PAC and events. QR code for the new class chats will be sent out.

5. BUDGET REPORT - Anne (20 min)

- Go over 2025/26 end budget:
    - Balance in our account: $40,158.69
    - Overview of what happened last year (approx, profit):
        - Fundraising apples: $1,200
        - Purdy's $973
        - Seeds $387
        - Popcorn $58
        - Spirit: $126
        - Pedalheads: $100
        - Meet the teacher: $628
        - Concession: $551
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        - Spring fair: $5,585
        - Winter wonderland performance: $3,669
        - MunchaLunch: $4,800
- Total fundraising: $14,130+$4,800

- Society End of Year Annual Report to be filed within 30 days of the AGM
- https:/www.bcregistry.ca/societies (usually $40 to file + $15 to update directors)

6. MUNCHALUNCH - Rylie (5 min)

- Lunch Calendar goes out this week
- Launching Sept 29 / Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Slight cost increase with a few vendors
- Sushi is pricey with very little profit but a favourite so we are trying a new vendor (Kamei Sushi).
    - Will run previous vendor (Minato Sushi) and new vendor twice each this term and then reassess
- Website/ordering information

7. FUNDRAISING COMMITMENTS (review only) (3 min)

- Sun-Oka Apple Sale - up and running now!
    - Order deadline: Oct 6th
    - Delivery: mid/late October
- Freezie Sales - volunteers needed
- Family Movie Night - Oct or Nov - Rylie, Anne, Melissa
- Purdy's Chocolates (Xmas and Easter)
- WestCoast Seeds (do we need to apply again- Early application open now)
- Winter Cafe (Dec) - cafe will run again with the Hip Hop show
- Spring Fair (June) - Anne, Rylie and Melissa

8. SEPTEMBER EVENTS (2 min)

- September 21th- Pro D Day (no school)
- September 23th- CHOIR starts (JUNIOR Wed 3pm-4pm SENIORS Thurs 3pm-4pm) (runs to beginning of Dec)
- September 25th- Terry Fox Run (1:30pm-2:45pm)
- September 29th- Welcome Back Open House (Meet the Teacher) 5pm-6pm
- September 30th- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

9. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tony Romano (35 min)

- Mr. Romano: 4th year at Beaconsfield
- School enrollment used for class organization: enrollment is down this year, 225 students in the regular student program.
- We lost Ms. Merani, there were not enough K registrations for a second K class.
- We lost the ExSEL program (excellence in social emotional learning)
- We still have the Home Learner's program, managed on the second floor of the school. In total, we have approximately 255 students with these students
- The last planning meeting was last week to discuss class organization, to implement last minute changes, and to build the best scenarios for the students. Parents can email Mr. Romano to schedule a meeting if they have some concerns regarding their child and the class organization.
- Taken into consideration for class organization (among others): Class size regulation, special needs, physical and social maturity, etc.

<u>Current school organization:</u>

K: Ms. Knight

Grade 1: Ms. Lee
Grade 1/2: Ms. Moore
Grade 2/3: Ms. Behm
Grade 3/4: Ms. Amenta and Pashalidis
Grade 3/4: Ms. Ikeda
Grade 4/5: Ms. Bredin
Grade 5/6: Ms. Billingsley
Grade 5/6: Ms. Morales (formally Ms. Ward)
Grade 6/7: Ms. Wallace

- School updates: thanks to the community, we now have new ipads, raised about 40K in the past 2 years for this purchase to replace the previous ipads that were about 7-8 years old.
- Received 60K grant, to update the lunch room, add about 10 spaces, and will also be used for the after school program. As part of this renovation, they will update the sound proofing of the room. Hope to have this done soon as the students are having their lunch elsewhere at the moment
- Choir: students are welcomed to sign up, program starts next week. Primary on Wed, Intermediate: Thurs. After school until the end of Dec.
- Mr. Thomas organized a grade 6-7 soccer team
- Cross country: grade 3-7, will start at the end of the month
- Volleyball: Mr. Paul runs this program, starting soon but to be confirmed. Last year was for grade 5-6-7, TBC this year. Need confirmation from the parent to attend (morning).
- Patty Neibel - tap dance is back, information to be sent out, grades TBC
- Chess club: Ms. Bredin
- Comic's club: at lunch time, TBC.
- ProD day Sept 21.
- Terry Fox Run Sept 25, specific time for each class to be sent by the teachers.
- Open house on Sept. 29
- Sept 30, truth and reconciliation, school not on session
- October 2 photo day

Questions from parents:

- Lunch time to be switched around: discussed with staff, Paul mentioned that the hot lunches are brought around 11AM-11:30AM (the program that is for students in need, not MunchaLunch), so concerns to have this food sitting around for so long. Might be discussed again with the staff. Lunch 12:10 PM to 12:55 PM, eat from 12:10 PM to 12:30PM, then go outside.
- Lunch monitors, is that something that we have? Dory, Roy and Paul are doing this. Is there a need for grade 7 to monitor lunch time? It is done at other schools, part of the leadership program. Last year, there were intermediate students that were recess monitoring outside. Teaching them to be safe outside, will be brought back.
- There are pull out groups for students that have extra learning support. What about pull out groups for students that want to be challenged? This is the teacher that brings the challenge for the students, they need to be approached first.
- Do the grade 1 have buddies? Yes, all the primary students have buddies

- Is the Super Science Club coming back? Paul is working on that with Gladstone Community Coordinator (Scott Deyell). Usually we get either fall or spring, not both. Sportsball, science, and another program may be available. This is a very popular program, run through Science world. Get a free pass in the past when the kid was attending regularly. Based on a lottery allocation.
- Summary of Tony and his experience: started teaching, taught grade 4-5-6-7 in Coquitlam for 25 years, then vice principal for 10 years, then moberly hill elementary and another school close by and then came to Beaconsfield as a principal, close to 35 years of experience in education.
- Confirmation for teacher that will be coming for Ms. Behm maternity leave? Looks like it is someone that has been here before, but not confirmed yet. Expected to leave in October.
- When we pay for school supplies, where does the money go? Bulk order buy, in May the teachers are asked to buy supplies based on Tony's budget. Collecting school fees is a challenge. If a family cannot pay the fees, no obligation.
    - Is there a way to support other families to pay the fees on their behalf? There is a wish list, some teachers were short on specific items, through the PAC these were supplied to the classes.
    - There is an option to make a donation on School Cash Online, above $20 there is a tax receipt.
    - Need to make this more known that a donation is possible. (either through the school communication or through the PAC). Sometimes it is posted in the class chats what is needed.
- MunchaLunch: it was discussed last year, how to pay for lunch for another kid. Added an option in MunchaLunch to gift a meal, this would be an option to provide food or fund for other kids. If enough funds are raised, could organize a free soup and bun lunch for everyone.
- Structure of classes, is there a philosophy in the school? They want the kids to have different experiences, to be ready for high school and life in general, so they try to have them experience more classrooms and teachers. But some children benefit from staying in the same classroom and teacher. Some requests from parents and the child's needs are considered. Friendship and difficult situations are also considered, but not only this, teachers are weighing in as well.
- Are the (WhatsApp) Class Chats current? It is ongoing, Jesse available to help. Might need a leader for each class chat, make the liaison with the teacher, or organize gifts.

Next PAC meeting: October 13th, 2026, 6:30 PM
Meeting adjourned: 7:56 PM