

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

September 24, 2024 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive:

Rahima Rana (*President*), Simran Kaur (*Treasurer*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*), Zoe Ma (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Brianna Giles (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Tom Hancock (*DPAC Representative*), Daljit Dial (*Member at Large*), Christina Funk (*Member at Large*), Catherine Maxwell (*Member at Large*), Sandra Borger (*Secretary*)

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

Community: Lindsay Kaminsky, Jo Abshire, Jessica Gome, Taesia Mihalik, Carol Chiu, Lucia Amoretti, Rodrigo Guzman, Sneha Shailesh, Marcello Moino (*SD35 Representative*)

Regrets: Allison Senften (*Vice President*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:03pm.

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.

SD35 Presentation: Boundary Changes and R.E. Mountain Secondary Region

By: Marcello Moino, Assistant Superintendent

- SD35 does not know yet where the boundaries will go. They are in the process of collecting data and feedback from the community.
- The goal of SD35 is to create compassionate and inclusive social and academic learning communities in all Langley schools by:
 - caring for the social emotional wellbeing of children;
 - Being mindful of the physical wellbeing of children;
 - Providing vibrant and sustainable learning opportunities.
- The Willoughby Slope area has had huge growth in the last number of years.
 - This catchment region has had the majority of the enrollment growth in the school district. It was getting so full that the principals were needing to send students to other regions in SD35.
 - Example: Donna Gabriel was opened three years ago and is already full. In Sept 2021 the enrollment was 443 and by June 2024 it was up to 603. Richard Bulpitt had 551 in Sept 2021 and by June 2024 it was up to 628.

- Current challenges the Willoughby Slope region is experiencing:
 - Finding adequate space for increasing divisions.
 - Meeting collective agreement language.
 - Having small group instruction spaces.
 - Providing space for third-party child care rentals.
 - Settling families in - as they arrive, we are needing to find them other schools in the area.
- Creative solutions that have been tried include:
 - Music programs 'traveling' to classes to create more classroom spaces.
 - Childcare moving to alternative spaces to create more classroom spaces.
 - Kindergarten teachers co-teaching in shared classrooms.
 - Working with the Ministry to build modular multi-classroom space (such as the one just finished at RBE).
- There is a new elementary school being built in North East Latimer.
 - Planned for opening Sept 2025.
 - Will create 555 new spaces.
 - Will aid primarily in the enrollment pressures at Donna Gabriel.
 - In a separate process, the naming of the school will take place concurrently with the boundary change process.
- Boundary change process and timeline.
 - June/August 2024 - Meet with the REMSS Family of Schools administrators and share the catchment change timeline.
 - Sept to Nov 2024 - Attend an elementary PAC meeting for each elementary school and share the rationale and of potential changes. Collect questions and concerns for consideration. After feedback is reviewed, share feedback and draft with impacted communities.
 - Oct/Nov 2024 - Meet with district staff to discuss feedback, impact, supports, and boundary change options.
 - Nov 2024 - Report to the Langley School Board and share recommendations.
- Boundary change considerations include:
 - Current Langley students who live in the catchments that will be affected by the boundary change;
 - Current Langley students who attend the schools within the affected catchments;
 - Pre-school aged children residing in the catchment area;
 - Local knowledge of where housing is being built;
 - Major roads and natural boundaries (ex: creeks);
 - Minor roads;
 - Safe walking routes;
 - Transportation options;
 - Choice programs;
 - Family of schools;
 - Local opinions;
 - Any other unique issues that may be relevant.
- If you have feedback, please submit it to: feedback@sd35.bc.ca

Approval of June 2024 Minutes

1st Edith Mok. 2nd Zoe Ma. All in favor.

Principal's Report

- The modular expansion is 99% finished. They are currently addressing a few deficiencies.
- RBE is fully staffed. However, there are numerous maternity leaves coming up this year that will need to be filled.
- The hockey box will be put back eventually, but the school district is focused on relocating portables.
- There will be more blacktop going into the courtyard.
- Parking lot behavior has been quite good so far. Everyone is encouraged to walk to school.

