

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

December 16, 2024 @ 7:00pm | *Virtual General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive:

Rahima Rana (*President*), Allison Senften (*Vice President*), Simran Kaur (*Treasurer*), Brianna Giles (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*), Zoe Ma (*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*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima Rana at 7:02pm.

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 2024 Minutes

1st Tom Hancock, 2nd Christina Funk, all in favor.

Principal's Report

- Mr Oliver has been chosen as the new principal at Josette Dundurand Elementary. He begins his position on March 31, 2025. He is sad to be leaving, but excited to create a new community at JDE.
- There will be a Spring Concert this year. One afternoon and one evening session on April 8 (Kindergarten to Grade 2) and April 10 (Grade 3 to 5). The concert will be shorter because there are not as many divisions participating. Mr Oliver has always done the lighting and sound, so he will come back to help the new principal with this task.
- Two more maternity leaves coming up in January and February, which have been posted. Ms. Sidhu returns from her mat leave after spring break.
- RBE SEAs are fully staffed, which is great because we are one of the few schools in the district where that is the case.
- Mr Oliver will place a new playground equipment order soon so that it is here before he leaves. Balls are constantly being lost.
- Traffic behavior has been good for the most part, even on the heavy traffic days.

- The Minister of Infrastructure came to visit RBE last week to see the modular expansion. There was a leak from the heavy rainfall, but otherwise the modular is great. The Minister was very impressed with the speed and quality of the build, as well as the kids' answers to her questions.

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$34,900.28
- Gaming account: \$5,821.55

DPAC Report

- The meeting had a long discussion on what the benefits of joining BC PAC would be. One of the PAC members asked what does the BC PAC do? They have an annual convention, pass resolutions and send them up to the government. Unfortunately, the government typically does not do much with these lists.
- There was a discussion re: criminal record checks for volunteers and the need for teachers and PAC to be enforcing this, especially for field trips.
- A trustee put forward a motion to the trustee association that infrastructure funding should be based on anticipated enrollment not current enrollment.
- The DPAC has a goal that every child in every school can order a hot lunch at least once a week. This would be quite difficult at RBE because of its large size and two lunch times. We may offer it when it is not a PAC hot lunch day so not to compete as this is a substantial PAC fundraising initiative.

Fun Lunch Update

- The last few months have been quite positive.
- We are using more of the 'sponsor a lunch' donation option than we did last year.
- A few hiccups have occurred this semester. We have been short on volunteers for a few hot lunch days. Also, though teachers want to help, it is crucial that they do not hand out lunches because a lot of mistakes are being made. When volunteers arrive, we go over the menu and lunch options with them, but the teachers do not get this information. The menu is different every time. Someone asked if the grade five students could help with hot lunch distribution. Yes, this is a possibility. We would need about 6-8 students per hot lunch date.
- Next term's vendors are booked in. New vendors include Earl of Sandwich and Masala Boys.
- Brianna and Zoe need to work on third term vendors still. It can be difficult because we have such a large school and therefore a large order. Many vendors cannot accommodate these numbers.

Fundraisers

- Family Photo made over \$1,000 this year, instead of the anticipated \$450, because we normally pay the photographer \$10 per family but she provided the PAC with a donation.
- Purdys - Rahima and Christina sorted the orders and they have all been picked up, except one. \$614.55 profit.

- Winter Market had more traffic than last year. One vendor lost \$100 in product because one of the tables broke. We refunded their table fee for this year and next year. The market made \$370 at the coffee bar, \$775.70 in donations (which were put towards the Christmas hampers), and \$255 on 50/50 tickets.
- Movie night made \$975.21. We had quite a bit of pizza left over, but sold all of the 48 candy bags. A lot of children were running around and being disruptive. Other PACs include an intermission and stretch break to help deal with that. Next time, try to set rules before the movie starts.

Volunteer Report

- The signup for pancake breakfast is looking good and all the slots have been filled up.
- The number of volunteers signing up for hot lunch volunteering is dwindling.

Spring Fling

- We have organized and put a deposit down on bubble soccer and the tent rental.
- The RBE parent who is a DJ has agreed to participate.
- The field is not booked yet, as Mr Oliver doesn't have access to bookings that far in advance.
- We will need to submit a gaming licence as we will be going back to raffle for donated items instead of the silent auction; the raffle makes much more money.

Item Review

- Langley Christmas Bureau - All 3 families were very grateful and appreciative. There were a lot of gift cards and food donated this year. Thank you!
- Foyer Decorating - 15 out of 29 divisions participated and provided art already. Rahima will email Cheryl to send a reminder directly to teachers next year because not a lot of class parents let their teachers know. Next year, the class reps will be picking up items from their classes.
- A number of volunteers helped put up the decorations in the gym. It looks great!
- Next year, try to not put up decorations at the same time as badminton practice.

New Business

- Mr Oliver and Rahima went to a meeting at Brookwood Secondary where the Township of Langley was doing a presentation. They want to reclaim the field maintenance of all school fields and dictate how they are used, including rentals. TOL owns our fields already. TOL said no to putting portables onto the fields, so the school district is saying no, they cannot take over the fields.
- Pancake breakfast coming up soon. No oranges this year because usually only half are eaten. We need to source syrup. A few volunteers will set up on Thursday night and we need to start cooking by 7:30 am on Friday. That means we need to be there by 7am to turn on the ovens and get the batter mixed. We have asked Stacked Pancake House to provide the gluten free pancakes for those who need it so that no children are left out.

- We decided to put the Parent Social planned for the winter on the back burner and move it to the springtime so it could be outside. January we will be too tired from all the holiday activities at school and home.

Meeting Adjournment

1st - Christina Funk

2nd - Edith Mok

All in favour

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Next Meeting

Date: January 20, 2025 at 7pm

Location: RBE School Library