

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

January 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

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

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

Community: Neethi Sen

Regrets: Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*), Stephanie Shen (*Member at Large*)

Meeting called to order by Allison Senften at 7:05pm.

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 November 20, 2023 Minutes

1st - Rahima Rana

2nd - Tom Hancock

All in favour

Principal's Report

- There were 56 kindergarten registrations, which is more than last year at this time.
- Expansion
 - The modular expansion company has been hired: Fort Modular. Mr. Oliver met with the project manager and was happy to find that they have done work like this before while schools were in session.
 - The expansion will have the same grills/awnings, the same colours, and a 10 toilet stall washroom, which will double the washroom capacity at RBE.
 - All four portables will likely be relocated.
 - Substantial construction will occur over spring break.
 - Construction will likely impact the Spring Fling event in June re: layout.
- Grade 3 cup stacking and Grade 5 basketball have started.
- Multicultural day is scheduled for March 1, 2024. Email to parents will be going out soon.
- Student-inclusive conferences will occur in February/March. The conferences replace formal written report cards for the term. Each parent will get a 20 minute window with the teacher.

- The cold snap went ok at RBE; teachers let students in quickly at drop off and there was no outdoor recess/lunch.

Treasurer's Report

- As of January 14, 2024
 - General account: \$28,853.70
 - Gaming account: \$12, 210.06
- RBE PAC was asked to fill out a gaming grant questionnaire. We still have a lot of money in the account but there is still lots of time to spend it.

DPAC Report

- Meeting will happen later this week, thus nothing to report.

Fun Lunch Update

- Last term, the Fun Lunches generally went smoothly.
- Good Taco prices are a bit high, but the quality is worth it.
- Booster Juice + Cobs order = Zoe created a reduced menu for choices, so it should be easier than last time.
- There is a need for better and more timely communication between the Fun Lunch Coordinator and teachers. There were recently four (4) classes whose parents told the Coordinator about field trips, and it is a lot of work to cancel them all. The Coordinator is finding out about field trips “through the grapevine” and it is not working. Rather than cancel, Fun Lunches can be delivered later/earlier to accommodate field trips so that the school continues to derive revenue from this, our largest, fundraiser.

Volunteer Report

- It is the most difficult to find volunteers for clean up times. Nobody seems to want to stay late after an event and help tidy/put things away.

Fundraising Report

- 54 tickets were sold for the Vancouver Giants fundraiser. Low sales may be the result of the game being in December, rather than January, and people are busy during the holidays.
- The Giving Tree went well. PAC ended up spending approximately \$2,000 on top of what was donated under the trees. The families were all very happy and sent messages of thanks.
- An email was sent out re: Grade 5 Grad Hoodies to see if anyone wanted to order more. One was damaged but the minimum order is 12.

Spring Fling Report

- There is a meeting next week, so there is not much to report.
- As the PAC is purchasing folding tables, there will be less needed to rent for Spring Fling.

New Business

- Movie night had lower attendance this time around. Next year, it would be better to have one longer movie rather than two shorter ones.
- Pancake breakfast went well. The group had to do a syrup run, but overall it went smoothly. The grill rental was useful.

Meeting Adjournment

1st - Rahima Rana

2nd - Tom Hancock

All in favour

President Allison Senften adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024 @7pm

Location: RBE School Library