

# PAC MINUTES

## Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

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April 14, 2025 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

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### In Attendance

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#### **Executive:**

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

**Regrets:** Allison Senften (*Vice President*), Catherine Maxwell (*Member at Large*), Zoe Ma (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*)

**Administration:** Zoltan Bako (*Principal*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:05pm.

### Welcome and Acknowledgement

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

### Approval of February 2025 Minutes

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1st Brianna, 2nd Tom, all in favour.

### Principal's Report

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- Mr. Bako was the principal at RC Garnett for four years, before there he was at Betty Gilbert Middle School for four years. Mr. Bako has been a principal for many years, and before that a Vice Principal. Has taught grade 4 to grade 12. Has two adult children, aged 25 and 27.
  - “I love the kids, that is why I do what I do. Being around kids is all about fun and play. I like to tell dad jokes. I like to be out of my office as much as I can. I like to pop into classrooms at least once a day. I like to be visible around the school. I like to be approachable; don’t hesitate to come by my office.”
- Mr. Bako has received a very warm welcome. He recognizes that it is hard for an incumbent to leave halfway through the year. We wish Mr. Oliver all the best.
- Currently, the admin team is planning and budgeting for next year. Projected about 82 kindergarten registrations. New school - Josette Dandurand - will go to that school, so we will likely go down two divisions. That could change in a heartbeat with the speed of construction in the area. Currently the school is at 669 and projecting 610 for next year.

- New admin assistant, Ms. Audrey MacLeod.
- Ms. Knutilla is expecting to go on mat leave in mid-May. Trying to find a replacement music teacher at this time of the year is going to be quite difficult.
- Ms. Freisen's leave has been extended until early May. Since Mr. Bako has arrived there has been one TTOC but they were unable to stay. District has offered an opportunity for a teacher to take the position and if Ms. Freisen can't come back, this person will be able to stay on board until the end of June. Mr. Bako is going to be getting in touch with Ms. Freisen to confirm how she is doing and when she can come back.
- Spring performances were wonderful. Next year, Mr. Bako plans on teaching grade four students the ukelele.
- Grade five students are looking forward to middle school. 108 students are going to Yorkson Creek Middle School. On May 9, they will be going to the school to check it out.
- District Numeracy Assessment (grade 3) and District Literacy Assessment (grade five) are happening right now, looking to be completed on May 2. This is for the school district, not the province.
- The Reading Link challenge was successful. It happened last week.
- Summer school info is coming soon - the website states registration is happening April 23. Richard Bulpitt is going to be a site.
- Mr. Bako is going to shift from sending a newsletter every week to biweekly-ish. If there is something pressing, he requests the PAC doesn't hesitate to reach out.
- This is a busy time of the year with lots of events, such as Spring Fling Carnival, Saleema Noon assembly, a track meet in June, a sports day at the end of June, Jump Rope for heart, and many field trips.
- Mr. Bako is concerned about the traffic situation and looking into efficiencies at drop off. Safety is one of his top priorities.
- RBE is an election site this time around.

### Treasurer's Report

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- General account: \$44,077.52
  - Large munch deposit went through (\$10,953.61)
- Gaming account: \$549.35
  - Recently there have been a lot of things paid for, including school buses, music equipment, and recess equipment.

### DPAC Report

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- DPAC meeting on March 12, 2025.
- DPAC is running a deficit. There was a chunk of money that they kept accessing and drawing the amount down each year. Did not seem that there was long term planning on how to have money for future years.
- The Superintendent's report discussed the Township of Langley challenges. The messaging was "we are looking into the situation".

- Bouncy castles are not covered by our insurance. This backs up our decisions in past years to not have them at Spring Fling.
- There was a presentation on district funding and the different pots of money. Langley is ahead of the average on funds spent on instruction.

### Fun Lunch Update

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- Everything is going very well with fun lunch right now.
- At this time last year, after spring break, there were many families who thought they had ordered but they did not. Many children were not on the list and we had to scramble and buy many pizzas. This year, it seems like people are on the ball and have done their ordering.
- The grade five sign up is working well. The kids who sign up know to come, and the ones who have not aren't rushing the kitchen trying to help and overwhelming volunteers.
- A&W was very organized. It was all labeled and it made it effortless. This was the first time we've done A&W, and we will be doing it again in the future.

### Fundraising

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- Spring photo fundraiser. Rahima reached out to the photographer and she said that she would prefer a weekend. As we would like it outside and in natural light, it would start in the morning. If it rains, we would need to move inside and if we do that, we would need to pay the rental fee. Rahima will do a post online to get a wider consensus if we are going to do this or not.
- Tommy Guns Barber Shop reached out. It sounds like they would be donating 100% of the haircut costs back to the PAC. Rahima is waiting on details.
- Kona Ice is an easy fundraiser. We can propose some dates and see what happens.

### Volunteers

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- Edith will be doing the March volunteer draw soon.
- The Langley Volunteer Bureau will be doing a volunteer fair in May. They suggested if we want to send a representative to be there, that would be good.

### Spring Fling Report

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- We will have a meeting on Thursday this week. The plan is to review budgets.
- Will be submitting the Gaming License this week.

### New Business

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- Teacher appreciation day is May 6. We would like to avoid planning it last minute. Proposing that we do lunch.

### Meeting Adjournment

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1st - Brianna, 2nd - Simran, all in favour

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

### Next Meeting

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Date: May 12, 2025

Location: RBE School Library