

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

October 16, 2023 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive Present: Allison Senften (*President*), Brianna Giles (*Treasurer*), Rahima Rana (*Vice President*), Sandra Borger (*Secretary*), Daljit Dial (*Member at Large*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*), Tom Hancock (*DPAC Representative*), Zoe Ma (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*),

Administration Present: Sean Oliver (*Principal*), Jennifer Espin (*Vice Principal*)

Community Present: Christina, Amanda, Catherine, Alexandre, Andrea Barns

Guest Speaker: Abran Johnson, Resource Social Worker, Ministry of Children & Families

7:03pm Meeting called to order by Allison Senften

Welcome and Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the Langley School District resides on the ancestral, unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Approval of June 12, 2023 Minutes

1st - Sandra Borger

2nd - Edith Mok

All in favour

Guest Speaker - Abran Johnson

- The ministry is looking for families and neighbours in the region to help take care of kids; they are always recruiting because there is always a need and it is a large region
- Prefer to have families in the same area as the kids who need care, because it allows the kids to stay at their school
- Even close contacts require some training by the ministry, as most children come into care with some level of trauma
- Speaker provided PAC with brochures and promotional materials to post on social media

Principal's Report

- Introduced the new Vice Principal, Jennifer Espin. Ms. Espin spent a lot of time teaching primary grades, so comes with a lot of knowledge of those years. Balances well with Mr. Oliver as he specialises in the intermediate years.

- The school is fully staffed, including Ms. Sidhu’s mat leave. This is not the case in other schools in Langley, where there are a lot of challenges finding teachers who want full time contracts.
- Fun pumpkin weight guessing game for the whole school. The students get clues over two weeks which should narrow the weight to two possible numbers.
- No winter concert. Rather, there will be a large spring concert. A winter concert takes too much time away from the music curriculum, which students only receive for 40 minutes per week. In addition, the holidays are very busy and often lead to poor attendance by parents/guardians and students.
- Mr. Oliver will be ordering more recess equipment, ex: soccer balls.
- So far, the classes feel good, the kids seem happy.
- Mr. Oliver showed a short, 8 minute video re: “Feeding Futures School Food Program”, which is looking for feedback from PACS and community groups.
 - Over 3,000 kids in Langley show up without breakfast or lunch.
 - Funding from the Ministry of Education will expand. Langley will receive \$2,671,352.
 - Funding can be used for kitchen staff, catering companies, food delivery services, etc.
 - The goal is to provide STIGMA FREE access to healthy, local food.
 - Looking to move away from providing gift cards for food to providing more food to student in the school (breakfast, lunch).

Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer gave an overview of how the budgets work and how much is in each budget. The general budget is used for whatever the PAC feels is useful for the school, whereas the Gaming Grant budget is restricted to certain things.
- General operating budget is high right now, but there will be a lot of spending over the next few weeks.
- We want to be as close to zero at the end of the year for the Gaming Grant.
- President reviewed Gaming Budget plans.
 - Gaming Grant for this year - \$12,220.00
 - Gaming Account as of October 16th - \$24,684.20
 - Major expenses approved include:
 - \$6,000 for buses, one per division
 - \$6,200 for rainy day funds, \$200 per teacher
 - \$3,500 grade five hoodies
 - \$2,000 for shared recess equipment (ex: soccer balls)
 - Moved to approve by Zoe Mah, Tom Hancock 2nd
- President reviewed the General Budget plans
 - General Account as of Oct 16th - \$56634.69
 - Major expenses approved will include
 - \$12,000 for Spring Fling
 - \$17,200 for hot lunch items (ex: chips, juice boxes, etc.)
 - \$16,000 for programs
 - Moved to approve by Rahima Rana, Zoe Mah 2nd

DPAC Report

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- First meeting of the year occurred September 21.
 - DPAC had the same “Feeding Futures” presentation
 - Superintendent's report indicated that many teachers do not want to be full time, but rather Teachers on Call. This is leading to a shortage of teachers.
 - Vancouver DPAC wrote a letter in support of the SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) curriculum¹. Langley DPAC also sent a letter.

Fun Lunch Update

- First hot lunch went well (hot dogs and donuts).
- Only 3 people thought that they ordered but didn't. Important to note that we always feed the kids and never turn one away.
- Good vendors this and next semester have been chosen. Zoe is keeping the favourites from previous years while making sure to add numerous multicultural and dietary choices (ex: gluten-free, lactose-free, vegan, etc.)
- PAC sponsors approx six lunches for students.
- Agreed that we will provide gratuities for delivery drivers; not for all, but certain ones who go above and beyond. We will need to set up a cash float to accomplish this.

Class Parents

- We will be in communication with one parent from each class. These representatives will be the intermediary between the PAC and parents/guardians. The class parent will help with recruiting volunteers and getting information to parents consistently.
- There are still 12 classes that need someone to volunteer as the class parent.

Fundraising Report

- We sold 463 Community Values coupon books, which is 150 less than last year.
- Spirit Wear fundraiser has wrapped up. The order will be sent this week.
- Christmas Purdy's is ready; will launch around the time of the family photo fundraiser.
- Family photo fundraiser is a go. The information for signing up for sessions will be posted this week. The sessions will be 15 minutes and \$30. Each person will get a 5x7 print and then they can purchase additional prints if they choose. The sessions will be Nov 7-9.
- Giants ticket fundraiser is also organised. We put 125 tickets on hold. The more we sell, the lower the cost of the tickets and therefore the more the PAC will earn. The tickets are for Dec 29 versus Edmonton
- Flip Give is set up. It is an app like e-bates, where funding goes to the PAC when a link is used to make a purchase. Really want to promote this during the holidays for gift purchases.
- Return-It depot is also set up, so parents can use it to express drop their items and the money goes to PAC account

Spring Fling Report

¹ For resources and description of SOGI, please see parent's resource website:
<https://www.sogieducation.org/parents/>

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- Not much to report at this time, as the planning just started

Winter Market

- Date of Market: Friday, November 24, 2023
- The market is full, with 38 vendors - four of whom are kids from RBE
- Santa is booked and will be in attendance
- Tables are booked with Cheryl to ensure all vendors receive a table

Halloween Dance

- Ticket sales have been slow, only 187 for the dance and 17 for the sensory dance; however, parents/guardians at RBE tend to wait til the week of / a few days before for purchases
- We will print the poster and put it up all around the school
- Edith will use sign up genius for dance volunteers
- DJ has been confirmed
- We have rented 2 hot dog rollers
- We are going with pre-made Kernels popcorn and pre-made cotton candy to ensure ease of operations at the event (rather than making these things on site with volunteer help)

New Business

- There are still 2 member at large positions that need to be filled
- Meet the Teacher night went well; there was a Triple O's food truck, which worked well and was much easier on the PAC re: volunteers
- There was a discussion re: cup stacking kits, which were requested by one of the teachers. It is \$800 for 30 kits, which seems quite expensive. Before purchasing, we will need to confirm that a teacher will volunteer to run a classwide club at lunch once a week.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Allison Senften to adjust the meeting.

President Allison Senften adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm

Next Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023 @7pm

Location: RBE School Library