

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

October 21, 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: Jennifer Espin (*Vice Principal*)

Community: Jessica Crome

Regrets: Sean Oliver (*Principal*), Allison Senften (*Vice President*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:04pm.

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 September 2024 Minutes

1st - Tom.

2nd - Catherine.

All in favor.

Vice Principal's Report

- Jennifer Espin shared the draft 2024-2025 “action plan for learning” for RBE.
- Student satisfaction surveys from last year show that students felt their social-emotional wellbeing improved.
- Literacy and Numeracy Goals:
 - All students will improve their reading every year.
 - Students will become confident, engaged and joyful writers.
 - Students' number sense and problem solving will improve.
- Social Emotional Learning Goals:
 - Increase the number of students who report positive feelings about school.
 - Increase student feelings of acceptance and efficiency at school.

- Increase the number of students who report two or more caring adults in their lives.
- Our actions:
 - Critically examine our learning environments to identify aspects that might increase students difficulty or anxiety
 - Work to develop PEACEful learning environments in our classes and learning spaces so that all students benefit starting with our priority learners.
 - Plan learning activities and routines that offer all students what they need when they need it.
 - Connect with students so that they know how much the adults in the community care for them.
 - Increase our understanding and implementation of universal design for learning principles.
 - Use numeracy routines, math games and small group instruction to improve students' number sense and mathematical fluency.
 - Develop grade wide writing assessments and activities to help students improve their writing and their attitudes towards writing.
- When finished, the plan will be available online on the school's website.

Treasurer's Report

- Gaming account: \$12, 645.62
- General account: \$55, 075.03
 - A lot of money came in from fundraisers and hot lunches.

DPAC Report

- There was a meeting on Oct 17th, 2024.
- The superintendent spoke with the Mayor of the TOL re: the TOL charging schools fees to use their green spaces / fields that are attached to the school. The Mayor said that he would speak with the Engineering Department and get refunds to the schools.
- TOL Bylaws has been actively patrolling schools and handing out parking tickets.
- There was a presentation on the updates to movie licenses. The PAC and the school can share a license, paid for by the school district. However, the PAC can only use the license to pay for movies at school sanctioned events that have school staff present, and the movies can only be played at the school site.
- There was a presentation on the Feeding Futures program. The province provides each school district with funding to provide food for students who need support. In Langley, the school district receives \$3.2 million. Currently, schools provide snacks and breakfast, but the goal is to also include lunch.
 - At RBE, the school is not part of the program, but has funding for breakfast. The student population who requires the support is low, so the breakfasts are quite nice and hot, such as sausages and pancakes. If the number increases in the future, the school may need to move to cold breakfast, like cereal.

Fun Lunch Update

- The first fun lunch went well, though it was a bit chaotic. High Five Chicken delivered the order in three different deliveries, which would have been fine but they delivered the popcorn chicken in one delivery and then the fries in another. This meant that parents had to go to the same classroom more than once.
- A new task has been decided on: the day before hot lunch, Zoe will email all the teachers the report so that if they need to reference it the day of hot lunch, they are able to do so.
- It was decided that the PAC would not purchase the portable printer, as we are able to use our code to print at the school, not just photocopy.
- Zoe shared a few positive emails from parents re: hot lunch, which said the parents were “beyond grateful” and wanted to say “thank you for all you do”.
- A number of people have submitted their criminal record checks, which shows that it will not be a deterrent to volunteering.

Fundraisers

- Meet the teacher night brought in just under \$300 from the two food trucks.
- Community value coupon books fundraiser is closed. 492 were sold, 11 are still outstanding and need to be returned, and 2 had been brought back damaged.
- Spirit wear is closed now. The grade 5 grad hoodie signatures are done and submitted to the vendor. It is expected that spirit wear will be delivered in mid-November.
- Family photo fundraiser is almost totally sold out, with just one spot left. The deadline to pay for a spot is next week. If people have not paid by then, there will still be plenty of time to reopen the slots for new people to sign up.
- Winter market has made \$1755 in vendor table fees. We will need to borrow 46 tables. The market will include Santa from 7:30-8:30pm, a coffee and hot chocolate bar, and the kickoff of the Langley Christmas Bureau ‘giving tree’. PAC has applied for a 50/50 raffle license.
- Christmas Purdy’s fundraiser is all set up and will be available for purchase starting November 1. It will run until December 1. The delivery of orders to the PAC will be Dec 9-11, with parent pickup on Dec 13.
- The Halloween Dance is this week. As of today at 1pm there are 241 tickets sold for the earlier slot and 277 tickets sold for the later slot. So far, the pre-orders for pizza are quite low.

Volunteer Report

- The first hot lunch had 14 volunteers, which is great and more than normal.
- So far, the dance has no volunteers signed up for the admissions table or supervision. PAC will ask Cheryl to send out an email to all parents asking for volunteers. There is potential for grade 5s to help with the setup of tables.

Spring Fling Committee Report

- This year’s Spring Fling will be on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 5pm-9pm.

- We will be reviewing lessons learned from 2024.
- Short discussion re: tents and games.
- Mrs. Espin volunteered to organize the grade 4/5s to make games for the carnival as part of their leadership learning.
- There is a school parent who is a DJ; Rahima will reach out to them to see if they can be a part of Spring Fling this year.

Item Review

- Christina made Bulldog Bucks, which will have a shiny star sticker added and will be printed in color. They will be available in \$1, \$2, and \$5 denominations. They will be provided to families to use at school events, and later they will be given to teachers to give to students as a reward / recognition.
- Hoorah! The Class Parent program is a great success, with every division having a class parent. The WhatsApp chat has been set up and there were meetings run by Zoe and Rahima to explain the nature of the volunteer program, their roles, and the goals.
- Rainy Day fund supplies were purchased by Allison last year and the supplies are at Rahima's house. Allison and Rahima will work together to make a list of the items. Each teacher will get a predetermined value and will be able to choose their items. The new teachers / new classrooms will get the "first dibs" on items.

New Business

- Rahima has signed up the school with the Langley Christmas Bureau to sponsor three families once again this year.

Meeting Adjournment

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

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.