

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

May 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

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

Administration: Zoltan Bako (*Principal*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:06pm.

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 April 2025 Minutes

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

Principal's Report

- PAC funds are now in the foundation.
- The “Welcome to Kindergarten” event is next Friday. 84 children are currently registered. PAC has been invited to attend the event.
- Ms. Knutilla’s mat leave is coming up next week. A posting has been put out to cover that vacancy. We may not be able to find a music teacher for such a short stint (until June).
- Ms. Friesen continues to be off and her leave has been extended until the end of the year. There have been a number of teachers on call, especially before Spring Break. Mr. Bako tried to get the last TOC to stay until the year end, but that did not work out. There is a new teacher and he is able to stay until June. Parents have been very patient and understanding. The students have been flexible, hardworking, and doing well with the constant changes.
- RBE has dropped two divisions for next year, and will be down to 27 in September since the new elementary school will be opened. There are still 16 spots left in Kindergarten available, and a few in the other grades. That means there will be space for more kids next year, and we know in Willoughby Slope our numbers can change quickly.
- There are a number of mat leaves happening next year, including a resource position, a grade 3 position, two grade 4 positions, a grade 5 position, and the music education position. Currently

there are 17 SEAs at our school, and it will go down by one in September, but again, that can change if someone gets identified or a new student starts at the school.

- Mr. Bako has observed that many parents/guardians are not signing-in when they come into the school; they are bypassing the office altogether. He sent out a note about signing-in via the newsletter. Extra adults in the building need to be identified and verified through the office to create more order in the school. This is for the safety and security of the children.
- Students are also filling up the hallways, and they will be encouraged to enter and exit through their classroom doors. This will be helpful in creating order.
- There have also been issues with parking. There have been people parking in the 5 minute zone for 20+ minutes. There have been parents who double / triple park. We would like to see a $\frac{1}{3}$ reduction in the amount of cars. Mr. Bako has invited some people from the district to see if there are some solutions that can be implemented to support changes. The current situation is not working; there is a lot of stress and parents are yelling at each other, swearing, and setting a bad example for the students.
- The track meet is coming up in a few weeks.
- Grade five swimming happened last week and the weather cooperated for them which is great.
- Double recess and lunch will not happen in the new year. This will give Mr. Bako three hours back in his week for availability and admin work, as he is needed outside. It will also provide opportunities for staff to connect with each and build relationships. In addition, one break will stop the noise and disruptions that currently affect the group that is not in recess / lunch.

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$39,757.20
- Gaming account: \$144.60

DPAC Report

- There was a DPAC meeting on April 24, 2025.
- DPAC has 'sharpened their pencils' and whittled down the large deficit projected last meeting down to a small deficit.
- Tom sat on a committee to award scholarships. Only one person applied for the trade school scholarship, so DPAC gave out 1 of 2 scholarships and applied the other to the deficit.
- Recruitment is a focus of the SD.
- The SD has updated the antiracism program.
 - There was an antiracism motion brought forward to double up on the program. It was confusing because there is already programming and discussion in place. The person said it was because there needs to be more focus on antiracism.

Fun Lunch Update

- Last hot lunch went well. A few students did not get enough to eat and came back to see if there were any extras. Luckily, there were so many kids absent that there were enough left over.
- Complaints have been very minimal; few people have complained about the menus or mistakes.

- Student volunteers have been very helpful. There were enough adults for the hot lunch and everyone showed up.
- Still looking for a fun lunch co-chair for next year. There is one person who may be able to do it, but they just can't attend the monthly meetings.

Fundraising

- Tommy Guns owner got back to Rahima. RBE creates a coupon with a code, they put a physical stamp on it so it can't be replicated, and we sell it to families. They are just trying to generate traffic in their new location in Walnut Grove near Fresh Street Market, so the whole amount goes to the PAC. An adult haircut is \$25 or kids/youth for \$15. Families would be encouraged to tip a recommended amount.
 - Rahima put forward a motion to move forward, all approved.
- Kona Ice - do we want to do another fundraiser with them? Perhaps Sports Day because it gets so hot. Rahima will inquire to see if they are free.

Volunteers

- Hot lunch volunteers have been going well. We are getting enough people signed up.
- Waiting for spring fling to be finalized, and then she will put it all in sign up genius and reach out to the schools for student volunteers.
- Edith is fully caught up for volunteer gift card draws.

Spring Fling Report

- Walkthrough happened last week.
- One group has backed out - Langley Little Theatre, but we still have Bard in the Valley.
- The gaming license for raffle has been approved.
- Pre-sales are live for tickets today.
- PAC website has spring fling. The QR codes link to the website.

New Business

- The AGM election is happening on Mon, June 9th. One person has emailed to become a Member at Large next year. The link for the nomination form has been posted on the Facebook group and the newsletter that went out on Friday.
- PAC Constitution is up-to-date and posted on the PAC website.
- Teacher appreciation day lunch went well. Masala Boys and Booster Juice did the catering.
- 'Welcome to Kindergarten' presentation on May 23 at 1pm.
 - Catherine, Simran, Tom, Rahima will attend.
 - Include a pie chart / graph on how PAC funds are spent.
- Saleema Noon. An RBE parent asked if parents are sending their kids to the sessions.
 - There was a discussion on a social media chat about why you should / should not send your children. Rahima, as PAC President, gave the facts about the sessions - it is age

appropriate, there was information given and a Zoom session, the information is curriculum approved, etc. She reiterated how important / valuable the information was, but made note that you can opt out your child from the session.

- A parent approached Catherine in person at Walnut Grove pool and was very angry that the PAC was not doing a good job in providing parents with information. Catherine reiterated that it is up to parents / guardians to read their emails and check newsletter information.
- There were also negative discussions in a number of class parent WhatsApp chats.
- Mr. Bako also received a few emails and phone calls about this. Mr. Bako had indeed sent out a letter about the sessions with all the information ahead of time.
- Next time Saleema Noon sessions happen, have messaging prepared ahead of time. “If you have concerns about the session, please speak with the school administration”.

Meeting Adjournment

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

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm

Next Meeting

Date: June 9, 2025 - Annual General Meeting

Location: RBE School Library