

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

March 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive:

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

Regrets: Christina Funk (*Member at Large*)

Administration: Sean Oliver (*Principal*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:12pm.

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 January 2025 Minutes

A few changes were noted. Brianna Giles was at the January meeting and needs to be added. Also, the spelling of Saleema Noon needed correcting.

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

Principal's Report

- Ms. Semeschuk is back after being away for seven weeks on medical leave.
- Mr. Olson's last day at RBE is the same as Mr. Oliver's.
- Ms. Parada is going on maternity leave. Her last day is March 14.
- Ms. Friesen has broken her ankle and will be away until April.
- Mr. Zoltan Bako is the new principal for RBE. He is coming from Richard Garnett Elementary.
- The cheque for the Spring Fling field rental permit has been issued. One 20x20 tent has been reserved through the district.
- The spring concerts have been scheduled for the second week after the kids get back from spring break. There will be four sessions, and the performances are split between primary and intermediate.
- The Township of Langley has pulled out of cosigning the park and school model.

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$34,034.46
 - This includes numerous deposits and few cheques issued.
- Gaming account: \$5679.04

DPAC Report

- At the January meeting, it was noted that gaming grants will now require a BCeID. It is recommended that PACs register as “other”. It is approximately a six week wait to receive the number once we register. The meeting also included a core competencies presentation.
- At the February meeting, the district spoke about an anti racism plan they are implementing in the future. There will be student and parent BPOC gatherings in May. Local First Nations have requested a separate plan for anti racism actions specific to First Nations peoples.
- Langley has received a federal grant to promote anti gang violence. The goal is to disrupt students from being exploited by gangs. There will be a special anti exploitation tool coming.
- A new district project is Project Resiliency. Project Resiliency is a three-day counselling based program (for Grades 8-12) that offers young people the opportunity to address whatever might be preventing them from achieving their full potential. Project Resiliency is designed to address five focus areas; Home, Health, Relationships, School and Community. The intention is to increase student self awareness and identify areas for growth/skill building and support. Concepts included:
 - Universal and personal “adversities”
 - Resiliency
 - Control and healthy coping
 - Problem substance use
 - Physiology and Psychology
 - Strategies for control, coping, decision making and change
- The PAC falls under the school’s insurance, but this insurance does not cover PAC members suing each other.

Fun Lunch Update

- We had plenty of volunteers for the last fun lunch. Subway messed up, as there was meat in some of the vegetarian sandwiches. Pokerrito delivered their food early and the portion sizes were quite good. We will likely book Pokerrito again.

Fundraising

- Pink Shirt Day went well. We were able to donate \$440 to the CKNW pink shirt day fund. The students who attend after school care were happy that they were included in the delivery of donuts.

- PAC decided that we would not proceed with a paint night or trivia night in April. We are quite busy and will postpone until next year.
- We decided to add another donut day and Kona Ice day this year.

Volunteers

- Edith contacted the middle and high schools for Spring Fling volunteers. They will send out information to students in April/May, closer to the event.

Spring Fling Report

- It was noted that we have 30 amps inside the school and 15 amps outside the school. We need to ask the DJ what they need for their sound equipment.

New Business

- Rahima registered for a BCeID for the gaming grants.

Meeting Adjournment

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

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

Next Meeting

Date: April 14, 2025

Location: RBE School Library