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$21, 814.09
 - It is important to keep the account around \$20,000 so that when there is an emergency there are funds. For example - a new playground will be needed in the next few years, and there may be a need for a large deposit.
 - The funds come from PAC fundraising initiatives, such as movie nights, spirit wear, and other events. The largest fundraiser is the hot lunch program.
- Gaming account: \$27.57
 - This funding is provided by the government and needs to be spent fully each year.
 - Funding amounts for Community Gaming Grant PAC grants are set at a rate of \$20 per student.
 - It can be difficult to spend, as there are numerous restrictions on how it can be spent. Funding cannot be used for curriculum-based activities or items and should not be used to cover costs for things that the school is responsible for covering.
 - Possible use of funds include:
 - Field trips within B.C.
 - Presentations or performances (e.g. music, theater, science).
 - PAC school spirit and family engagement events (e.g. school carnivals, movie nights, school dances, other social activities). Note - the funds cannot be used in circumstances where donations / fundraising occurs.
 - Entertainment or leisure activities for non-instructional times (e.g. graphic novels/comics, magazines, extracurricular fiction and non-fiction books, board games, coloring books).
 - Beautification for common spaces, such as hallways, library, multi-purpose room, etc. (e.g. art, posters, "sensory paths," holiday decorations).
 - Student clubs or societies (e.g. drama club, chess club).
 - Student ceremonies (e.g. graduation, dry grad).
 - Team or club uniforms (e.g. jerseys, t-shirts) and/or equipment for extracurricular activities.

- Equipment for extracurricular sports or music programs.
- Items that directly benefit students (e.g. playground equipment or enhancements, projector for PAC events).
- Sports day costs (e.g. snacks, equipment rental, award ribbons).
- Student recognition (e.g. certificates, trophies, ribbons, graduation memorabilia, school hoodies).

The 2024/2025 PAC budgets were proposed and approved.

First - Catherine. Second - Tom. All in favor.

DPAC Report

- DPAC had their first meeting last Thursday.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day is on Sept 30th. Various events around Langley were mentioned, such as the event at Doubleday Park.
- DPAC will be offering a PAC 101 and Treasurer 101 training on Oct 24. It is in person at the school board office.
- DPAC offers funding for parents to take various courses, such as parent education and foodsafe.
- Criminal record checks will be required for in school, regular volunteers. The process is free.
- Sinks in portables have been removed. The water was not potable and kids kept drinking it.
- There were some complaints about bylaw officers waiting at schools and giving out tickets.

Fun Lunch Update

- The dates and vendors for the fall have been finalized and are available on Munch for ordering.
- Due to the criminal record checks, the coordinators decided to keep the fall term vendors simple by going with tried and true vendors.
- It was proposed that a portable, cordless printer be purchased for printing off hot lunch reports.
- Mrs. Aurora, the school counselor, has notified the coordinators that there are more sponsored students than there were last year. This will not be a problem as there was \$400 in funds carried over from last year. Mrs. Aurora facilitates the ordering on behalf of the students.
- The coordinators try to support small businesses for hot lunch.
- There is a plan to have a variety of multicultural options for the second term.
- This year, there are 29 divisions so the coordinators will need more volunteer support.

Fundraisers

- “Community Values” coupon books have been distributed. So far there have been no lost books. The hard deadline for orders is Oct 11.
- Spirit Wear orders are now available for order. There have already been 53 items ordered. Rahima has distributed the autograph sheets for grade five hoodies.
- Food trucks will be on site for Meet the Teacher night from 5-7pm.
- The family photo fundraiser is scheduled for November. There will be a neutral background option so it is not totally holiday themed. The photographer has been booked.

- The Winter Market has confirmed its vendors. PAC has fundraised \$1600 from vendor fees. Santa has been booked for the event from 7:30-8:30pm.
- Christmas Purdy's has not been set up yet. We are awaiting their email.
- New fundraiser ideas:
 - Door mat paint night
 - Nellie's cleaning products
 - Mitchell's soup

Volunteer Report

- An email was sent out letting everyone know about the criminal record check requirement.

Item Review

- Welcome back coffee went well. Daljit had to run out to get more coffee. Note to order two coffees for next year.
- Rainy day funds purchases need to be divided up and distributed to classrooms.
- Grade 5 hoodies are available for purchase on Munch.
- Class parent program is going well. So far there are 14/29 divisions signed up with a class parent. Suggestions to get more class parents:
 - Generate a template email and ask the teachers to send the email out, as parents are more likely to listen to their teacher's emails than read through large school-wide emails. Ensure that the letter provides information on time commitments and the types of tasks that class parents are asked to support.
 - Put up flyers with QR codes for Meet the Teacher night.
- Halloween Dance is scheduled for Thursday, October 24. There will be two time slots (5-7pm and 7:30-9:30pm). The dance includes a costume contest, a DJ playing music, and concession sales. We have a smaller budget this year as there are leftover supplies from last year, ex: glowsticks.

Meeting Adjournment

1st - Edith. 2nd Daljit. All in favor.

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.